

# Supplementary File

**Table S1.** Baseline characteristics of the 'early' SSc group (n = 20).

Baseline characteristics of the 'early' SSc group	
Raynaud's phenomenon, n (%)	20 (100)
Puffy fingers, n (%)	7 (35.0)
NVC scleroderma pattern, n (%)	17 (85.0)
SSc-specific Ab, n (%)	7 (35.0)
Anticentromere Ab, n (%)	4 (20.0)
Anti-topoisomerase-1 Ab, n (%)	2 (10.0)
Anti-RNA-polymerase III Ab, n (%)	1 (5.0)
Inclusion criteria 'early' SSc as defined by LeRoy (2001) (8)	
No scleroderma pattern + SSc specific Ab, n (%)	3 (15.0)
Scleroderma pattern + no SSc specific Ab, n (%)	13 (65.0)
Scleroderma pattern + SSc specific Ab, n (%)	4 (20.0)
Total, n (%)	20 (100)

Ab: antibody; Early: 'early' systemic sclerosis (limited systemic sclerosis); NVC: nailfold videocapillaroscopy; SSc: systemic sclerosis.