

# Sclérodermie systémique: physiopathologie

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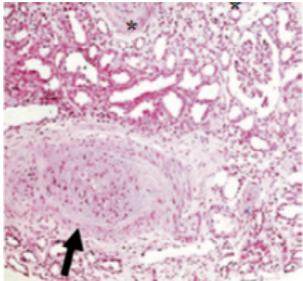
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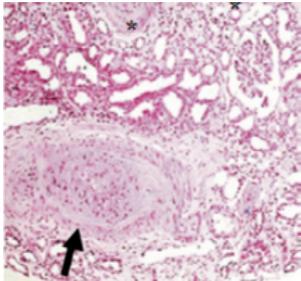
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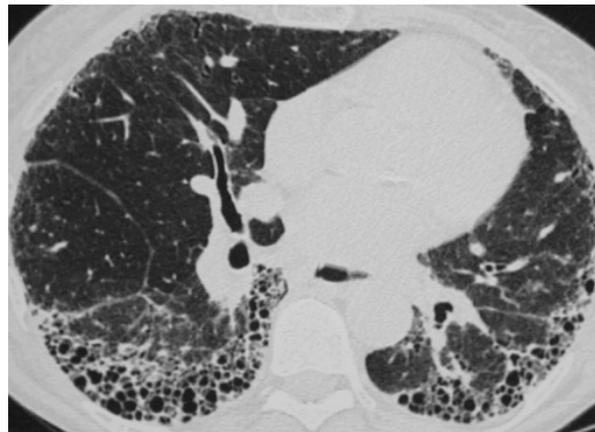
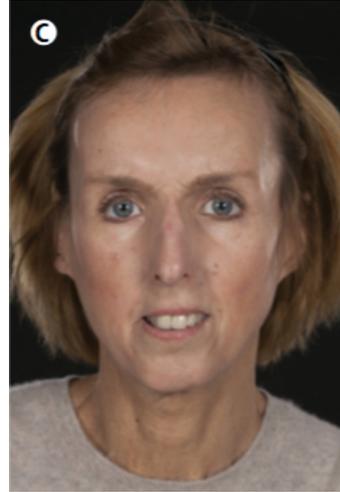
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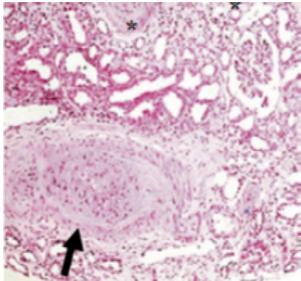
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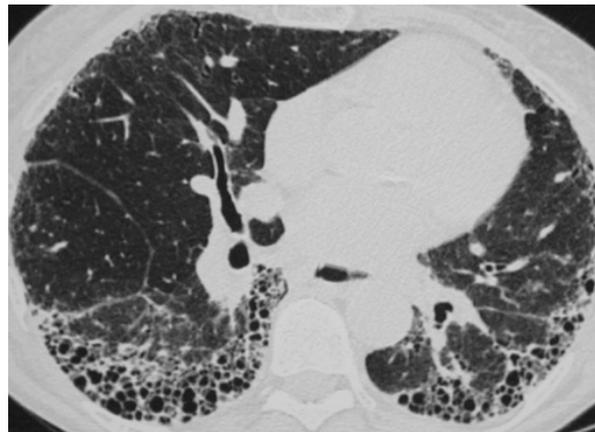
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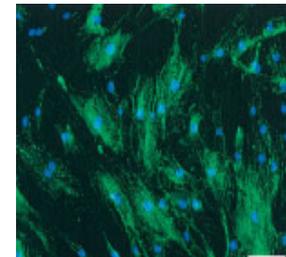
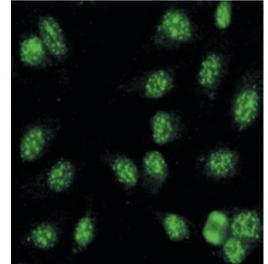
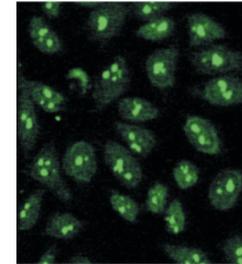
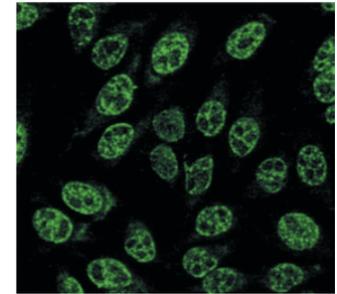
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## Autoimmunity

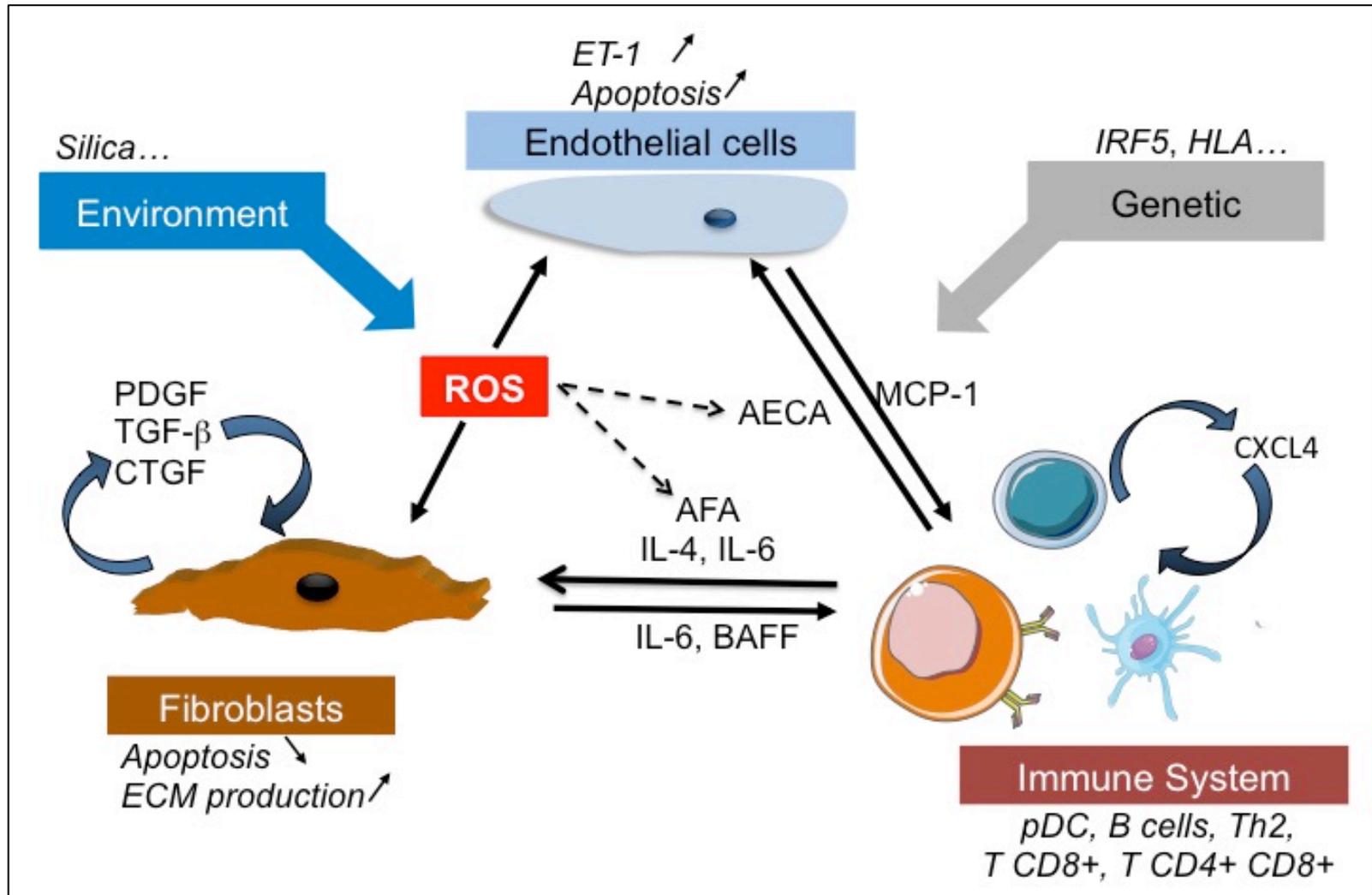


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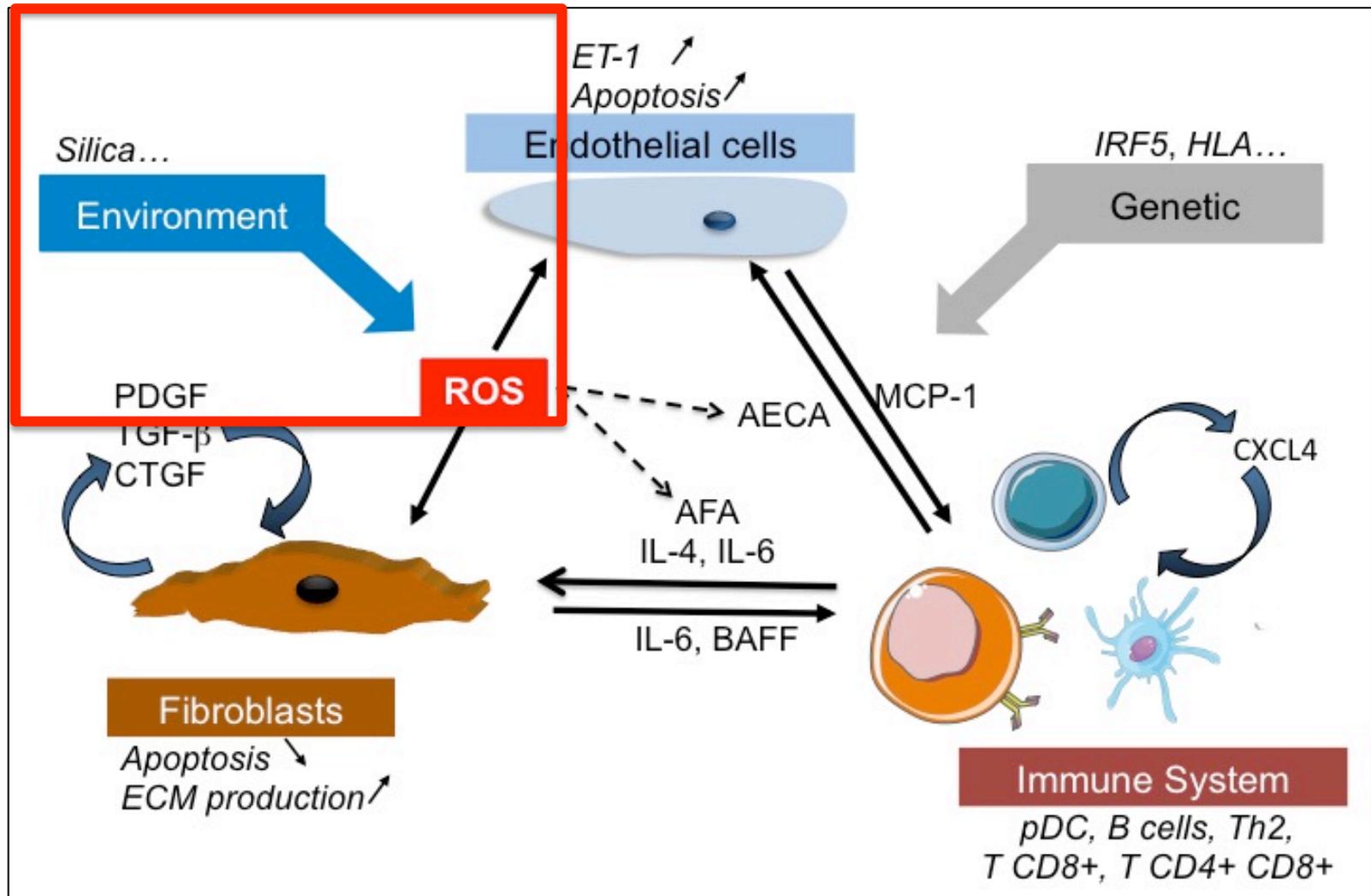
# No perfect mouse model !

	Experimental model	Vasculopathy	Fibrosis	Inflammation	Autoantibodies	Limits/specificities
Genetic models	Spontaneous	Tsk-1 [46]				Unclear various organs defects
		Tsk-2 [52]				Unclear various organs defects
		UCD-200 UCD-206 [54]				Chicken model with poor background
		TβRIIΔk and TBRI <sup>CA</sup> [56, 57]				Absence of autoimmunity
	Genetic modification	Caveolin 1 <sup>-/-</sup> [61]				Not well characterized
		Fra-2 <sup>-/-</sup> [61]				Not well characterized
		Fli1 <sup>ΔCATA/ACTA</sup> [58]				Not well characterized/ absence of autoimmunity
		Fli1 endothelial cell KO [58]				Not well characterized/ absence of autoimmunity
Inducible models	Bleomycin induced model [65]				Overestimation of drug effects	
	ROS-induced model [62]				TGF-β independent model	
	Topo I/CFA's adjuvant induced SSc [61]				Unclear function of anti-topoisomerase I antibody	
	Angiotensin II induced SSc [61]				Poor links with human SSc	
	Sclerodermatous GVHD [61]				Not well characterized	

# Systemic Sclerosis (SSc): pathophysiology



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# Systemic Sclerosis (SSc): environnement

- Agents chimiques :

- Silice => OR: 2,81 (cas-témoins) – OR: 17,5 (cohorte)
- Solvant s=> OR: 2,00 (cas-témoins)
- Implants mammaires siliconés => OR 1,68 (cas-témoins) 2,13<sup>ns</sup> (cohorte)
- Résines époxy => OR 2,97(cas-témoins)
- Pesticides - soudures – tabac => NON

*Rubio-Rivas et al., Clin Rheum 2017*

- Quels solvants ?

- Solvants aromatiques OR: 2,72
- Trichloréthylène OR: 2,07
- Solvants halogénés OR: 1,49
- Cétones OR: 4,20

*Zhao et al., JCRPRRM 2016*

- Agents infectieux:

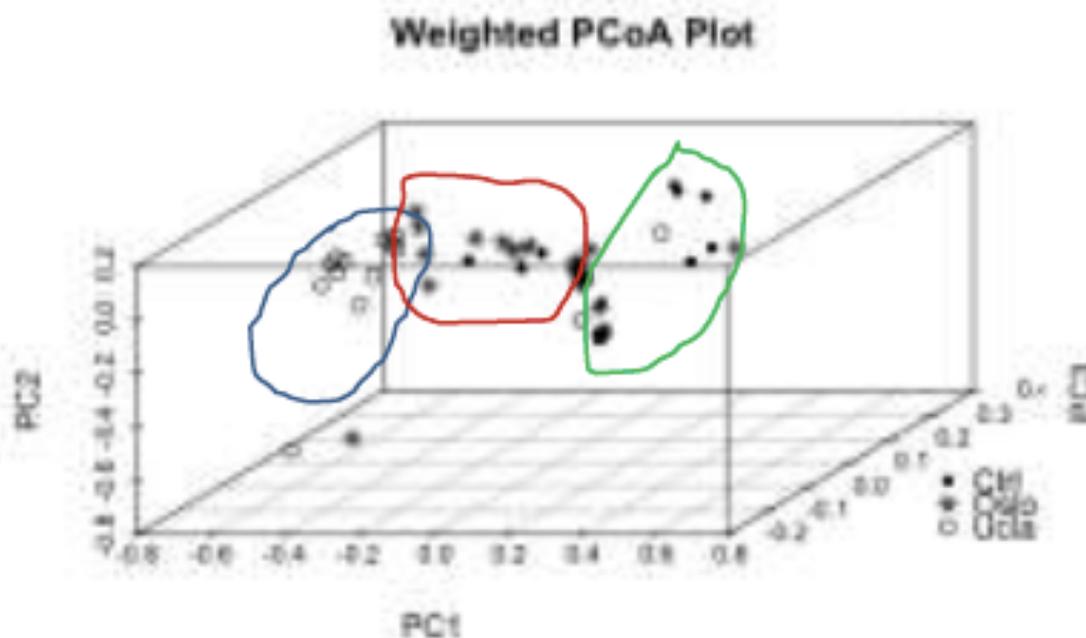
- Quelques associations avec la présence d'ADN viral CMV / PVB19

*Ferri et al., Clin Exp Rheum 1999;  
Lunardi et al., Nat Med 2000*

2015 – Systemic sclerosis disease state is associated with specific alterations in gastrointestinal microbiota in two independent cohorts

Elizabeth Volkmann et al.

- 2 cohortes de 17 patients sclérodermiques (UCLA et Oslo) comparées à une cohorte de sujets sains (HC)



HC vs OSLO  
R2= 0.126  
P=0.002

HC vs UCLA  
R2= 0.355  
P=0.001



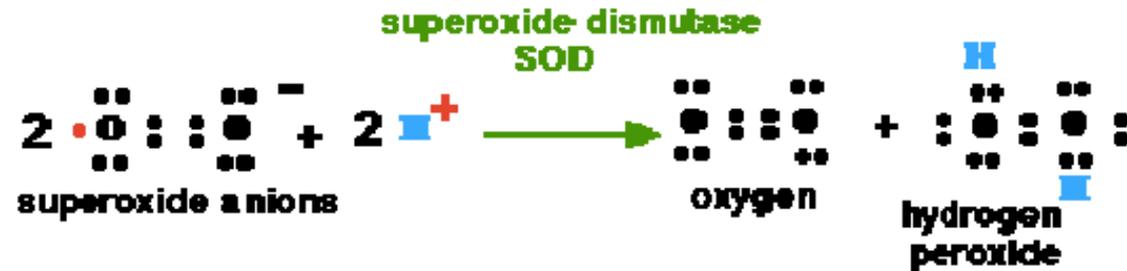
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- **Éléments du microbiote associés à ScS:**
  - Augmentés
    - *Fusobacterium* (UCLA)
    - *Akkermansia* (UCLA)
    - *Ruminococcus* (UCLA)
    - *Lactobacillus* (UCLA Oslo)
  - Diminués
    - *Bacteroides* (UCLA Oslo)
    - *Faecalibacterium* (UCLA)

# Stress Oxydatif

NADPH oxidase  
myeloperoxidase



## Arguments directs:

synthèse d' $\text{O}_2 \bullet^-$  par les monocytes et des fibroblastes de sujets atteints de ScS (SAMBO, *J Invest Dermatol.* 1999)

Prolifération des fibroblastes et production de collagène dépendante de FRO dans la ScS

(SAMBO, *Arthritis Rheum*, 2001)

## Arguments indirects:

Phénomènes d'ischémie –reperfusion: production d'anions superoxydes ( $\text{O}_2 \bullet^-$ ) (HERRICK, *Clin Exp Rheumatol.* 2001)

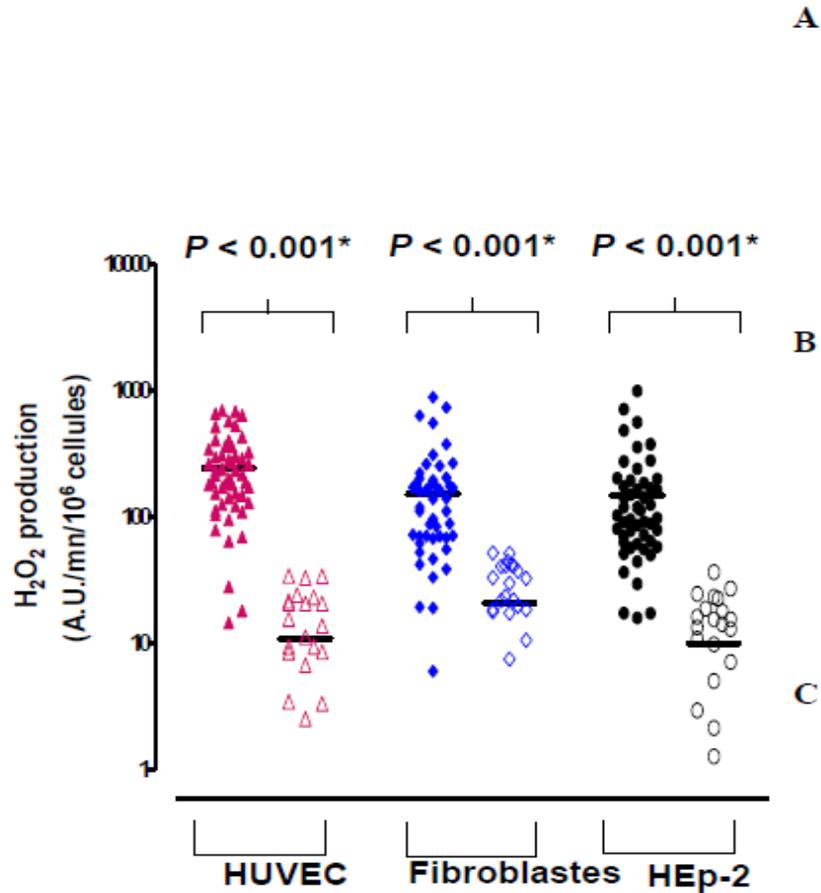
Toxicité de la silice et de la bléomycine médiée par le stress oxydatif (FUBINI, *Free Radic Biol Med.* 2003)

protéines oxydées sériques (carbonyls et advanced oxidation protein products, AOPP) (ALLANORE, *Am J Med.* 2004)

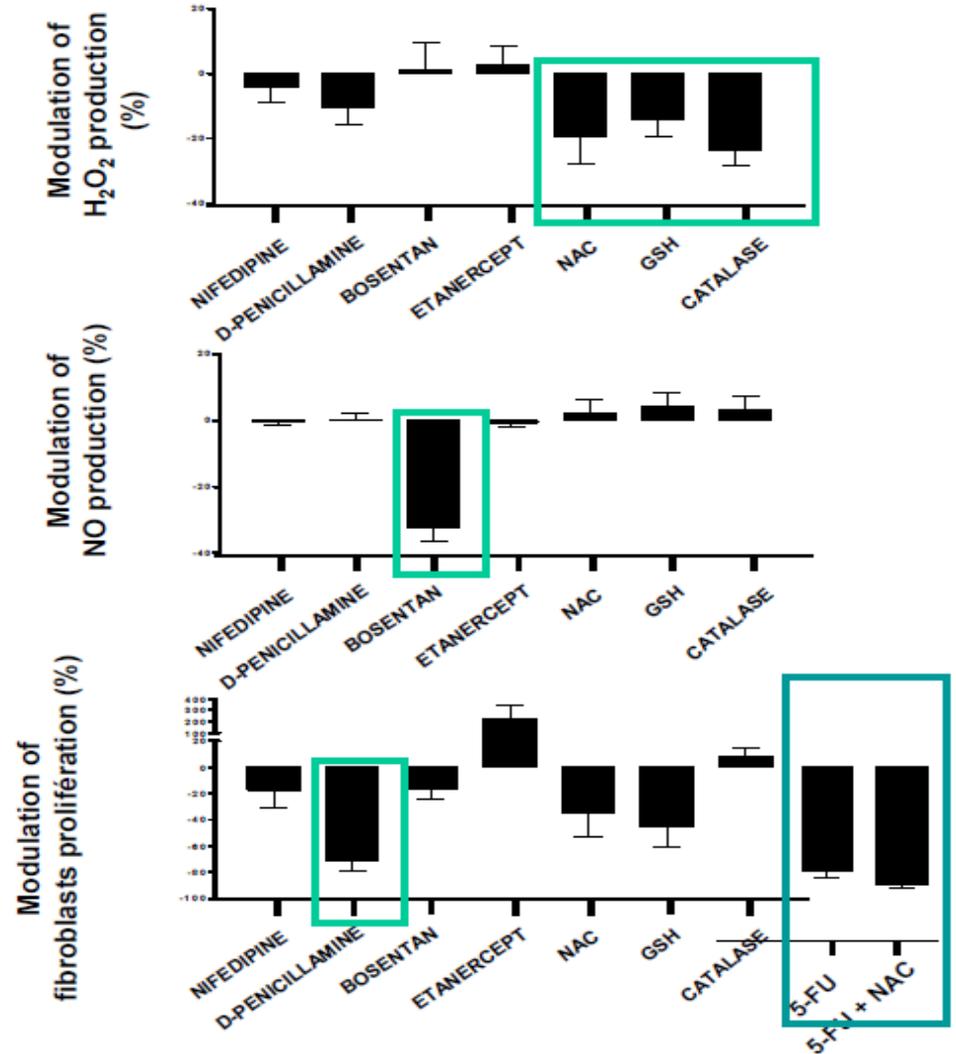
marqueurs de peroxydation lipidique dans le sérum

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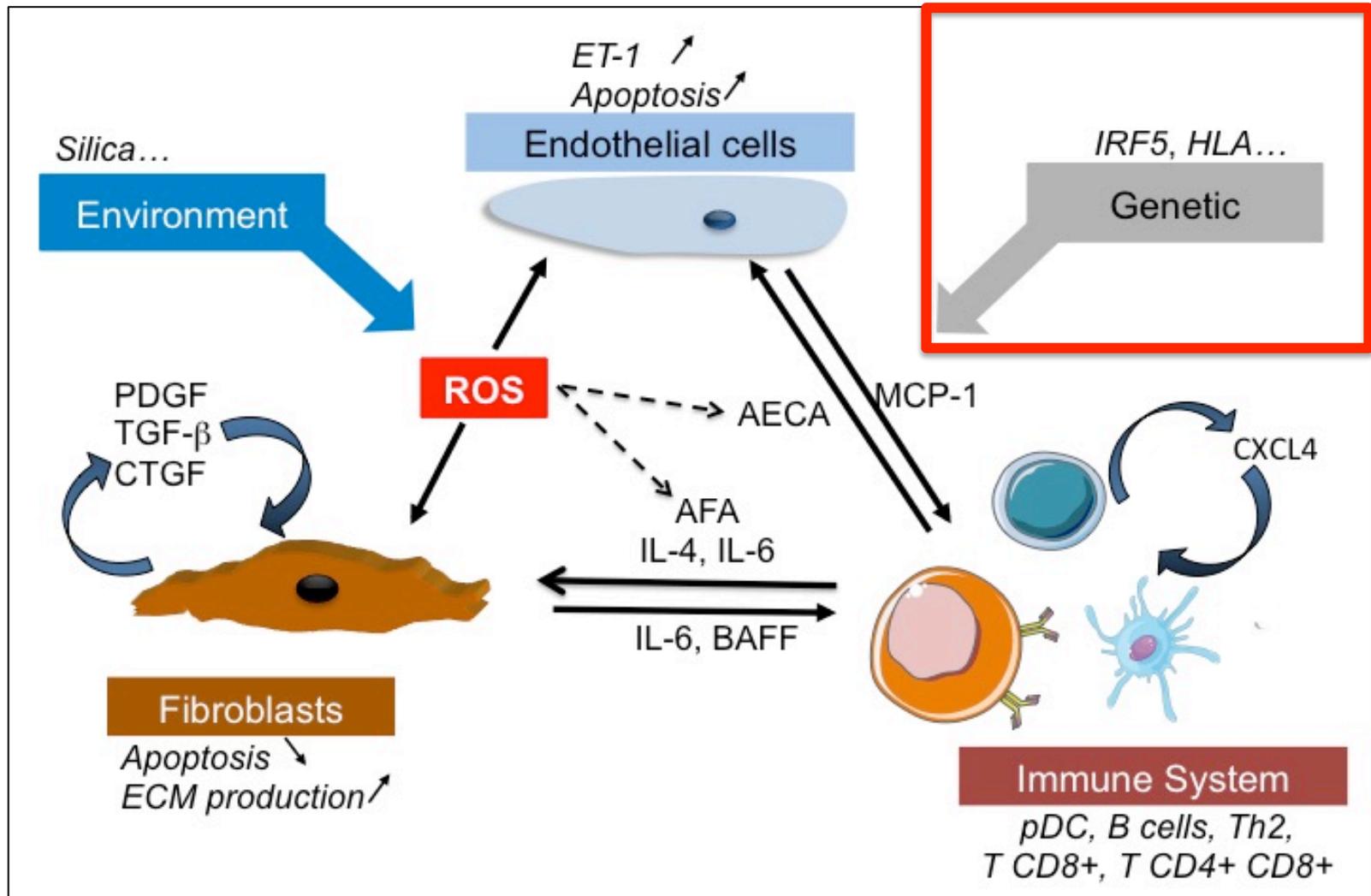
## Generation of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in the presence of SSc serum



## Effect of drugs and anti-oxidizing molecules



# Systemic Sclerosis (SSc): pathophysiology



# Prédisposition Génétique

## Systemic sclerosis: susceptibility genes

Fibrosis	Vascular involvement	Autoimmunity
<i>Fibrillin-1 (FBN1)</i>	<i>VEGF</i>	CMH-HLA: HLA II and autoantibodies (HLA-DRB1*01-DBQ1*0501 associated to ACA )
<i>Fibronectin (FN))</i>	<i>Endothelin and its receptors</i>	Lymphocytic activation : STAT4,TBX21 regulators of TH1-TH2 balance;
<i>Secreted Protein Acid and Rich Cystein (SPARC) or osteonectin</i>	<i>Hypoxia-inducible factor 1A</i>	Protein tyrosine phosphatase nonreceptor type 22 (PTPN22),
<i>Connective tissue growth factor (CTGF)</i>	<i>Endothelial nitric oxide synthase</i>	<i>B cell scaffold protein with ankyrin repeats 1 (BANK1)</i>
<i>TGF-β</i>	<i>(eNOS/NOS3) and inducible NOS</i>	<i>B lymphocyte kinase (BLK);</i>
<i>Serotonin 5-HT2A receptor</i>	<i>(iNOS/NOS2)</i>	<i>Tumour necrosis factor alpha-induced protein 3 (TNFAIP3);</i>
<i>Interleukine-1α et 1β</i>	<i>Fibrinogen</i>	<i>Interleukin-23 receptor</i>
<i>Matrix metalloproteinase (MMP)</i>	<i>Stromal cell-derived factor 1 (SDF-1/CXCL12):)</i>	Innate immunity: IRF5, control of IFN production

<b>Loci associés à la sclérodémie systémique</b>	<b><i>p</i></b>
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TNF $\alpha$ (microsatellite $\alpha 13$ )	<i>p</i> < 0.05
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### Implication dans l'immunité:

- chimiokines
- cytokines
- interleukines
- intégrines

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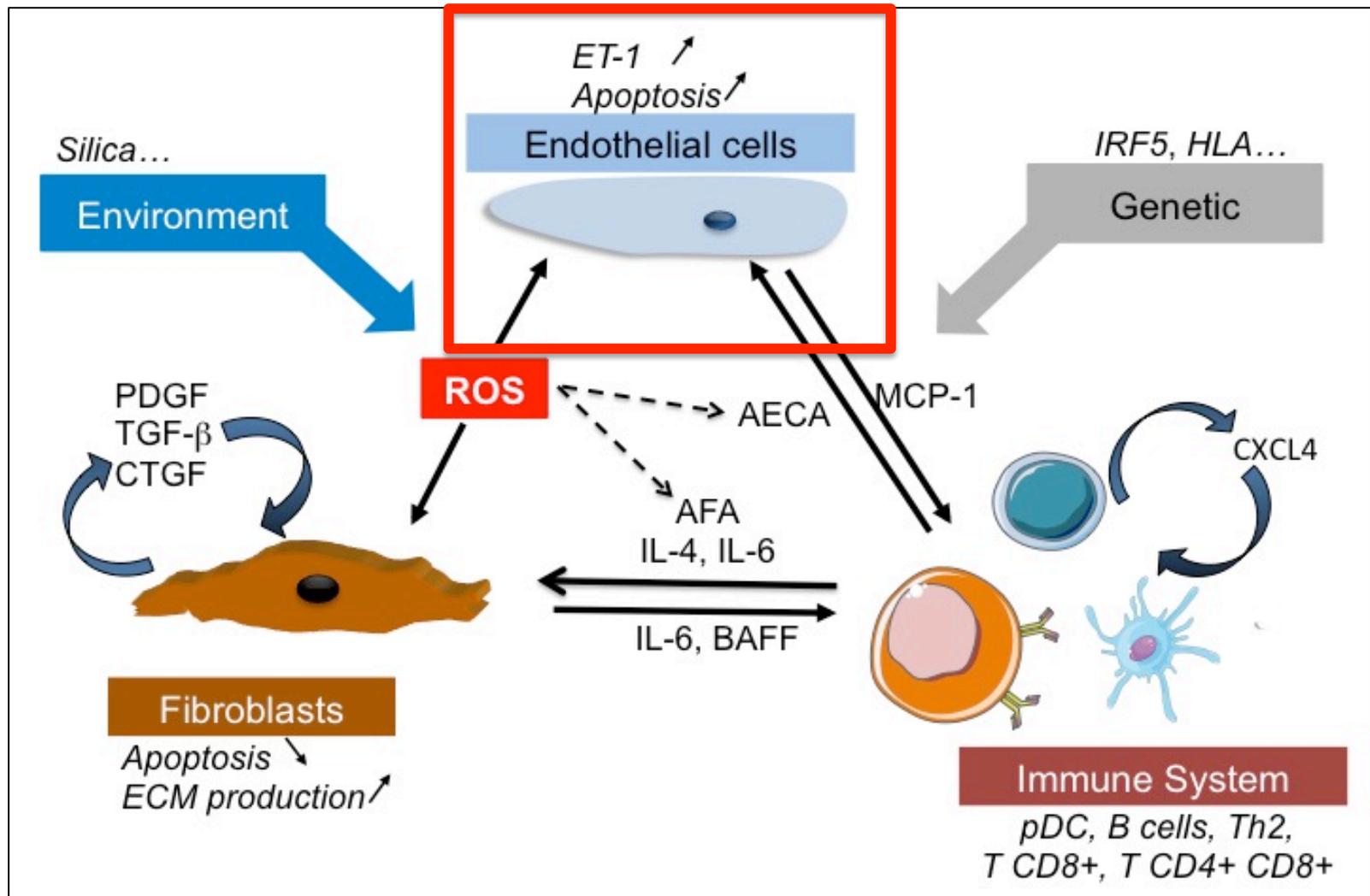
Méta-analyse GWAS européen-  
japonaises  
(4436 cas 14751 contrôles):  
- SNPs **GSDMA**  $p = 1.4 \times 10^{-10}$   
- SNPs **PRDM1**  $p = 6.6 \times 10^{-10}$

*Implication dans auto-immunité*

*Terao et al., Ann Rheum Dis 2017*

*Chairta et al., Hum Immunol 2017*

# Systemic Sclerosis (SSc): pathophysiology



# A disease of the endothelium

**Major dysfunction of endothelial cells** *(Matucci-Cerinic, Semin Arthritis Rheum. 2003)*

**Apoptosis at early stages (AECA ?)** *(Sgonc, J Clin Invest. 1996)*

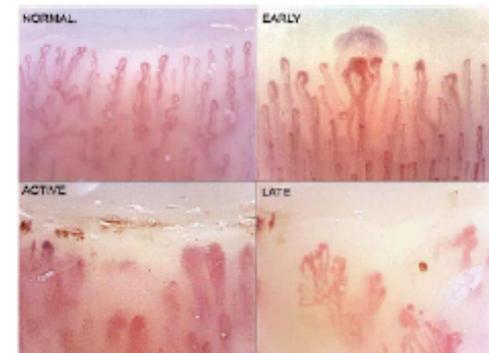
**Loss of physiological barrier: permeabilisation of vessels**

**Abnormal vascular tone regulation**

Increased endothelin-1 synthesis *(Mayes, Arthritis Rheum, 2003)*

Defective prostacyclin synthesis

Perturbed NO synthesis *(Cotton, J Pathol. 1999; Herrick, Clin Exp Rheumatol. 2001)*



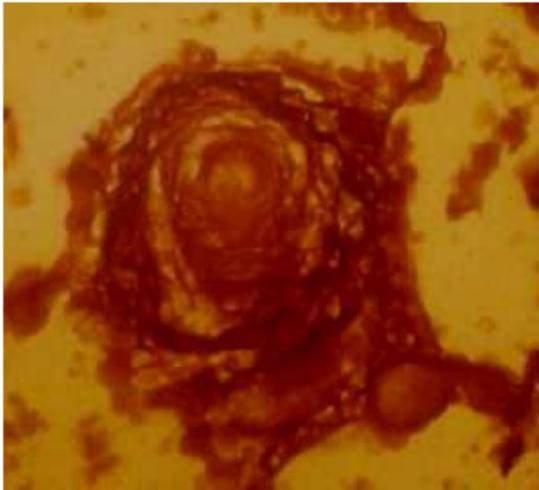
**Perturbed angiogenesis: VEGF decreased or not detectable** *(Distler O., Circ Res, 2004)*

**Synthesis of MCP-1 and VCAM-1: recruitment of lymphocytes** *(Andereg, Arch Dermatol Res. 2000)*

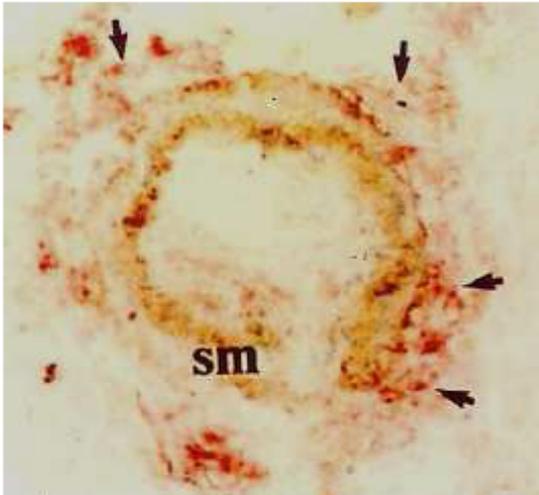
**Synthesis of TGF $\beta$  and PDGF: activation of fibroblasts** *(Cotton, J Pathol, 1998)*

# Endothelin-1 expression in pulmonary and renal vasculature

## PAH

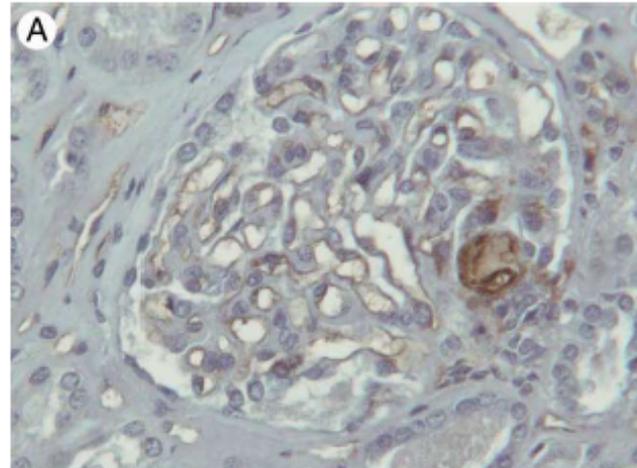


Sirius red stain - collagen

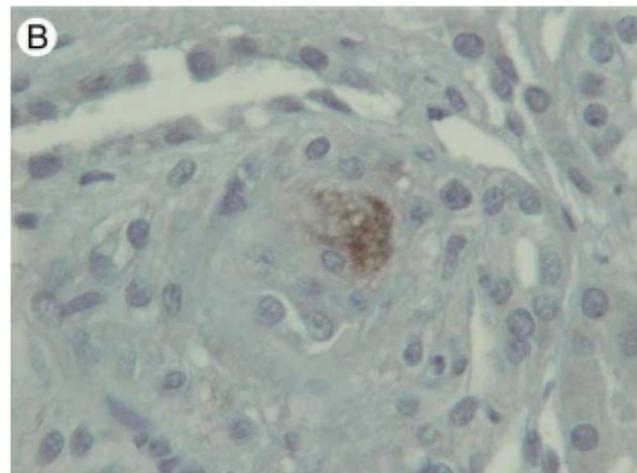


Immunolocalisation of ET-1 ligand

## Scleroderma renal Crisis



ET-1 in glomerular thrombosis and along glomerular basement membranes



ET-1 in arteriolar thrombosis

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# Platelets Induce Thymic Stromal Lymphopoietin Production by Endothelial Cells

Contribution to Fibrosis in Human Systemic Sclerosis

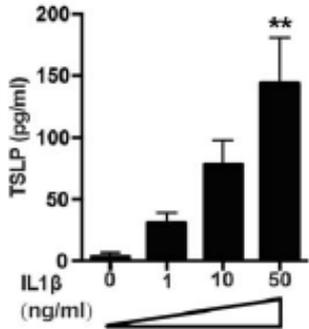
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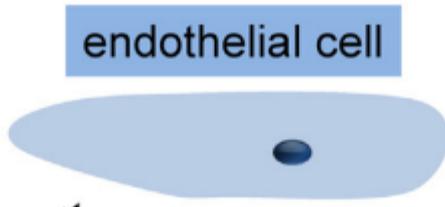
**TSLP :**

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- Increased by serotonin

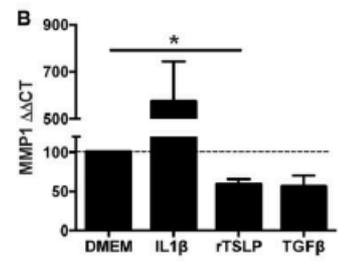
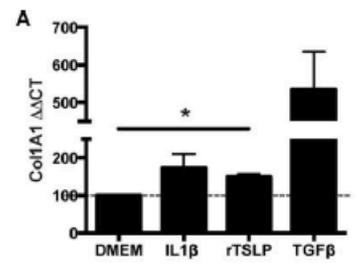
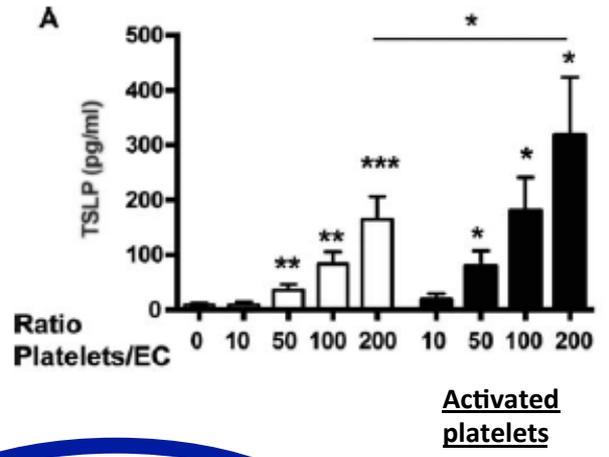


**fibroblast**

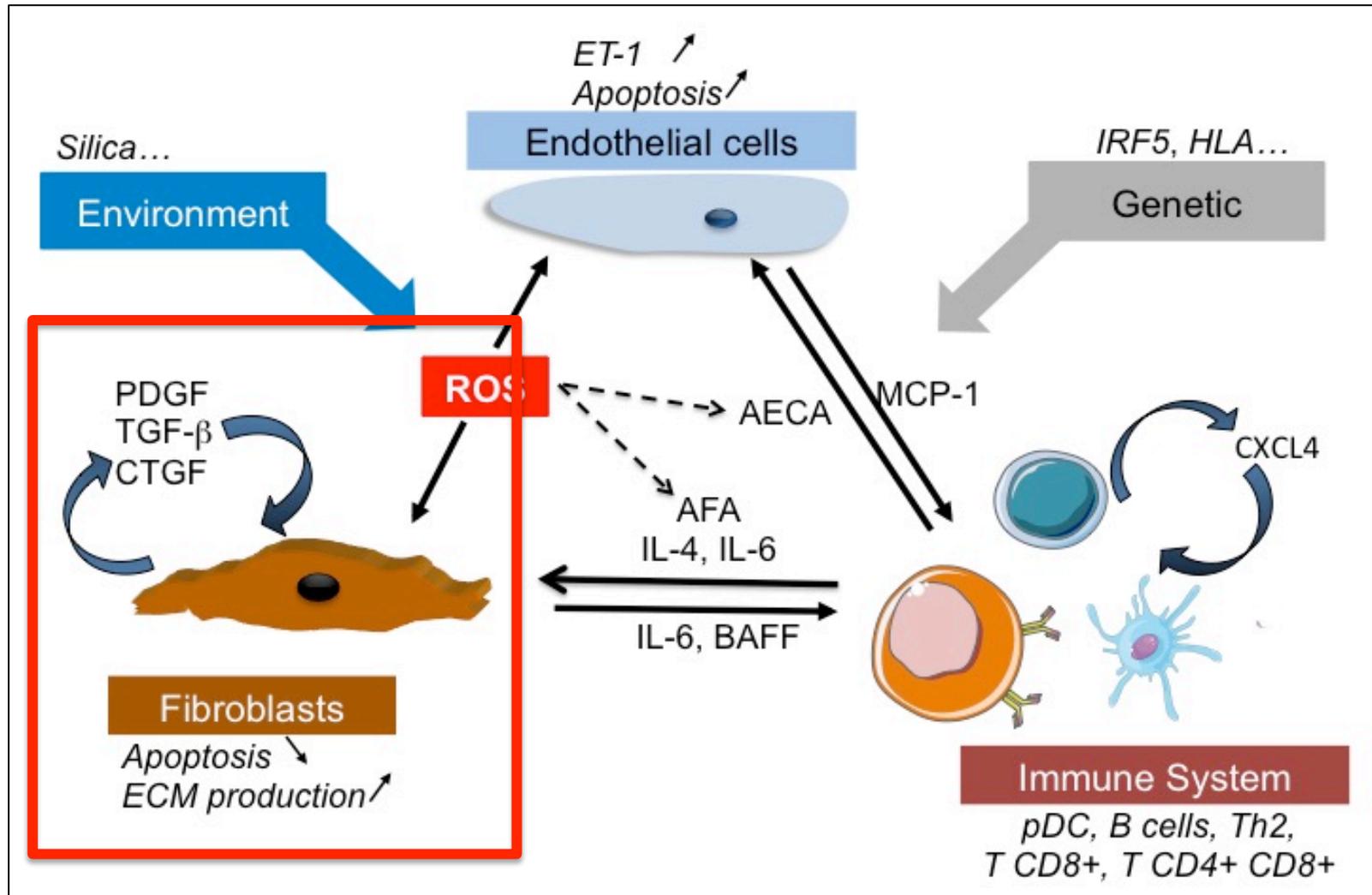
- Increased collagen 1A1
- Decreased collagenase MMP-1



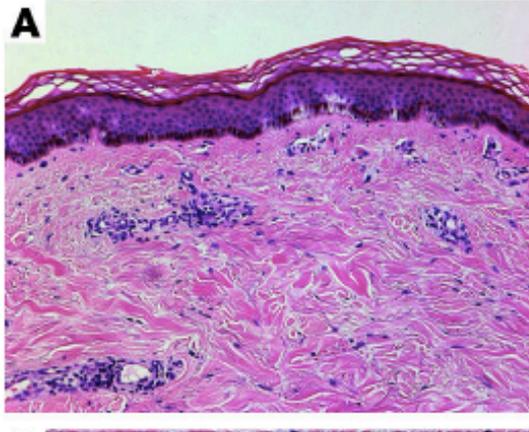
**Activated - Platelets**



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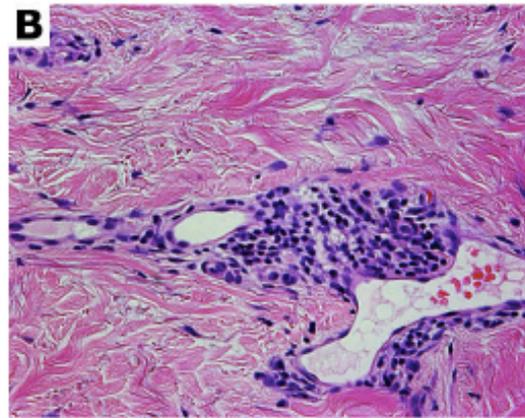


# Fibroblast activation => Fibrosis phenomena



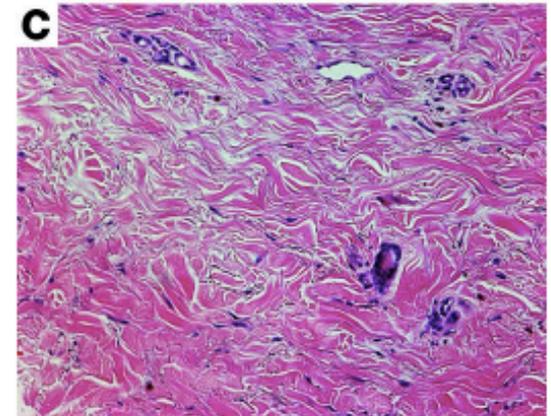
**(A)** Early diffuse cutaneous SSc

- Moderate fibrosis
- Inflammatory infiltrates in the dermis and near the dermal-epidermal junction, predominantly around small blood vessels



**(B)** Early-stage diffuse disease

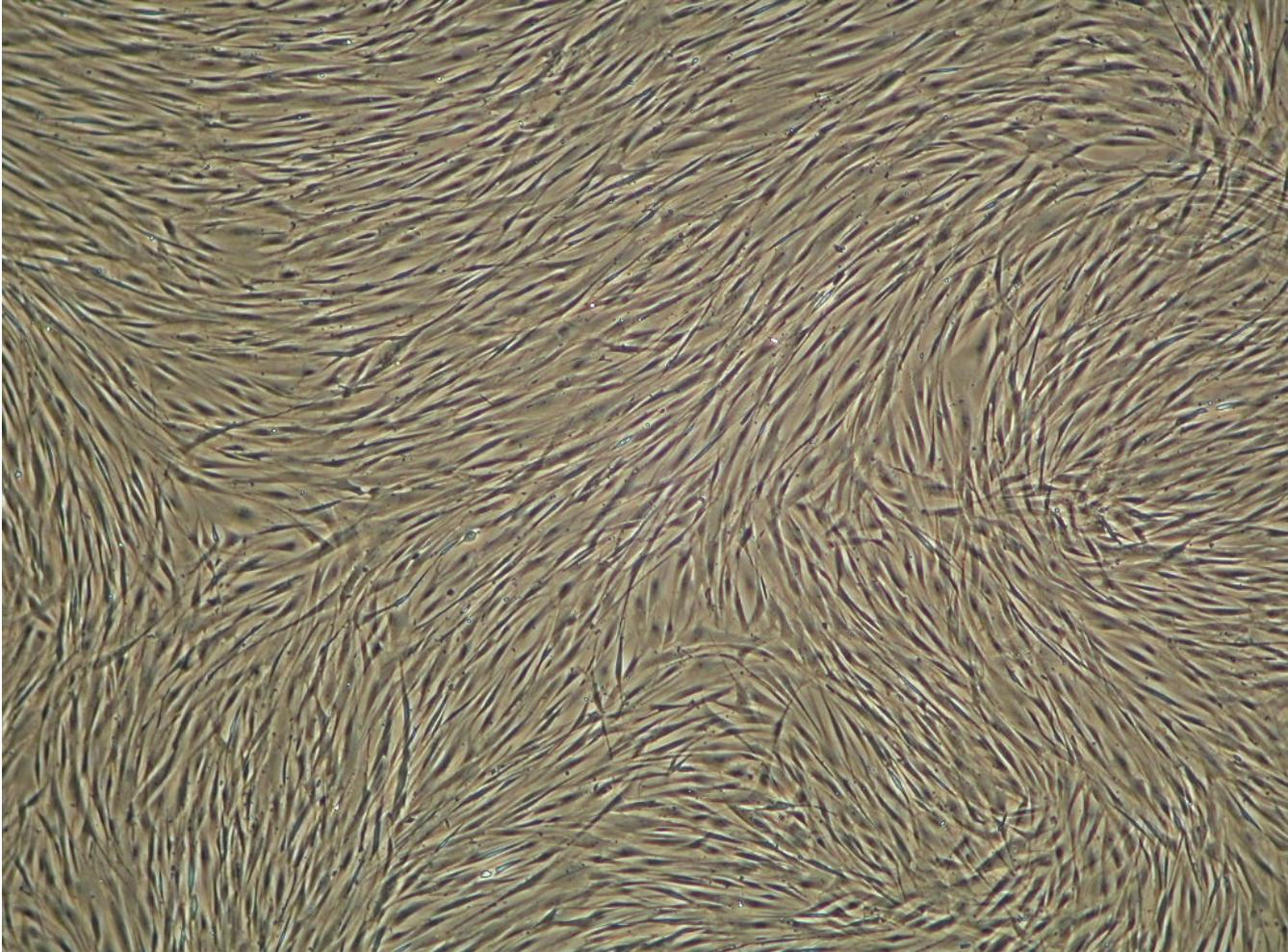
- Profound dermal inflammation perivascular mononuclear cellular infiltrate
- Perivascular fibrosis and loss of pericytes and vessel integrity



**(C)** Established fibrosis

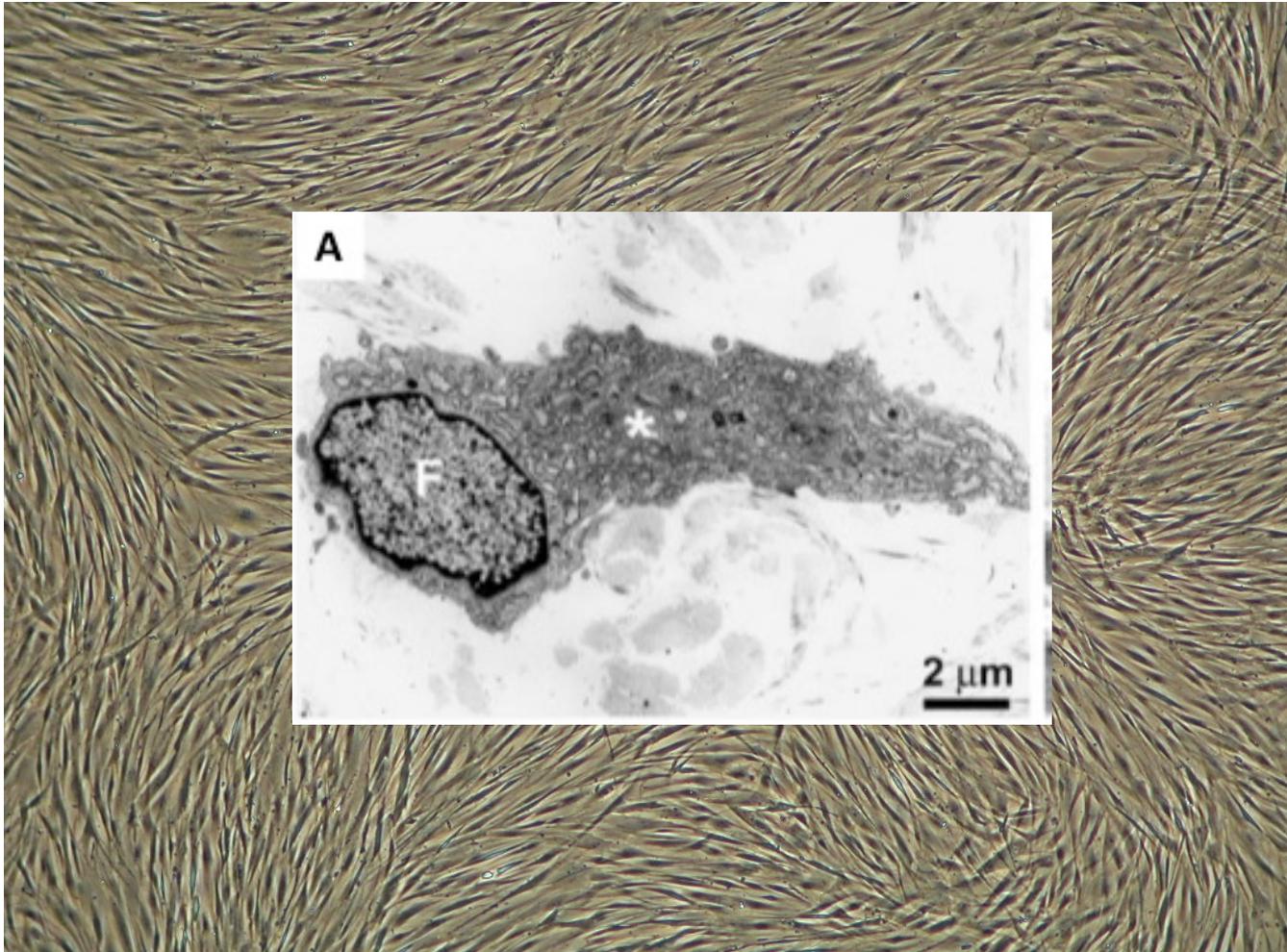
- Dermal thickening
- Loss of the microvasculature and dermal structures and the dermis-subcutaneous adipose tissue interface

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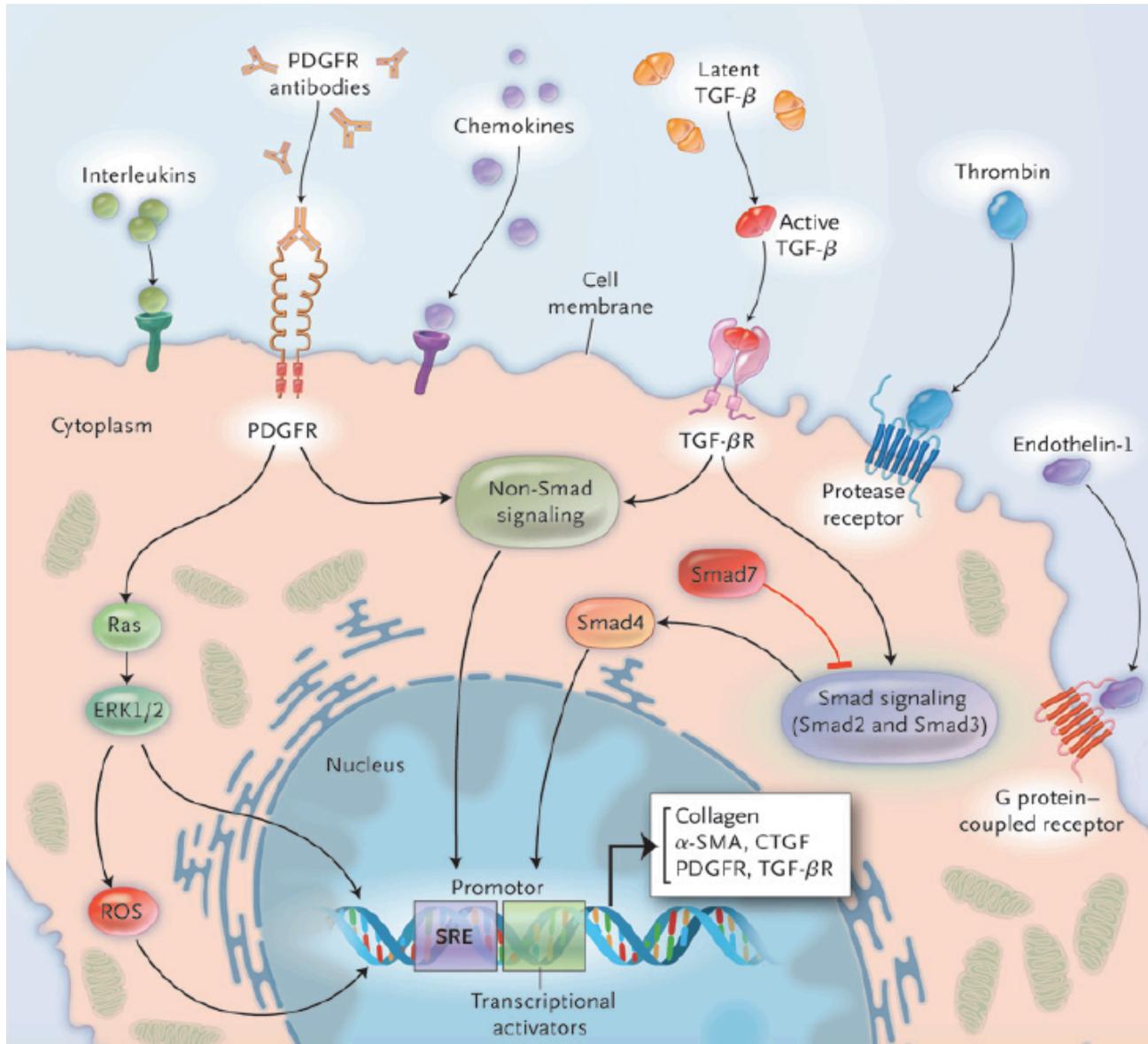
Primary human dermal fibroblasts

# Fibroblasts

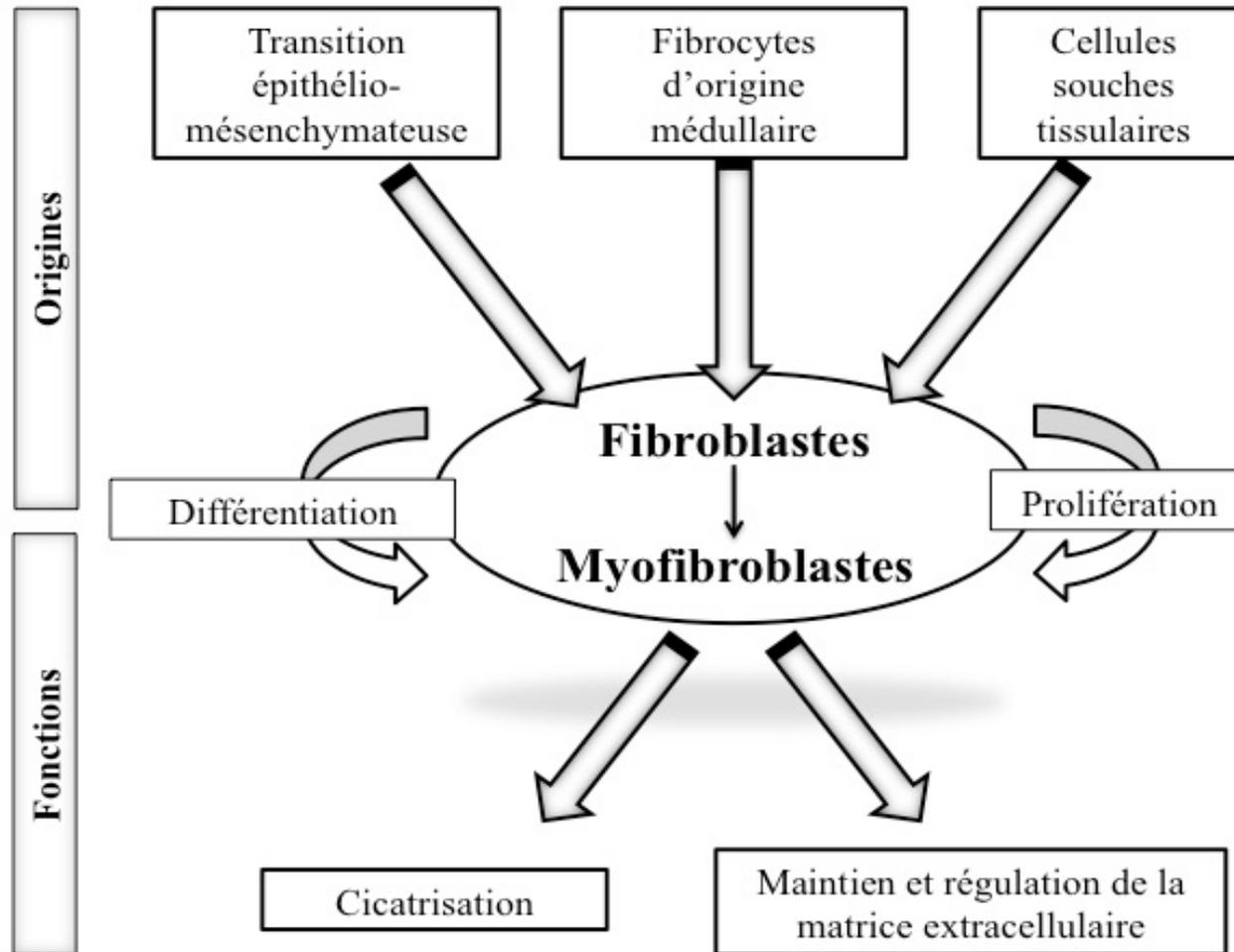


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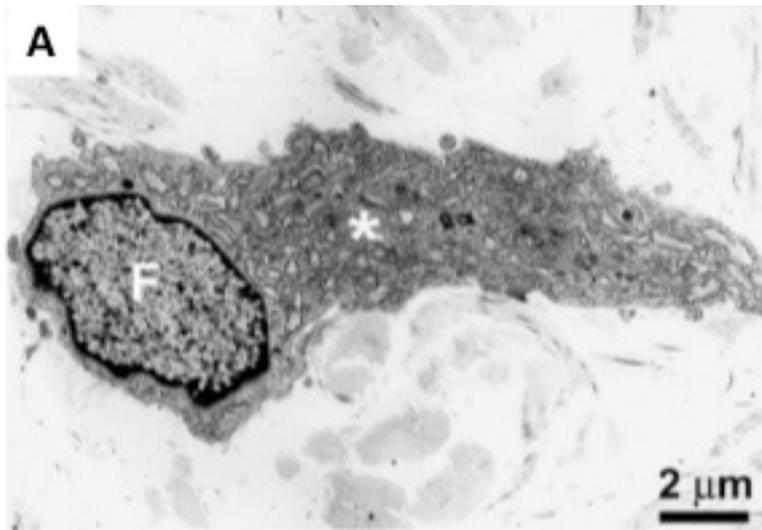
# Fibroblasts activation in SSc



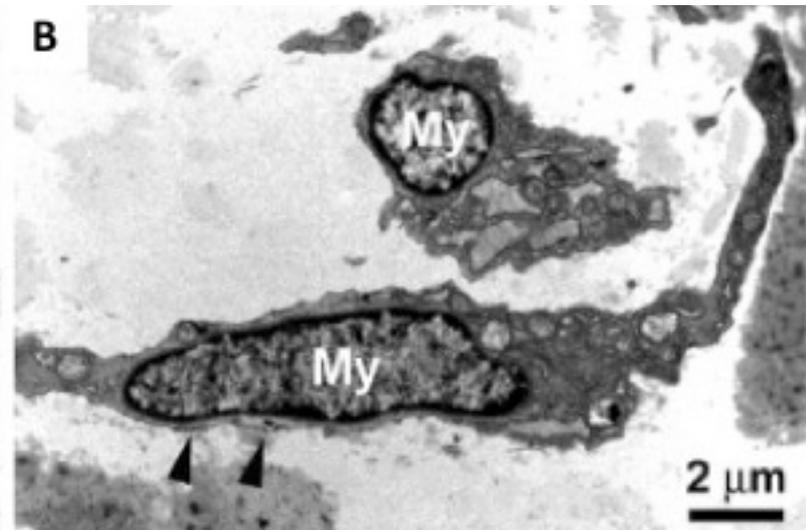
# Fibroblasts: origins and functions



# Fibroblasts and Myofibroblasts



**Fibroblast**



**Myofibroblasts**

# Activation des fibroblastes

**Acquisition d'un phénotype activé en myofibroblastes** (LeRoy, E.C. *J.Clin Invest*, 1974; KIRK, *J Biol Chem*, 1995)

$\alpha$ -smooth actin (Abraham, D.J. *Curr. Rheumatol. Rep.* 2007)

Focal Adhesion Kinase (Mimura, Y. *J. Invest. Dermatol*, 2005)

**Défaut d'apoptose par Fas/Fas-ligand** (Santiago B., *Arthritis Rheum* 2001)

**Défaut de synthèse des régulateurs de la MEC (métalloprotéinases)** (VAN DER SLOT, *J Biol Chem*. 2001)

**Activation et synthèse excessive de collagène sous le contrôle de**

**IL-4: prolifération** (POSTLETHWAITE, *J Clin Invest*, 1992)

**Connective Tissue Growth Factor (CTGF)** (Leask, A., *J. Cell Sci.* 2006)

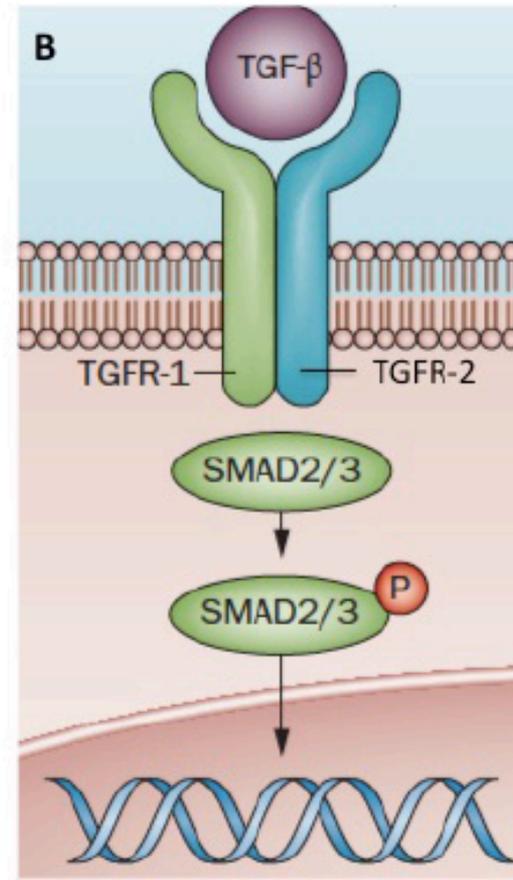
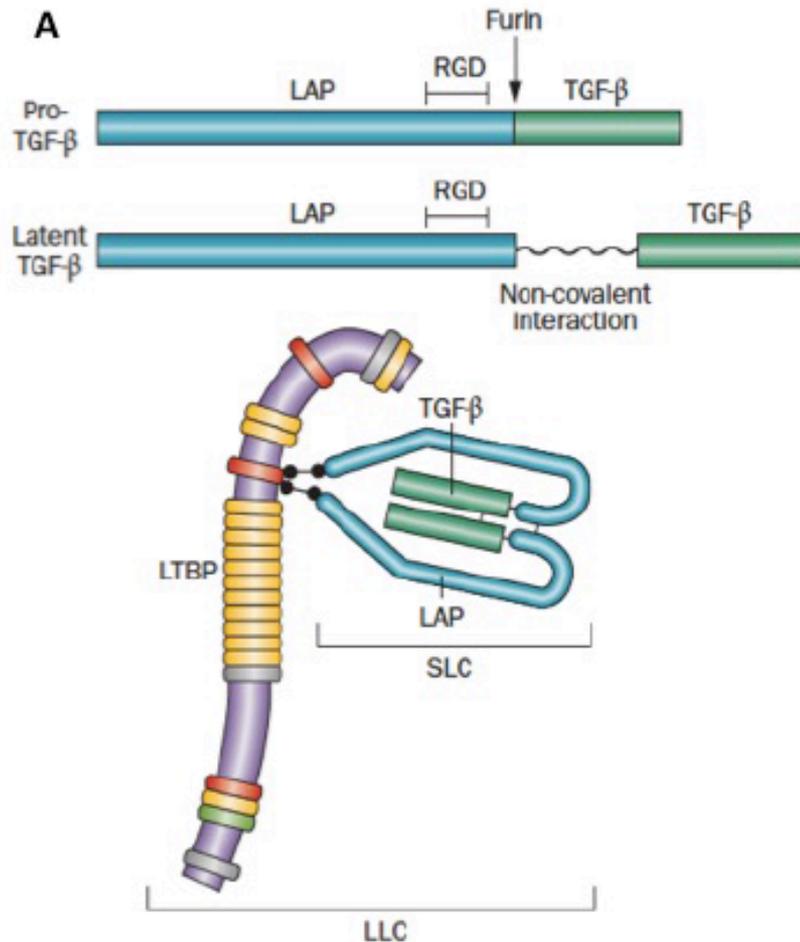
**Platelet Derived Growth Factor (PDGF)** (Ludwicka, A., *J. Rheum.* 1995)

**Formes Réactives de l'Oxygène (FRO)** (Sambo P., *Arthritis Rheum.*, 2001)

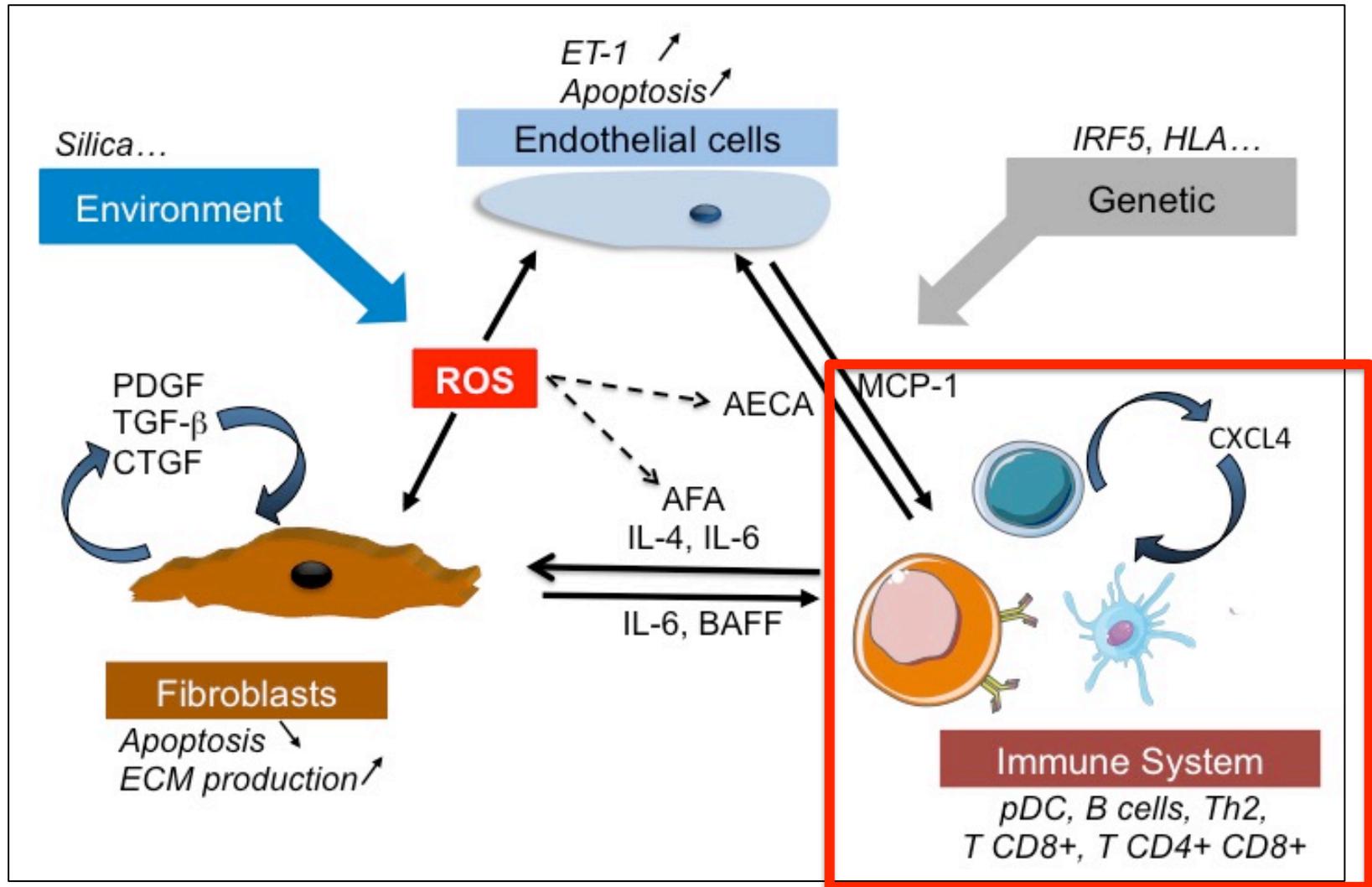
**Anticorps anti fibroblastes et anti-PDGFR** (Chizzolini C., *Arthritis Rheum* 2001, Sevgliati Baroni S., *NEJM*, 2006)

**Transforming Growth Factor- $\beta$  (TGF- $\beta$ )** (Pannu, J., *Curr. Opin. Rheumatol.* 2004)

# Transforming Growth Factor- $\beta$

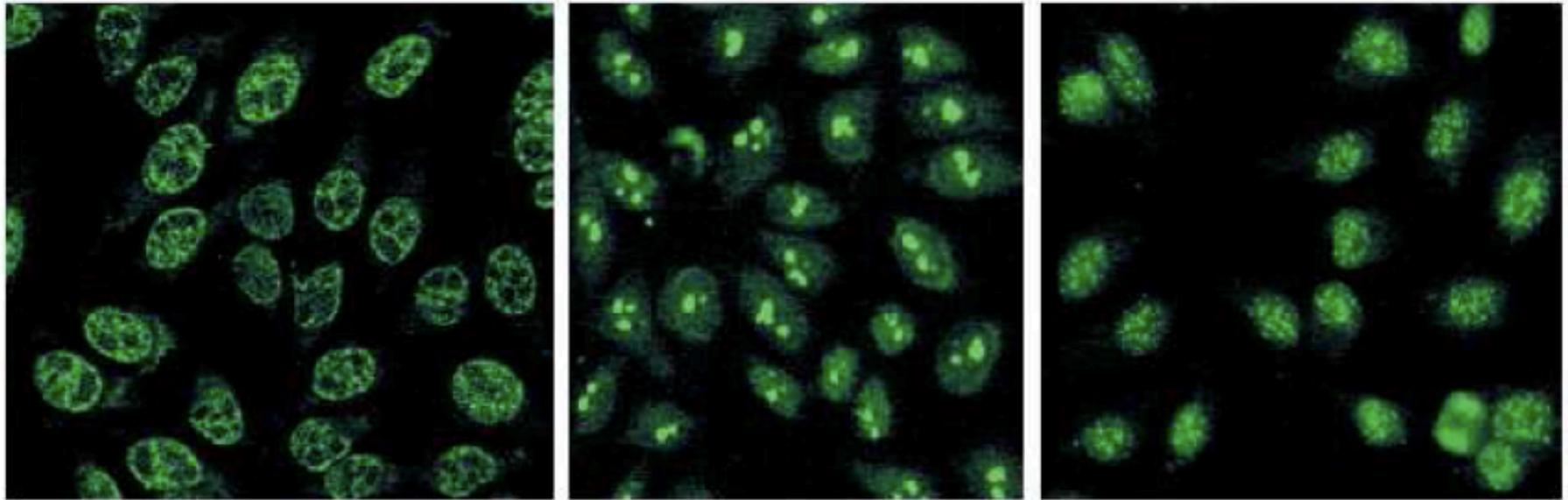


# Systemic Sclerosis (SSc): pathophysiology



# Immune system: Autoantibody

A



B

Classic Autoantibodies	Clinical Features	New Autoantibodies	Role
Anti-topoisomerase I	Diffuse cutaneous scleroderma	Anti-endothelial cell	Induce apoptosis of endothelial cells
Anticentromere proteins	Limited cutaneous scleroderma, pulmonary hypertension	Anti-FBN 1	Activate normal human fibroblasts
Anti-RNA polymerase I/II	Diffuse cutaneous scleroderma, renal involvement	Anti-MMP 1 and 3	Prevent degradation of ECM proteins
Antipolymyositis, sclerosis	Polymyositis, calcinosis	Anti-PDGFR	Stimulate normal human fibroblasts through Ha-Ras-ERK1/2-ROS
Antifibrillar (U3RNP)	Diffuse cutaneous scleroderma, internal-organ involvement	Anti-Nag-2	Induce endothelial-cell apoptosis
Anti-Th/To	Limited cutaneous scleroderma, pulmonary fibrosis		

# SSc: origin of autoantibodies

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- ◆ Molecular mimicry (topo I and CMV)<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ Polyclonal B cell activation with excess of **IL-4**
- ◆ **Fragmentation of autoantigens** by metalloproteinases, favoured by hypoxia<sup>2</sup> and by mercury chloride<sup>3</sup>
- ◆ Selective **oxidation** of DNA topoisomerase 1 induces SSc in the mouse<sup>4</sup>
- ◆ A subset of SSc patients shows a “lupus-like” high **IFN- $\alpha$**  inducible gene expression pattern<sup>5</sup>

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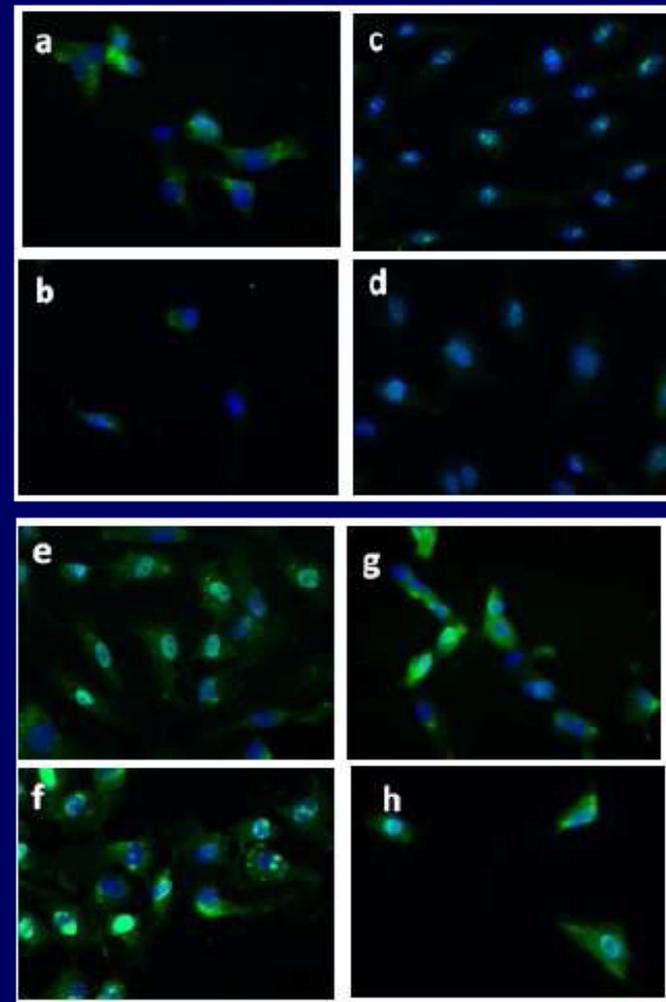
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# Anti-endothelial cell antibodies (AECA) in SSc

- Not disease specific
- Absence of standardization
- Activate EC and induce the expression of adhesion molecules (IL-1 dependent)<sup>1</sup>
- Induce apoptosis in the presence of NK cells<sup>2</sup>
- Cross-reactivity of AECA with a CMV protein<sup>3</sup>
- Target antigens unknown except "scleroderma specific" autoantigens<sup>4,5</sup>

6. Ab: controls; cd: ssc w/o PAH; ef: SSc-PAH; gh: IPAH



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# Anti-fibroblast Abs in SSc

- Anti-fibroblast antibodies (AFA) are present in the serum of 20 to 80% of SSc patients<sup>1</sup>
- AFA can activate fibroblasts and induce extracellular matrix proteins synthesis<sup>2</sup>
- Induce a proadhesion fibroblast phenotype by up-regulating ICAM-1 and increase fibroblast synthesis of pro-inflammatory cytokines
- AFA induce fibroblasts to produce profibrotic chemokines, with partial exploitation of TLR4<sup>3</sup>
- Target antigens
  - DNA topoisomerase 1<sup>4</sup>
  - PDGF receptor<sup>5</sup>

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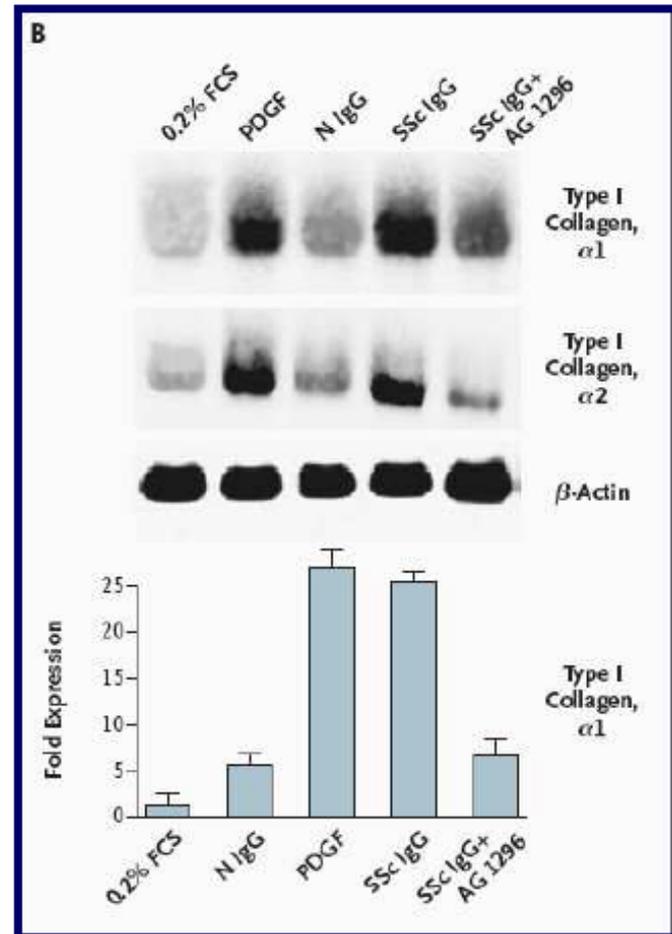
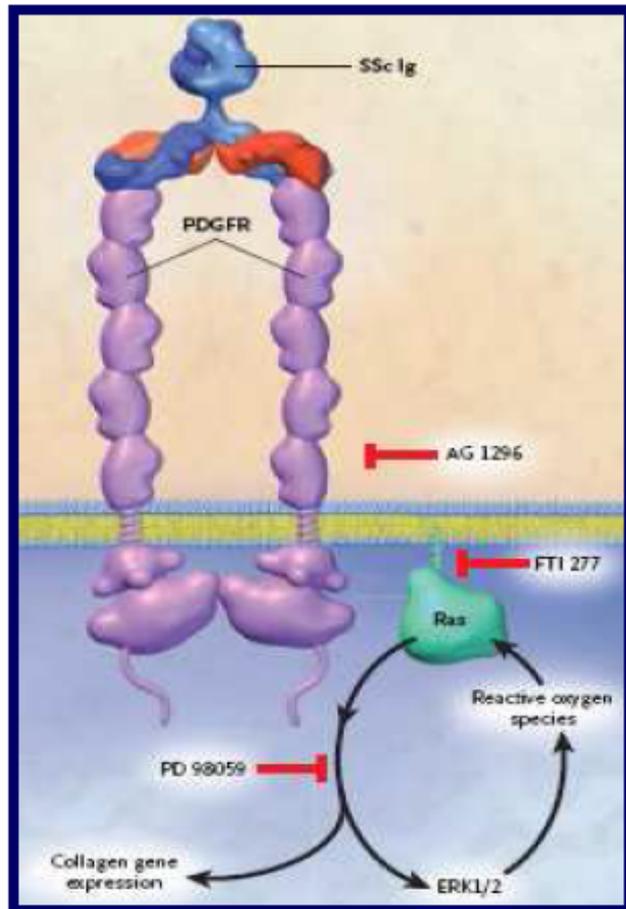
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# ANTICORPS ANTI-PDGFR



Les IgG sériques stimulent le récepteur de PDGF, qui stabilise RAS et induit ERK1/2

L'induction de ERK1/2 entraîne la production de FRO (ROS)

La persistance à long terme de ROS et ERK1/2 entraîne une augmentation de l'expression du gène du collagène

# Elevated levels of cytokines in SSc

- ◆ **Growth factors**
  - **TGF- $\beta$** , **CTGF**, **VEGF**, FGF, etc
- ◆ **Interleukins**
  - IL-2, **IL-4**, IL-6, IL-10, **IL-13**, etc
- ◆ **Chemokines**
  - MCP-1, IL-8 (CXCL8), TARC, fractalkine, etc
- ◆ **Other cytokines**
  - TNF- $\alpha$ , etc

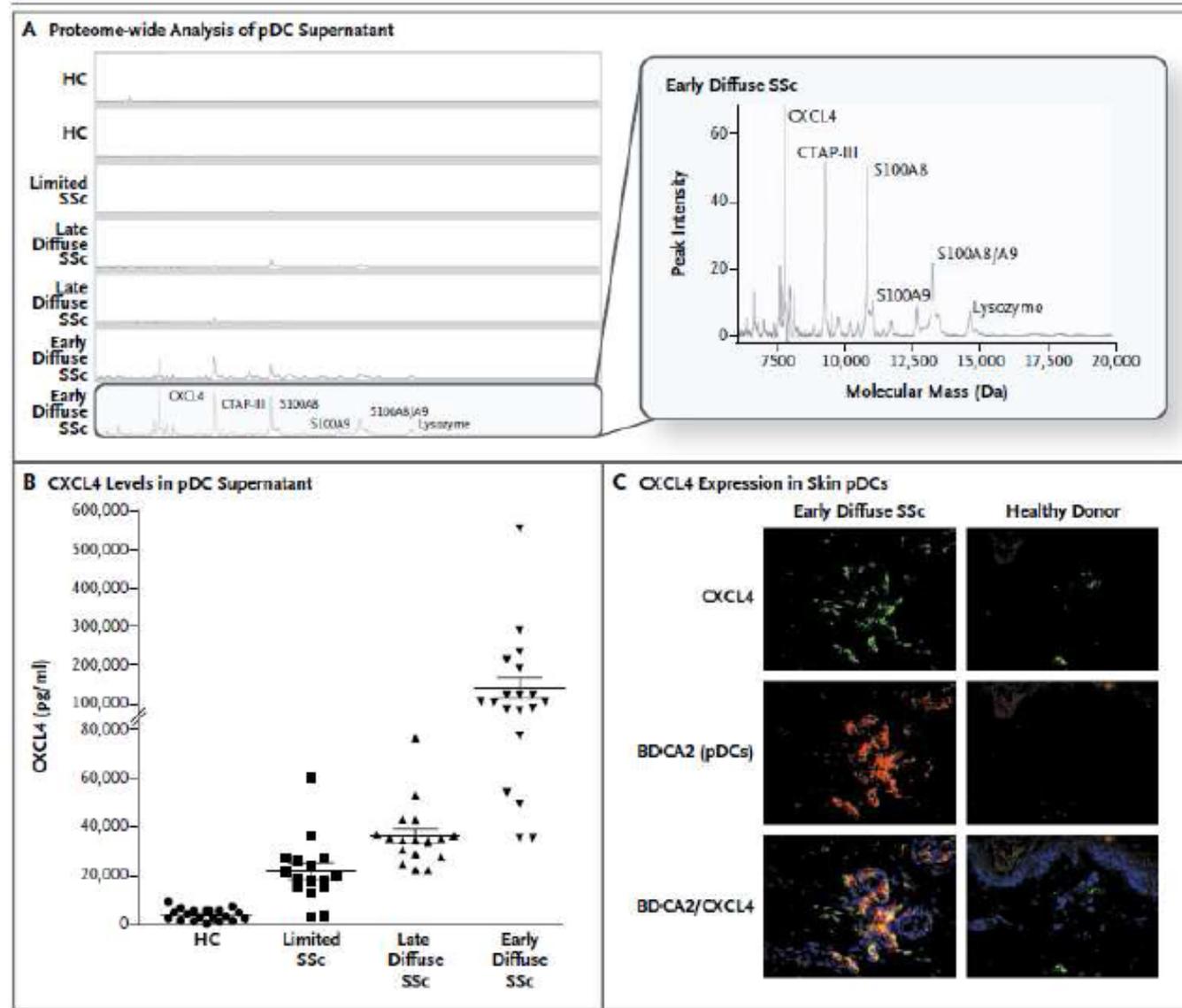
CTGF = connective tissue growth factor; FGF = fibroblast growth factor; IL = interleukin; MCP = monocyte chemoattractant protein; TARC = thymus and activation-regulated chemokine; TGF = tumour growth factor; TNF = tumour necrosis factor; VEGF = vascular endothelial growth factor

Slide courtesy of Kazuhiko Takehara.

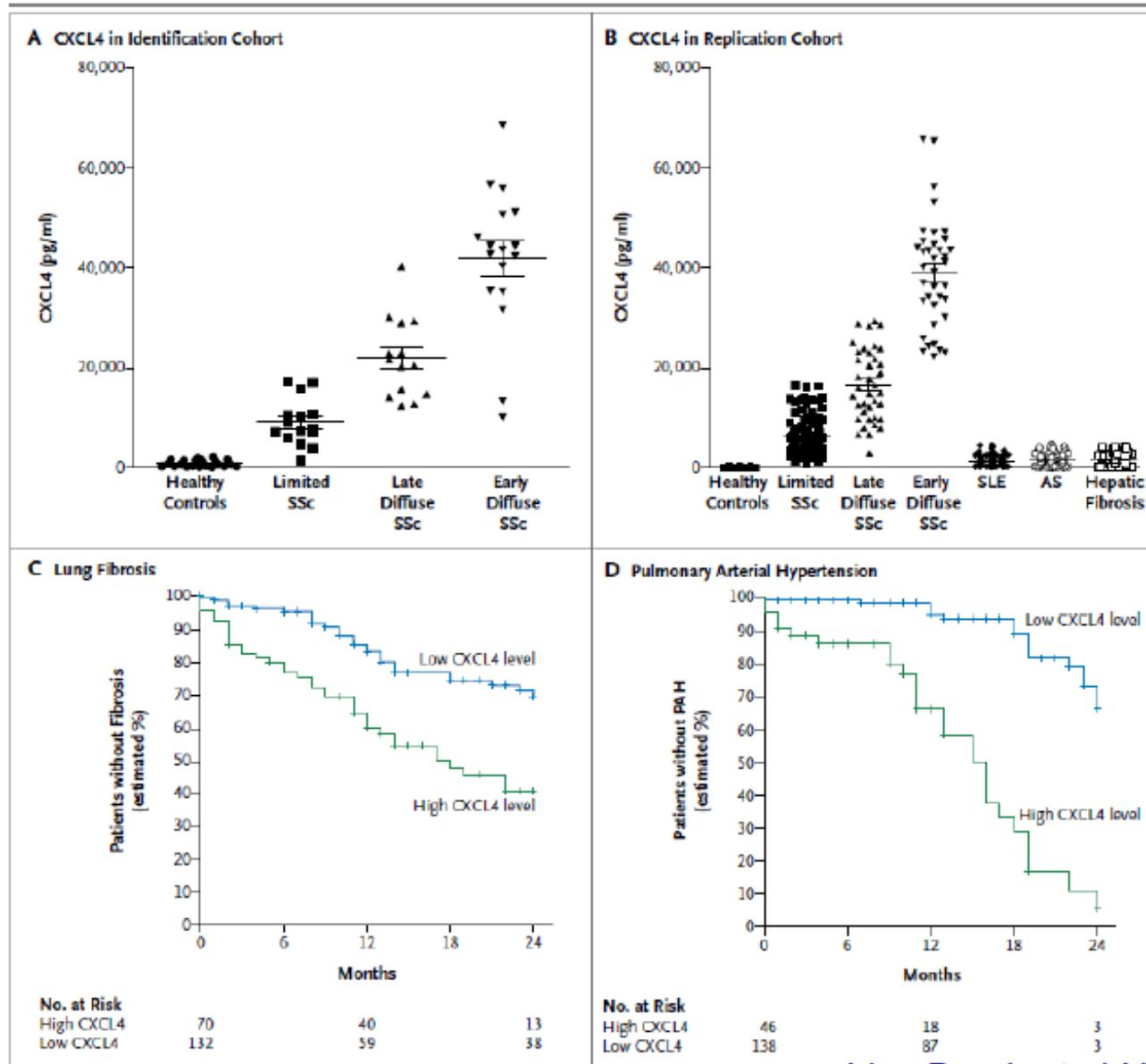
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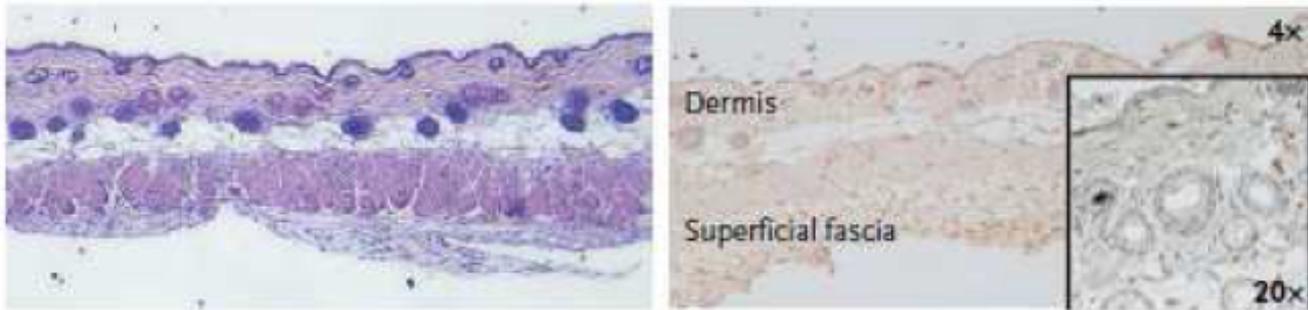


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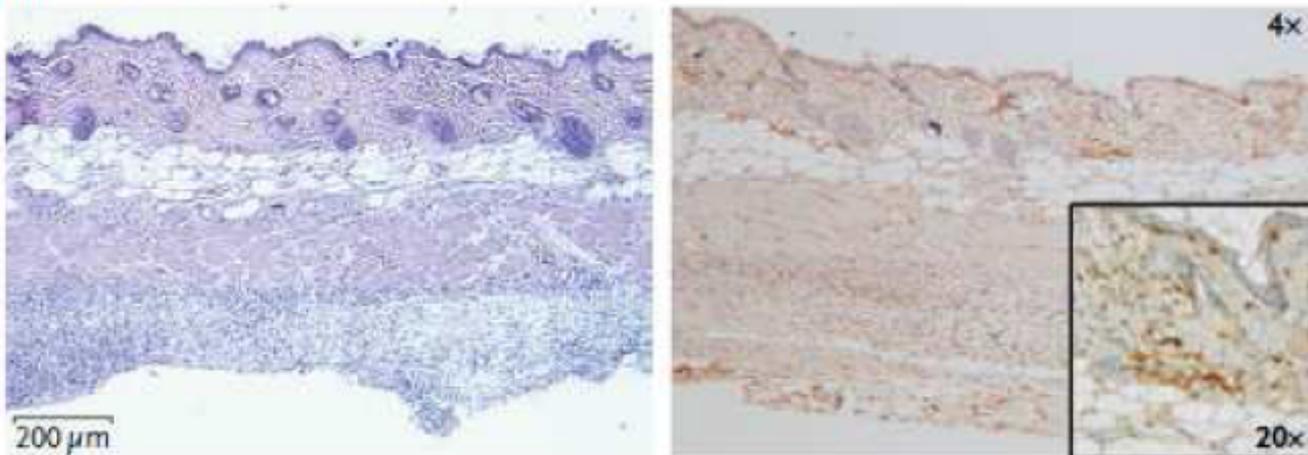


# Inflammatory Skin Changes Mimicking Those in Systemic Sclerosis Induced by CXCL4 In Vivo in Mice.

**A** Murine Exposure to PBS



**B** Murine Exposure to CXCL4

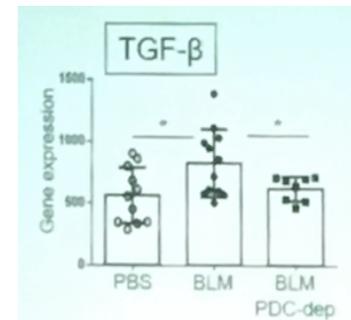
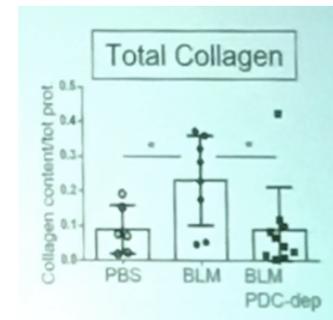
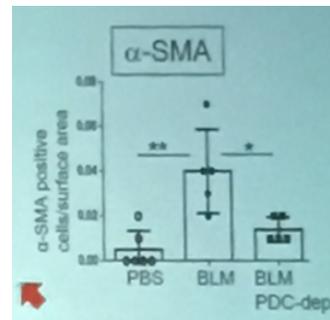
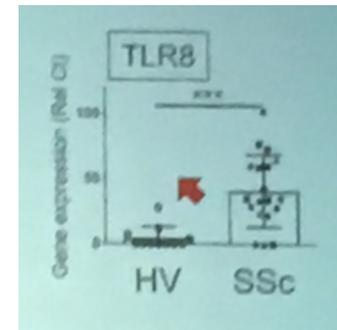
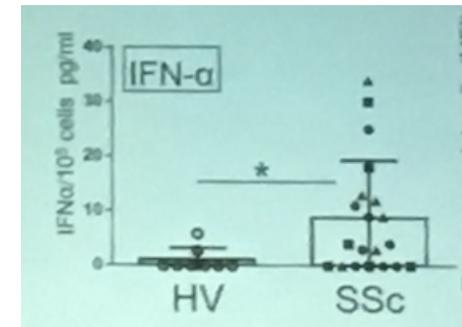
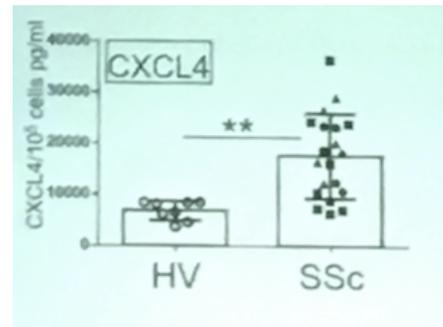


# 1009 - Plasmacytoid dendritic cells are activated in systemic sclerosis (SSc) and contribute to the disease by inducing IFN $\alpha$ and CXCL4

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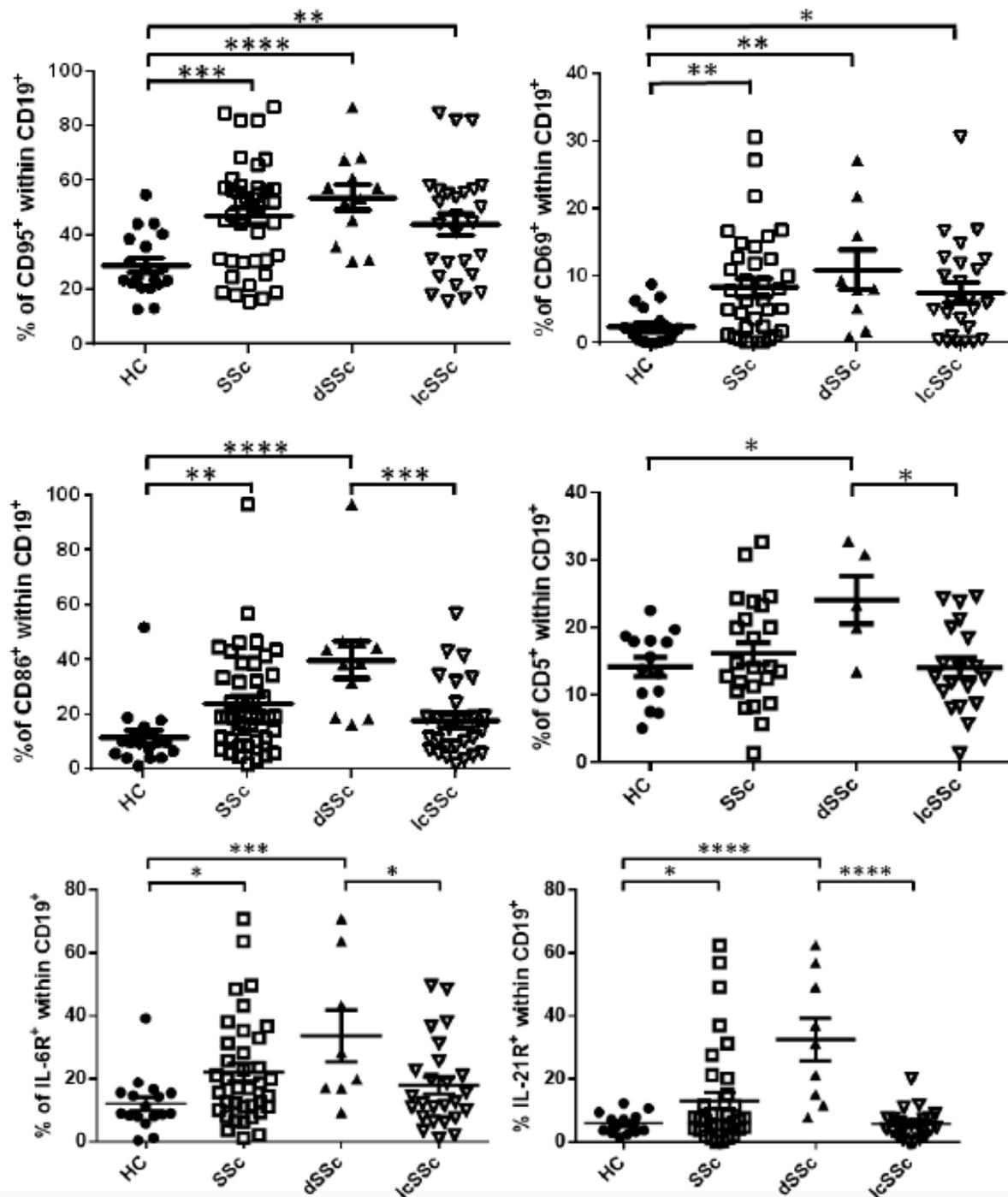
- pDC sont activées et leur suppression améliorent la fibrose
- Elles produisent CXCL4 et IFN $\alpha$ , régulés par PI3K $\delta$
- Sécrétion dépendante de TLR8
- CXCL4 potentialise la réponse IFN $\alpha$  par les pDC



# SSc: involvement of B lymphocytes

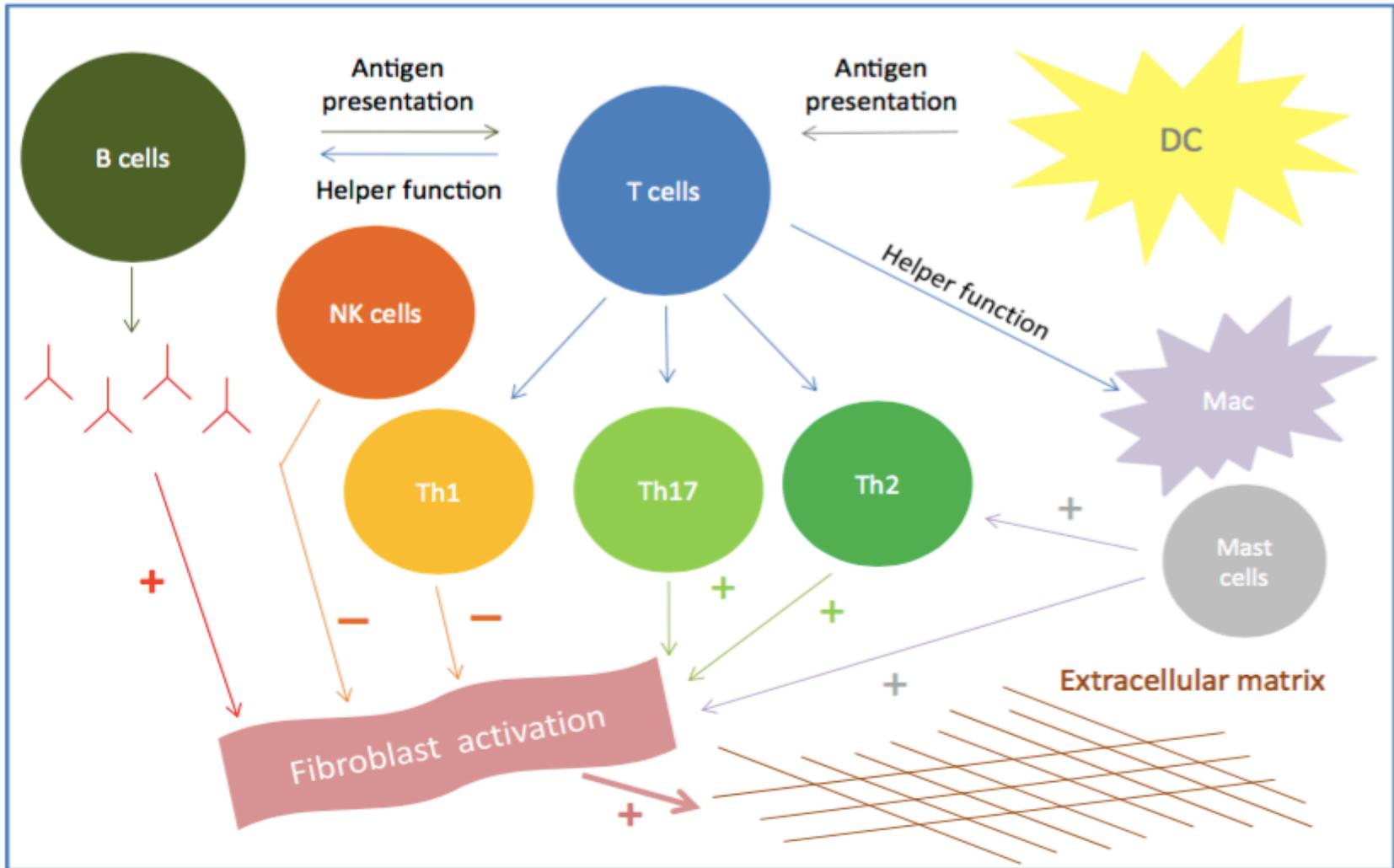
- Abnormal B cell signalling in TSK/+ mice<sup>1</sup>
- Presence of B cells in skin<sup>2</sup> and in lungs from SSc patients<sup>3</sup>
- Increased naive B cells – decreased but activated memory B cells<sup>4</sup>
- Presence of serum autoantibodies and elevated serum levels of cytokines such as IL-6 which correlate with skin fibrosis
- Elevated serum BAFF levels correlate with disease severity<sup>5</sup>
- Preliminary results from pilot studies in SSc patients with rituximab<sup>2,6</sup>

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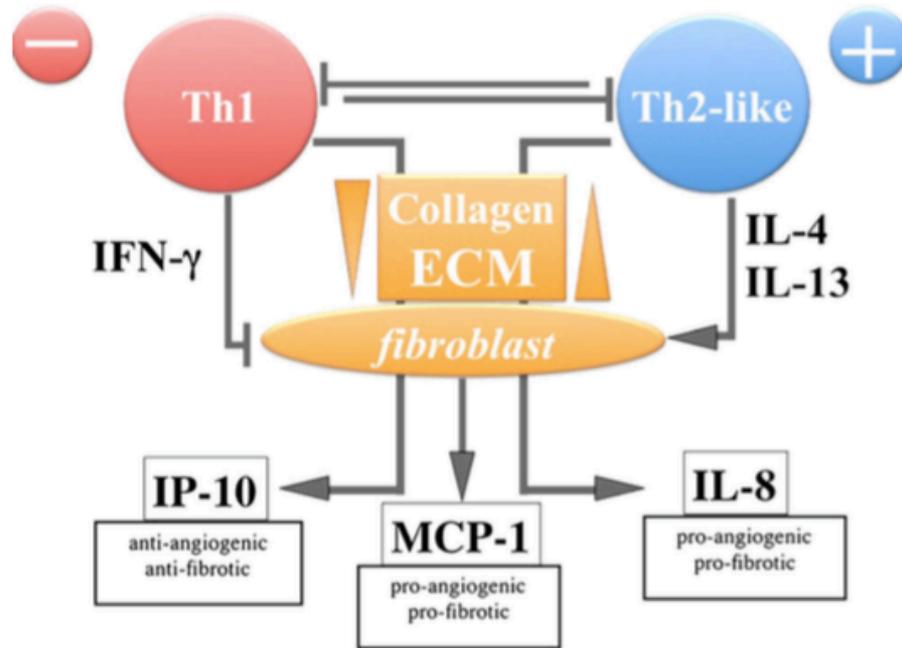


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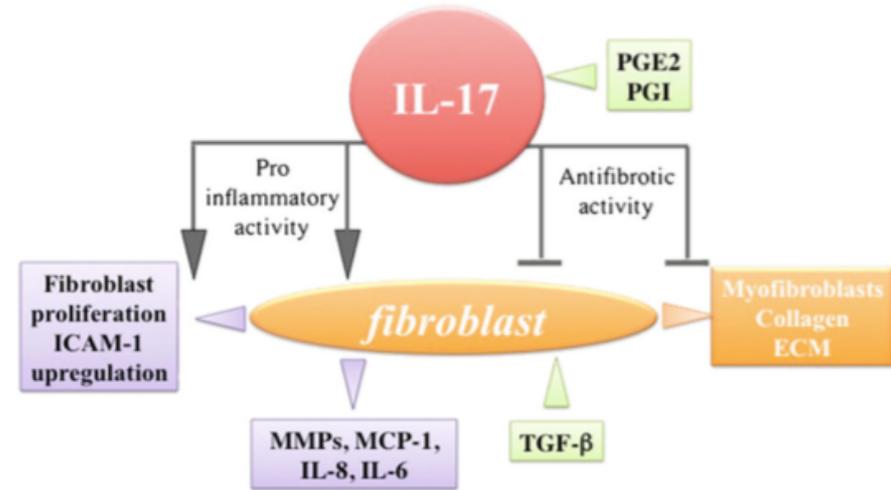
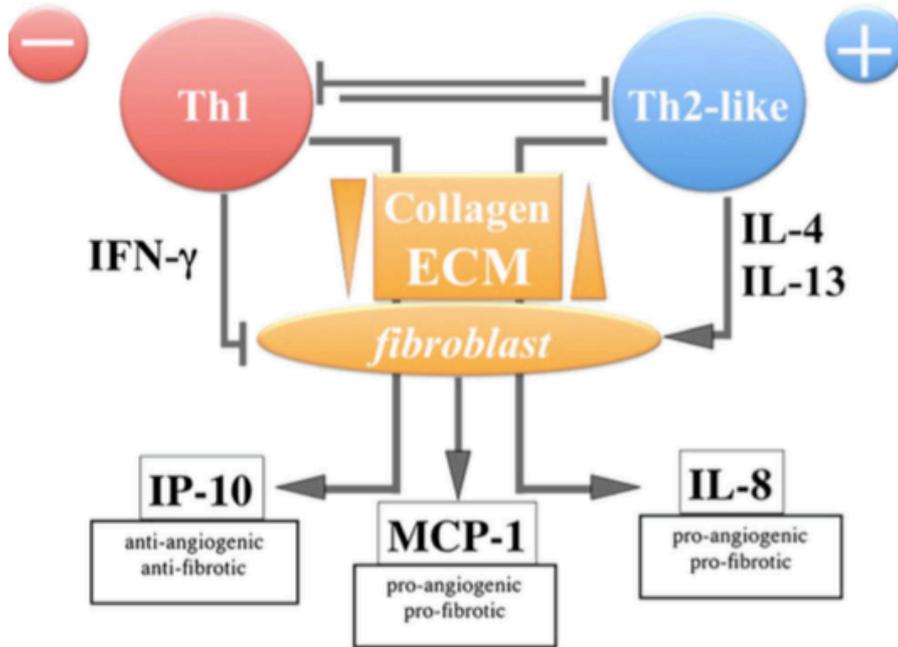
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# Conclusion

- Beaucoup de progrès dans la physiopathologie de la SSc:
  - Système immunitaire +++
  - Microbiote
  - GWAS
  - Des modèles murins en expansion
- Modèle tri-partite centré sur l'interaction immunité-fibroblastes
- Perspectives:
  - Immunité innée (TLR intégrines cellules mésenchymateuses macrophages)
  - LB et IL-6
  - « Facteurs précoces »
  - Adapter la physiopathologie aux différents phénotypes

# Merci pour votre attention!

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