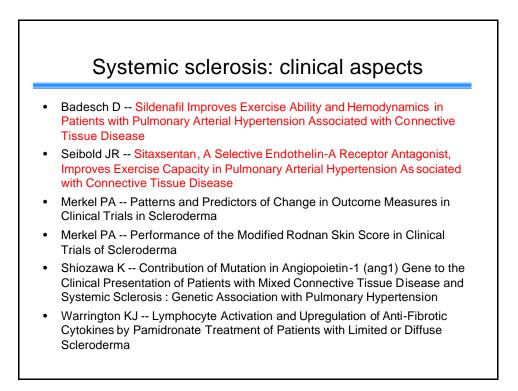


Fibrosing Alveolitis in Scleroderma Trial (FAST) - a multi-centre prospective randomised double-blind placebo-controlled trial

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45 patients (22, therapy; 23 placebo) Prednisolone (20 mg) and 6 infusions (monthly) of Cyc (600 mg/m²) followed by oral azathioprine (2.5 mg/kg/day)

Conclusion: The positive response of FVC to active therapy is consistent with recent data from the Scleroderma Lung Study of oral Cyc, and supports the use of Cyc with low dose prednisolone in SSc-PF [1]. The treatment advantage is likely to be understated due to the ITT analysis. Intravenous Cyc appears to confer an advantage over previous reports of toxicity with the oral regimen [2].



	mPAP	Cardiac output (L/min)	PVR	6MWD
	(mmHg)		(dyn.s/cm ⁵) (m)	
Placebo	1.4	0.08	-19	-13
(n=22)*	(-0.8, 3.6)	(-0.3, 0.4)	(-106, 68)	(-36, 10)
20 mg	-4.6†	0.8	-243†	42†
(n=21)*	(-8.7, -0.6)	(-0.02, 1.5)	(-408, -77)	(20, 64)
40 mg	-2.8	0.4	-144	36†
(n=20)*	(-5.4, -0.1)	(-0.5, 1.3)	(-278, -10)	(14, 58)
80 mg	-3.2	0.2	-156	15
(n=19)*	(-7.9, 1.5)	(-0.4, 0.8)	(-267, -46)	(-24, 54)

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	Placebo (PBO) N=28	Sitax 50mg N=26	Sitax 100mg N=39	Sitax 30 N=17	0mg
D from Baseline -16 ± 15.0 PBO-subtracted		-2 ± 13.4	21 ± 10.4		2 ± 1
treatment effect		14.7	37.7	18.3	
P-value vs PBO		NS	P=0.042	NS	
N (%) Abnormal	LFT				
>3x ULN	1 (3.6%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	
[in patients with PA		