

Supplementary data

Table I. Comparison between DU and non-DU groups at baseline.

Variables	DU (n=38)	non-DU (n=39)	p-value
dcSSc/lcSSc			0.001 ^{a,*}
Limited, n(%)	26 (68.4)	38 (97.4)	
Diffuse, n(%)	12 (31.6)	1 (2.6)	
Disease duration Median (Q ₁ -Q ₃)	10.00 (5.00-23.00)	10.00 (7.00-20.00)	0.602 ^c
Onset of 1 st ulcer (years) Median (Q ₁ -Q ₃)	5 (3-13.25)	NA	NA
Autoantibodies			
ACA Positive, n (%)	22 (57.9)	27 (69.2)	0.301 ^a
Anti-scleroderma-70 Positive, n(%)	12 (31.6)	6 (15.4)	0.093 ^a

SSc: systemic sclerosis; DU: digital ulcer; dcSSc: diffuse systemic sclerosis subset; lcSSc: limited systemic sclerosis subset; ACA: autoantibody anti-centromere; NVC: nailfold Videocapillaroscopy;; ET-1: endothelin-1; ADMA: asymmetric dimethylarginine.; ; NA: non applicable; SD: standard deviation; Q: quartile. ^a: Chi-Square test. ^b: Fisher's Exact test. ^c: Mann-Whitney test. ^d: Student's t test. ^{*}: Statistical significance for a level of 5%.