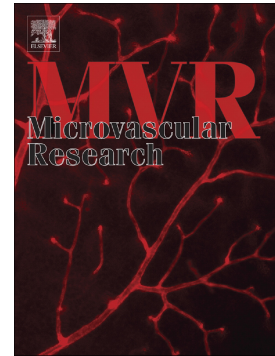


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Abbreviations

ACE-I angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors **CKD** chronic kidney disease **DAI** Disease Activity Index **dcSSc** diffuse cutaneous SSc **DSS** Disease Severity Scale **EDV** end diastolic velocity **GFR** glomerular filtrate rate **HC** healthy controls **lcSSc** limited cutaneous SSc **mRSS** Modified Rodnan total skin score **NVC** Nailfold videocapillaroscopy **RI** resistive index **PAH** Pulmonary arterial hypertension **PI** pulsatile index **PSV** peak systolic velocity **sCr** serum creatinine **SD** standard deviation **S/D** systolic/diastolic ratio **SSc** Systemic sclerosis **UA** serum uric acid **VEGF** vascular endothelial growth factors

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