

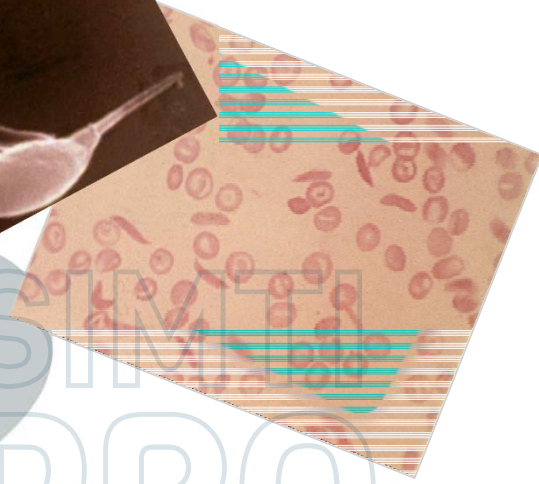
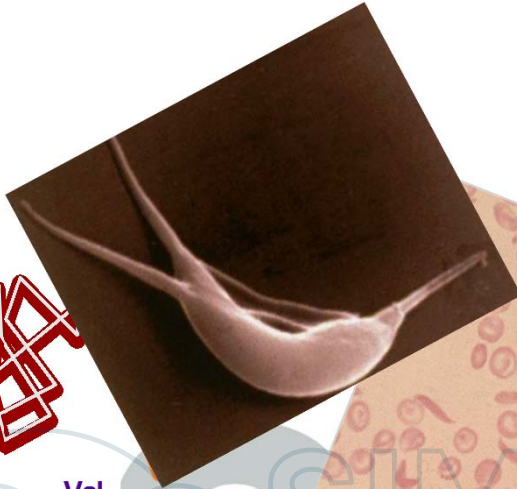
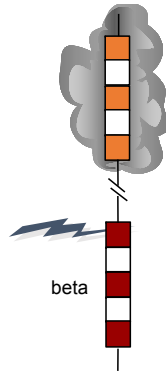


La Diagnosi di Drepanocitosi

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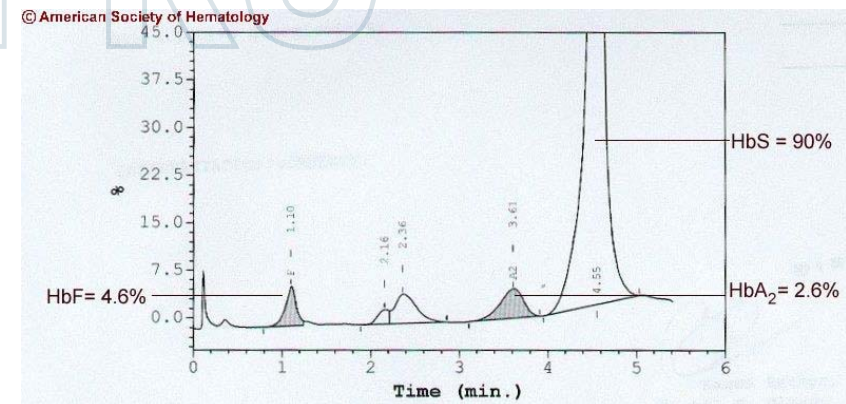
Diagnosis of SCD-I

- IEF, CE, HPLC, mass spectrometry
- Molecular analysis

Hb Electrophoresis



Hb HPLC



Diagnosis- II

Mass-spectrometric analysis: electro-spray coupled to tandem MS/MS

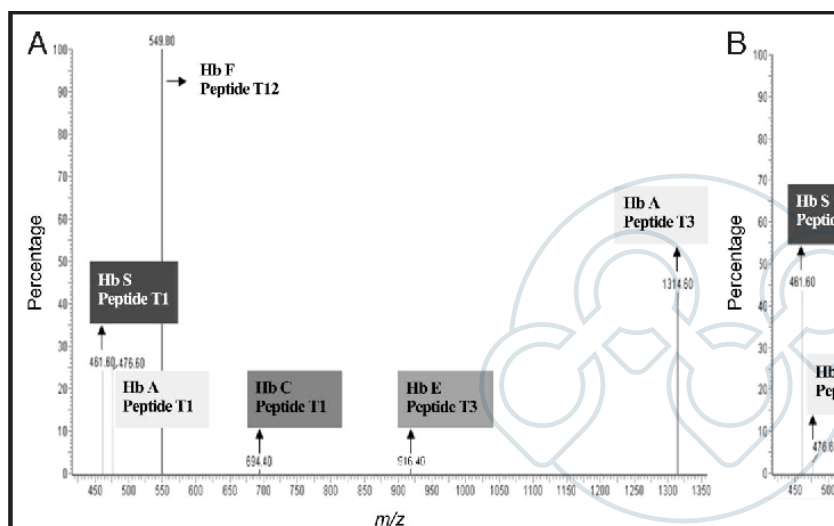


Table 4 Overview about studies on NBS for SCD in Germany

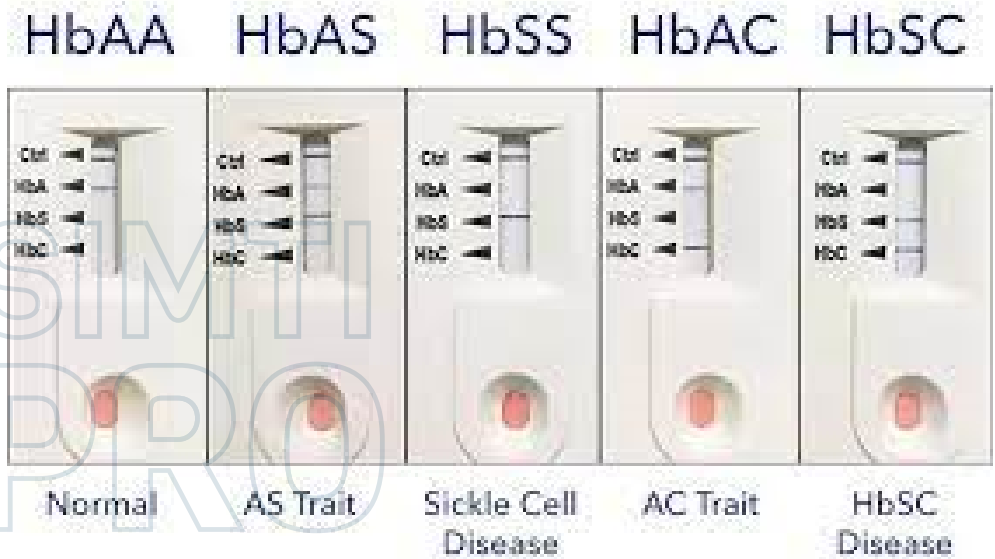
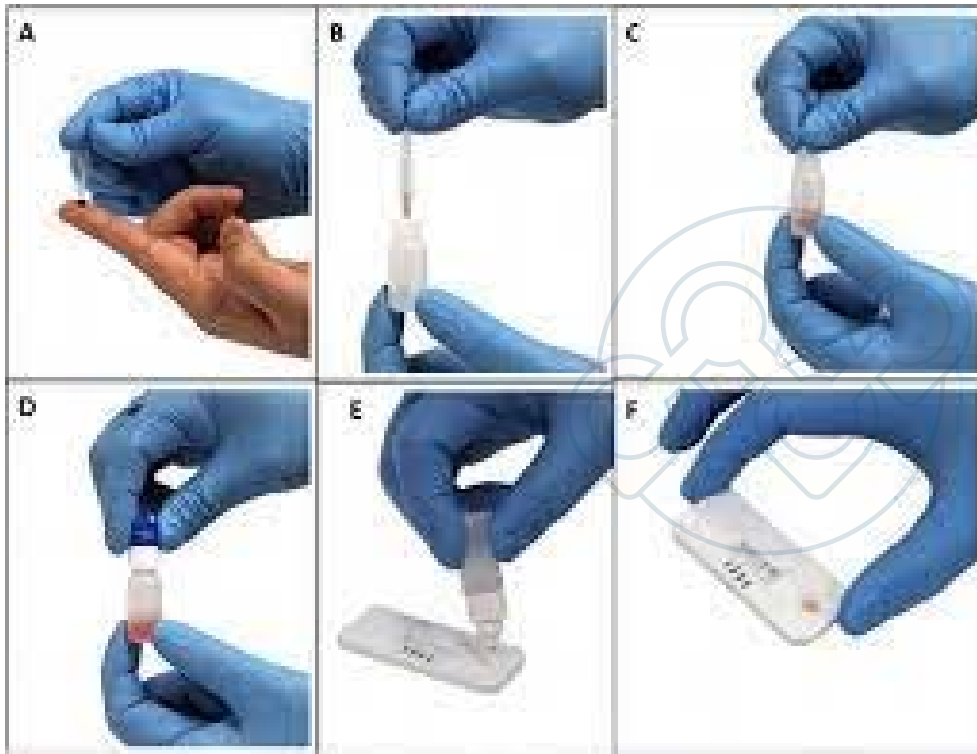
	Newborns screened	Affected babies	Reference
Berlin I	34,084	14	[17, 18]
Hamburg	17,018	7	[20]
Heidelberg	37,838	3	[19]
Berlin II	29,079	7	Present study
Total	118,019	31	

Fig. 1. MRM profile of b2-ions for patients with sickle cell trait (A) and sickle cell disease (B).

- 2.4/10.000 newborns-> costs: 3.00 euro MS/MS vs 3.58 euro CE
- Time consuming set-up compared to CE or HPLC- Advantages-> removing operator depending variability

Lobitz S et al Ann Hematol 98: 47, 2019; Daniel Y et al Int J Neon Screening 4: 35, 2018

Diagnosis-III



Rapid point of care (POC) test for SCD diagnosis: SickleSCAN[®] or HemotypeSC[™]



Table 3 Sensitivity and specificity for each haemoglobin phenotype identified using the reference standard method (Capillary Electrophoresis) in Lomé (Togo), May–June 2016. (N= 295)

Haemoglobin phenotype identified by Capillary Electrophoresis	N	Sensitivity (%)	95% CI ^a	Specificity (%)	95% CI ^a
AA	86	100	[93.8–100]	100	[97.4–100]
AS	45	95.6	[84.8–99.5]	99.6	[97.8–99.9]
AC	39	94.9	[82.7–99.4]	99.2	[97.2–99.9]
SS	41	97.6	[87.1–99.9]	99.6	[97.2–99.9]
SC	44	97.7	[88.0–99.9]	99.6	[97.8–99.9]
CC	40	100	[87.1–100]	100	[97.8–100]

^a 95% Confidence Intervals (CI) have been computed using the binomial distribution

TABLE 1 HemotypeSC™ Hb phenotypes screening analysis

Hospital	Hb phenotype	Sensitivity		Specificity	
		TP/(TP + FN)	%	TN/(FP + TN)	%
Temeke	AS	35/35	100	330/330	100
	SS	1/1	100	330/330	100
	AA	330/330	100	36/36	100
Amana	AS	32/32	100	276/276	100
	SS	2/2	100	276/276	100
	AA	276/276	100	34/34	100
Total	AS	67/67	100	606/606	100
	SS	3/3	100	606/606	100
	AA	606/606	100	70/70	100
Grand total		676/676	100	1282/1282	100



TABLE 2 sickle SCAN® Hb phenotypes screening analysis

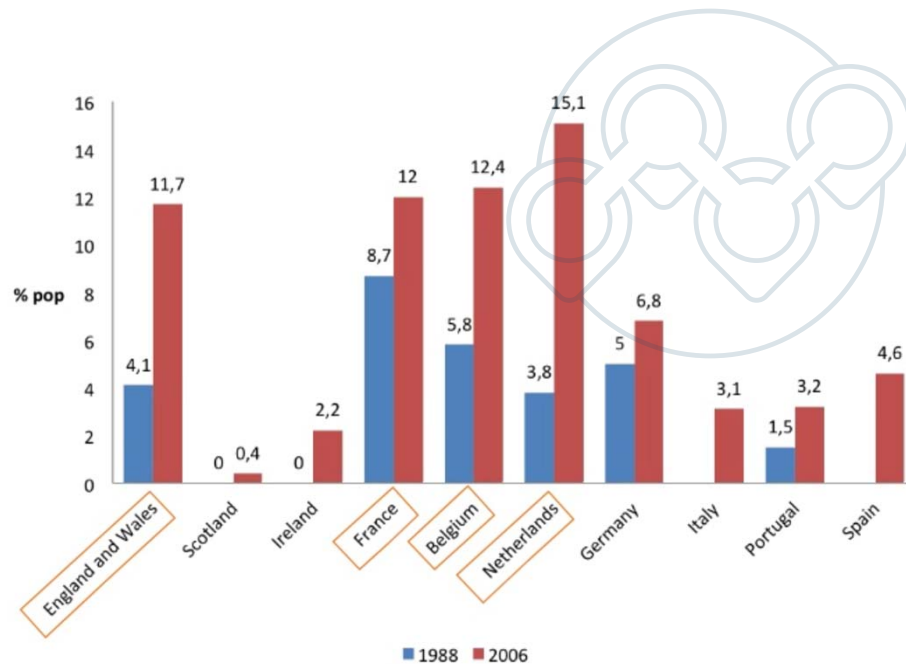
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	AA	164/164	100	36/36	100
Amana	AS	30/32	93.8	166/166	100
	SS	2/2	100	166/166	100
	AA	166/166	100	34/34	100
Total	AS	65/67	97.0	330/330	100
	SS	3/3	100	330/330	100
	AA	330/330	100	70/70	100
Grand total		398/400	99.5	730/730	100

Costs:

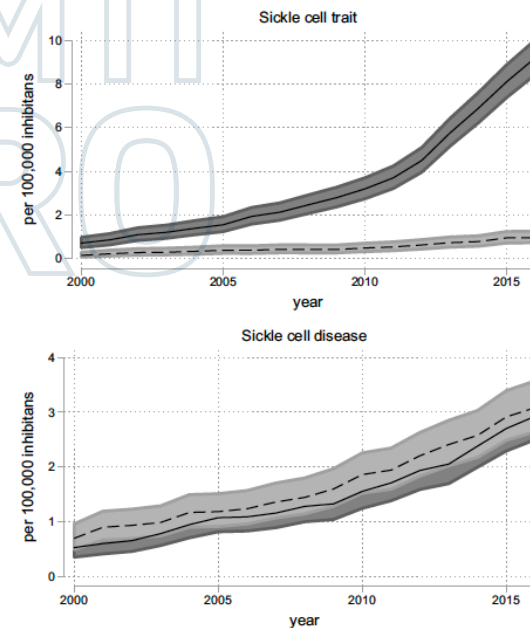
- HemotypeSC®: **1.4 \$**
- SickleSCAN™: **4.75 \$**
- IEF: **9.90 \$**

SCD and EU-UK

Trends in at risk populations
(%population: 1988-2006)

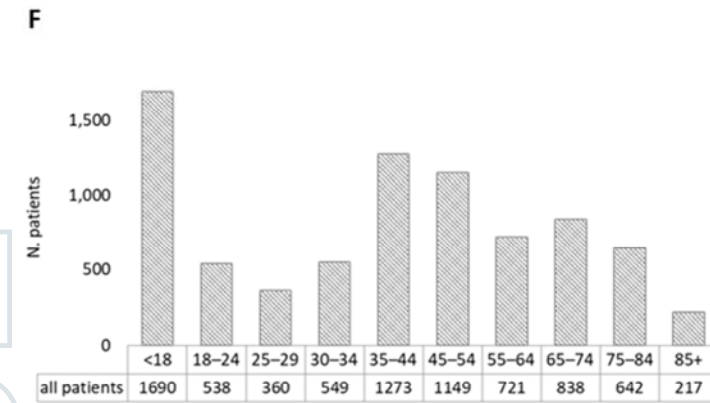
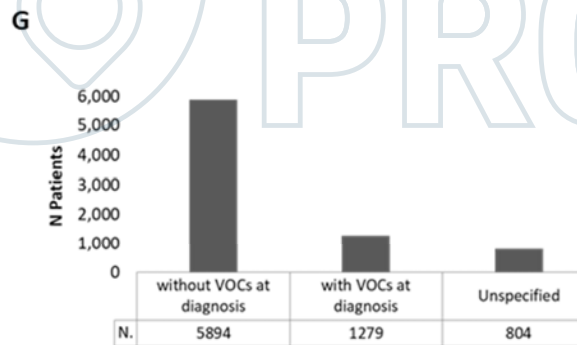
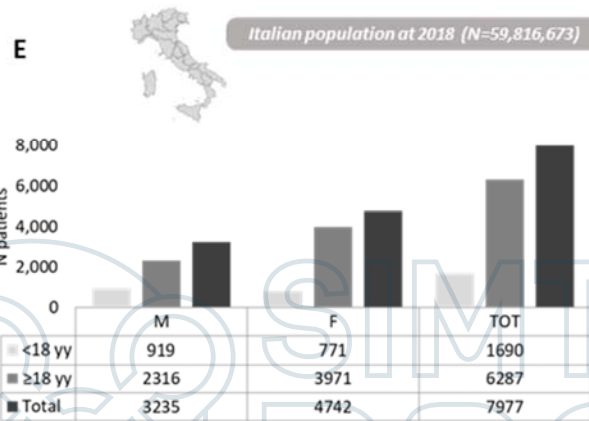
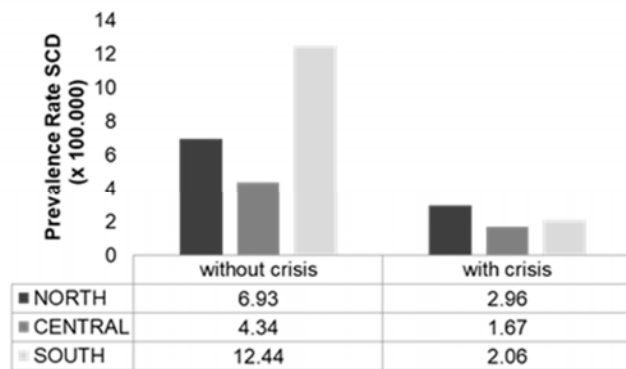
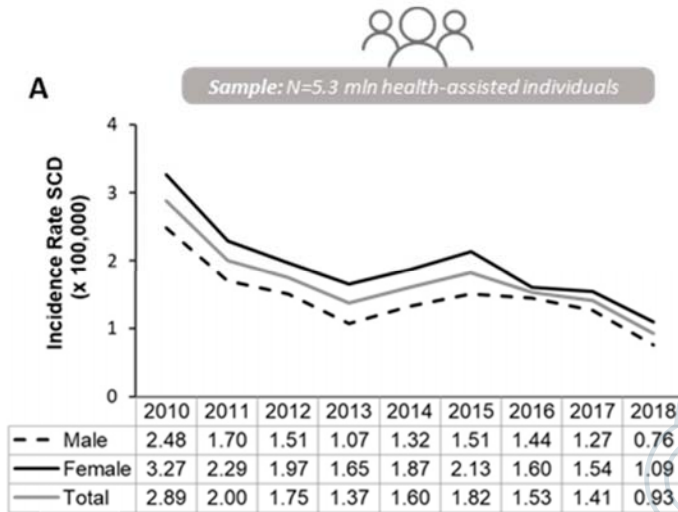


Prevalence of SCD showed
fivefold increased in Danish
population(2000-2015)



Modell et al Scand J Clin Lab Invest 67: 39, 2007; Hansen DL et al Clin Epidemiol 12: 485, 2020

SCD in Italy



De Franceschi L et al J Clin Med 12: 117, 2023; Leleu H et al PlosOne 16: e0253986, 2021

Identification of patients with SCD

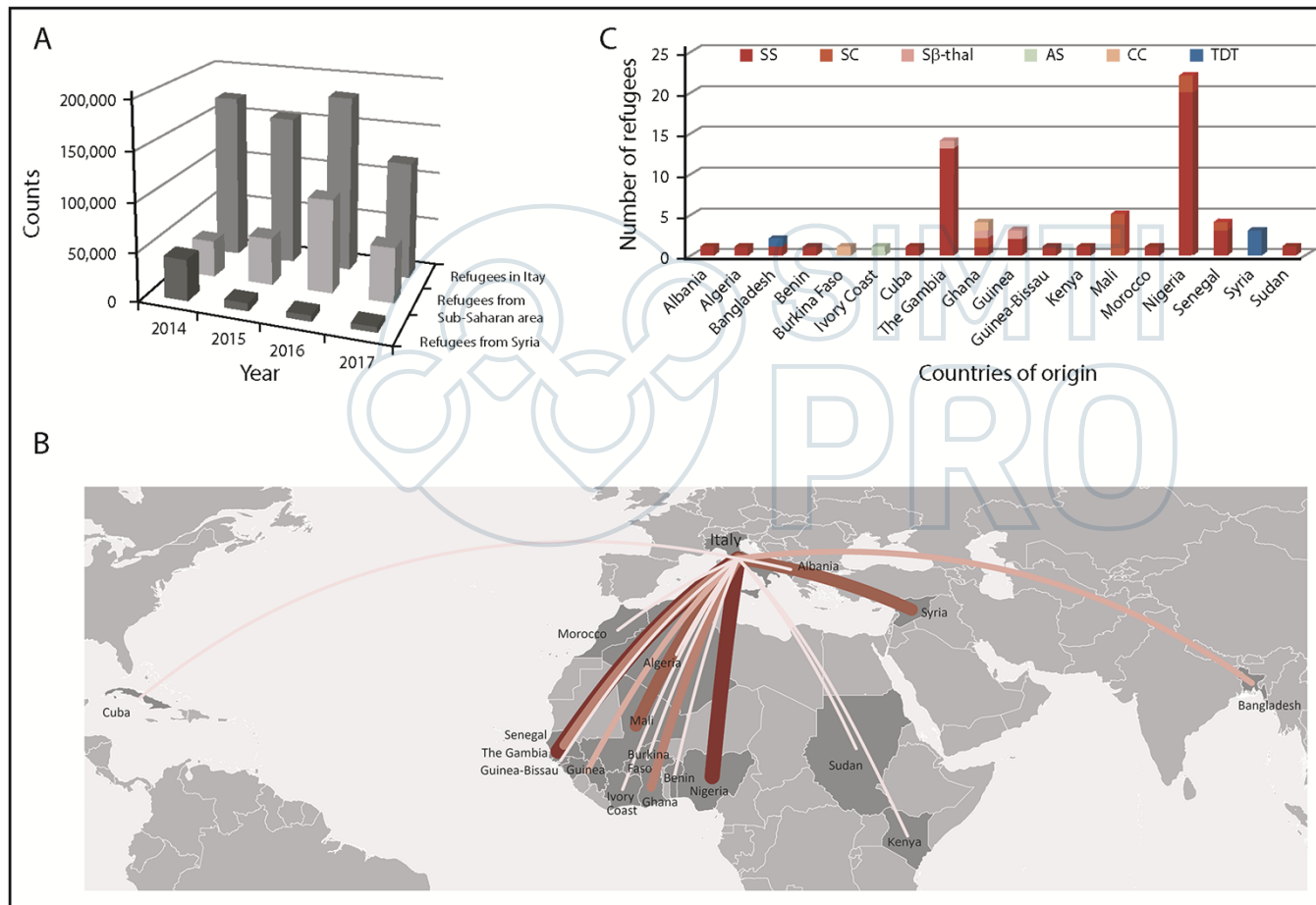
European SCD population:

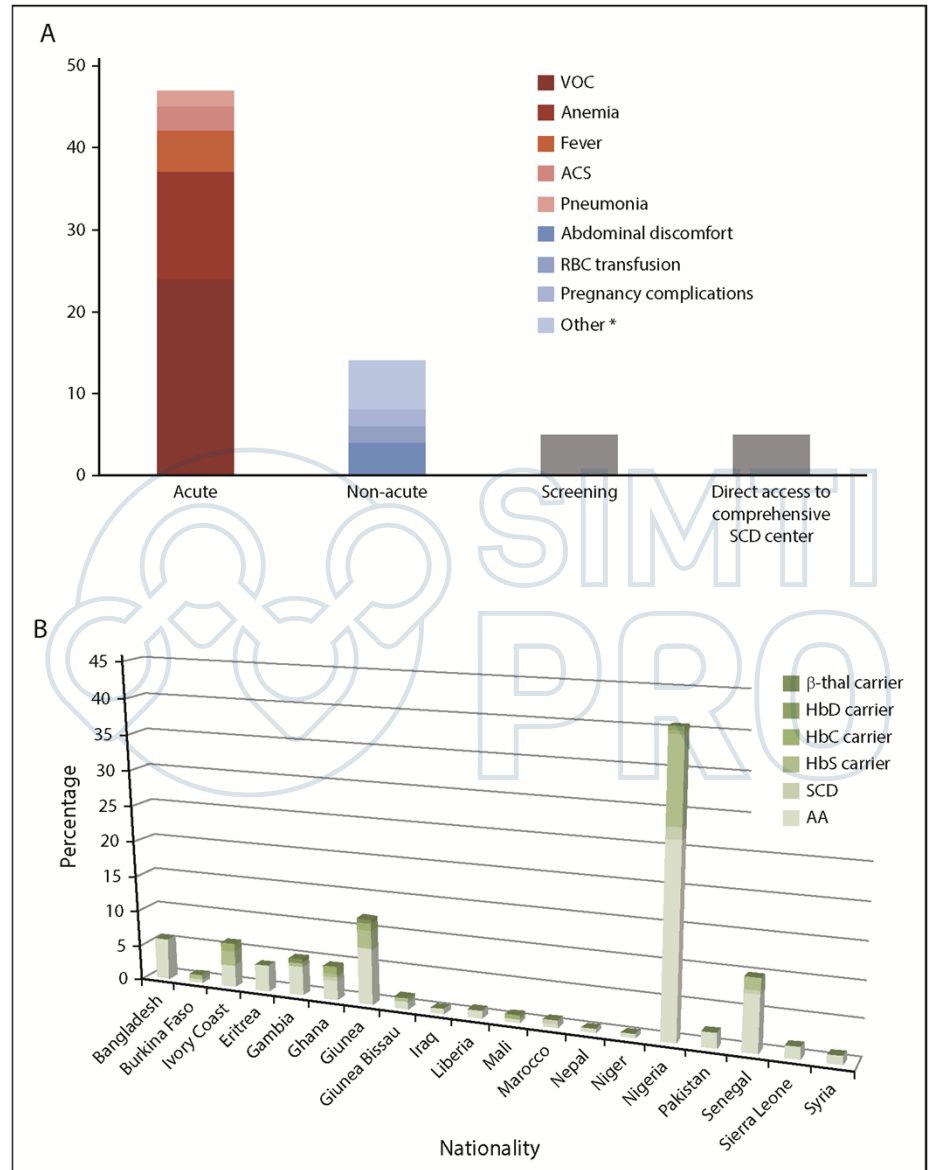
- **Endogenous:** Italy, Greece, Albania, Portugal
- **Exogenous: voluntary migration** (African Sub-Saharan countries, South America, Caribbean areas, Middle East, Indian Sub-continent)

Identification strategies:

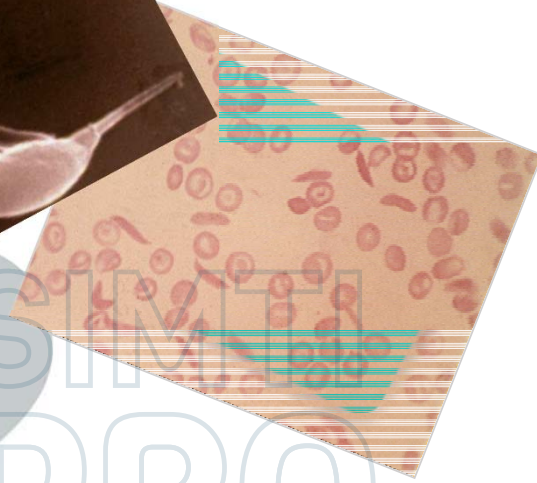
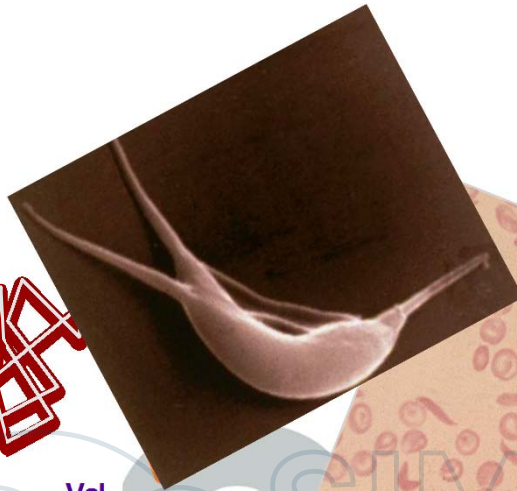
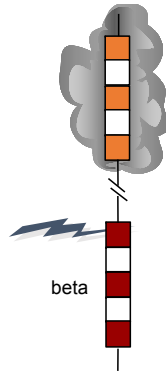
- **Neonatal screening**-> not established in all EU countries
- **Antenatal screening**-> offered to couples
- **Screening of refugees** -> not established in all EU countries

Access to emergency departments for acute events and identification of sickle cell disease in refugees





De Franceschi L et al Blood 133: 2100, 2019



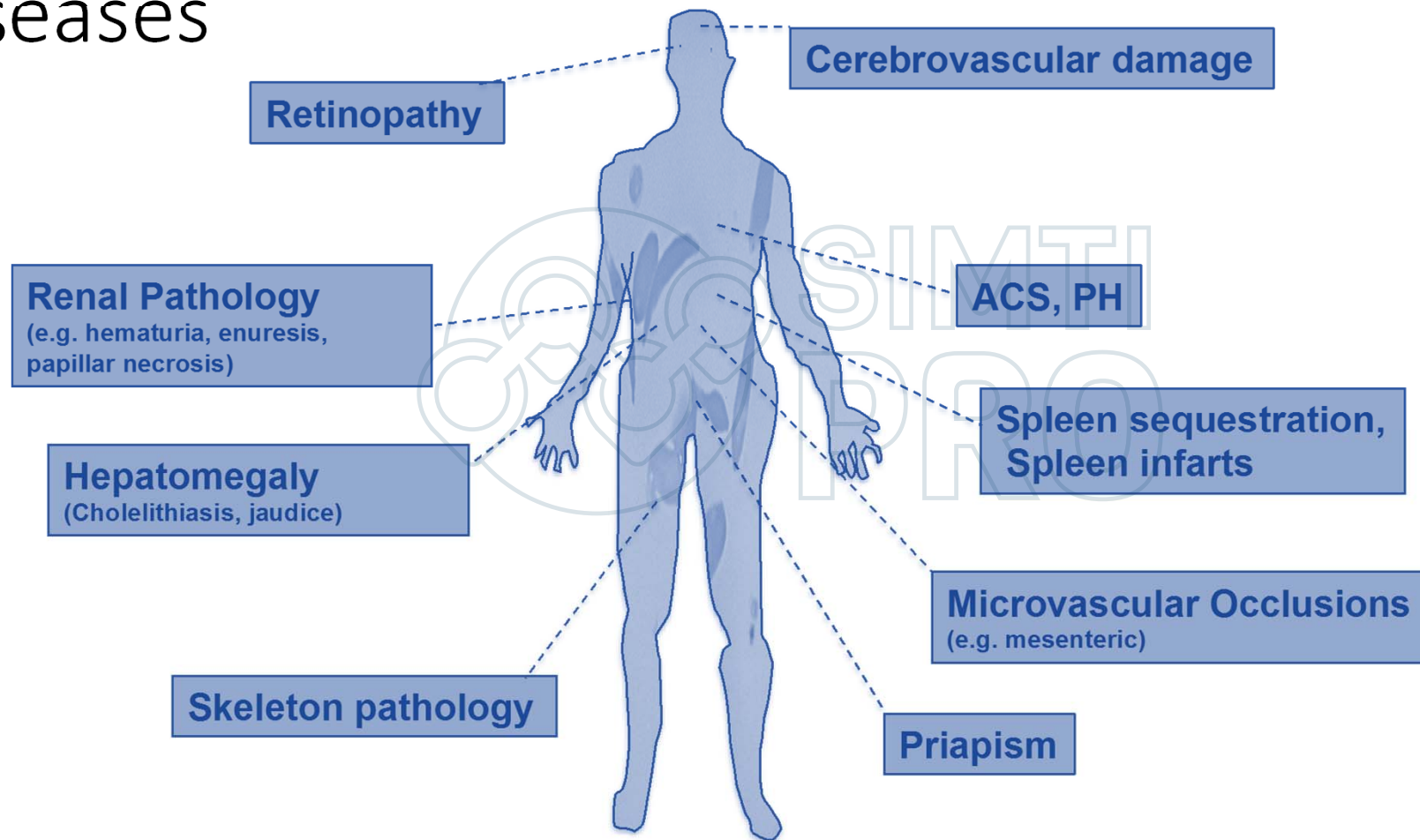
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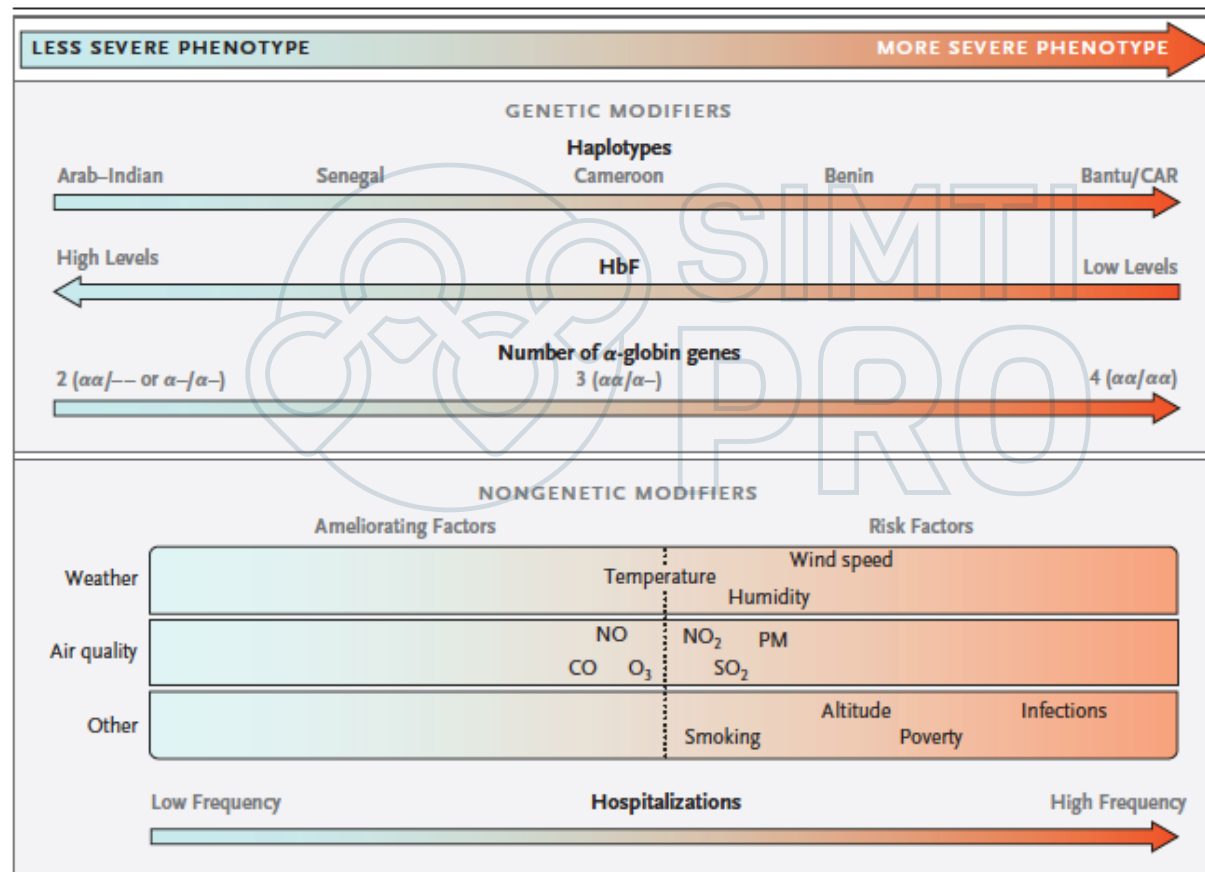
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SCD is Monogenic disorder but multiorgan diseases



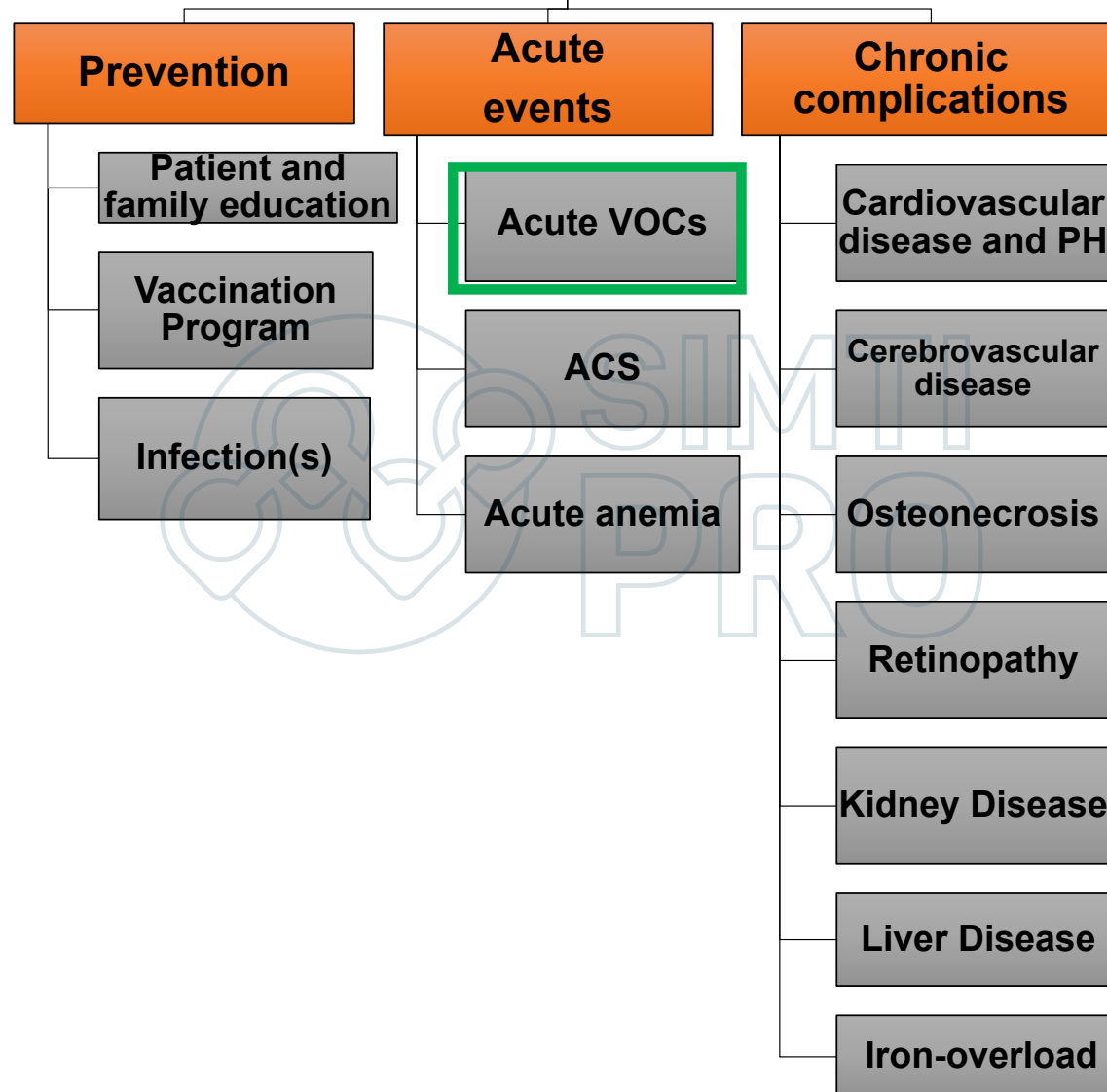
Genetic and Non-Genetic Modifiers of SCD Phenotype



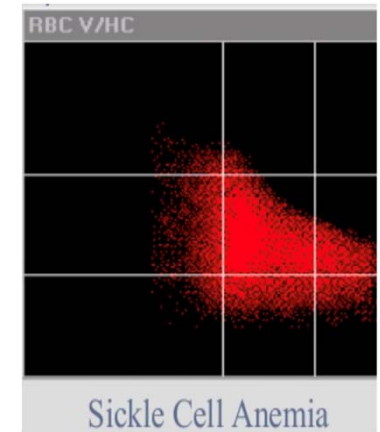
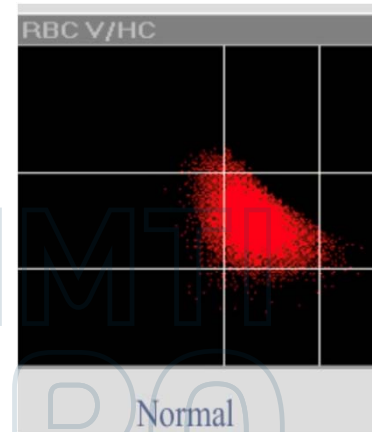
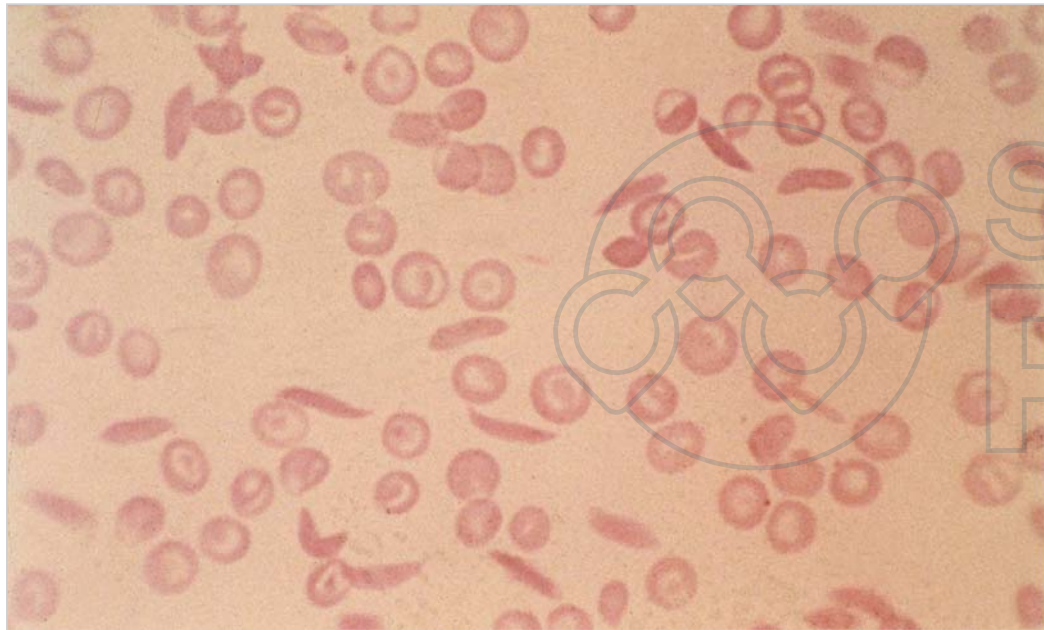
Kato, G. J. et al. (2018) Sickle cell disease

Nat. Rev. Dis. Primers doi:10.1038/nrdp.2018.10

Therapeutic interventions in adult with SCD



Observe, Listen and Learn from Patients with Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)





TRIAGE
SCD patient with established or **suspected** diagnosis

It is essential that all patients receive at least a yellow code

Administration of the first dose of appropriate analgesic within 30 minutes from access to the hospital

- RED CODE:**
- Failure of at least one of the vital functions (respiratory system, cardiovascular system or state of consciousness)
 - Acute cephalalgia with associated neurological symptoms
 - Acute psychotic crisis
 - Acute **anemia** symptoms (< 2gr/dl compared to the steady state or marked paleness)
 - **Painful symptomatology** with **VAS** > 8/10 (or pain resistant to the analgesic therapy at home)
 - Severe jaundice

- YELLOW CODE:**
painful symptomatology with VAS 5-7
- Cases of (also induced by minor traumas)
 - >38° fever or persistent for at least 2 days
 - Cases of infection
 - Modest non-traumatological cephalalgical symptomatology
 - Reported virus alterations
 - Intense jaundice in apparent wellness without anemia

- GREEN CODE:**
- Minor skin diseases
 - Minor ORL diseases
 - Modest anxiety state
 - Minor skin wounds
 - Excoriations and abrasions
 - First-degree burns

- WHITE FLAG:**
- Certificate issues
 - Medical-legal issues
 - Diagnostical-therapeutical prescriptions
 - Non-urgent advice requests
 - Pregnancy assessment requests

ADULT management

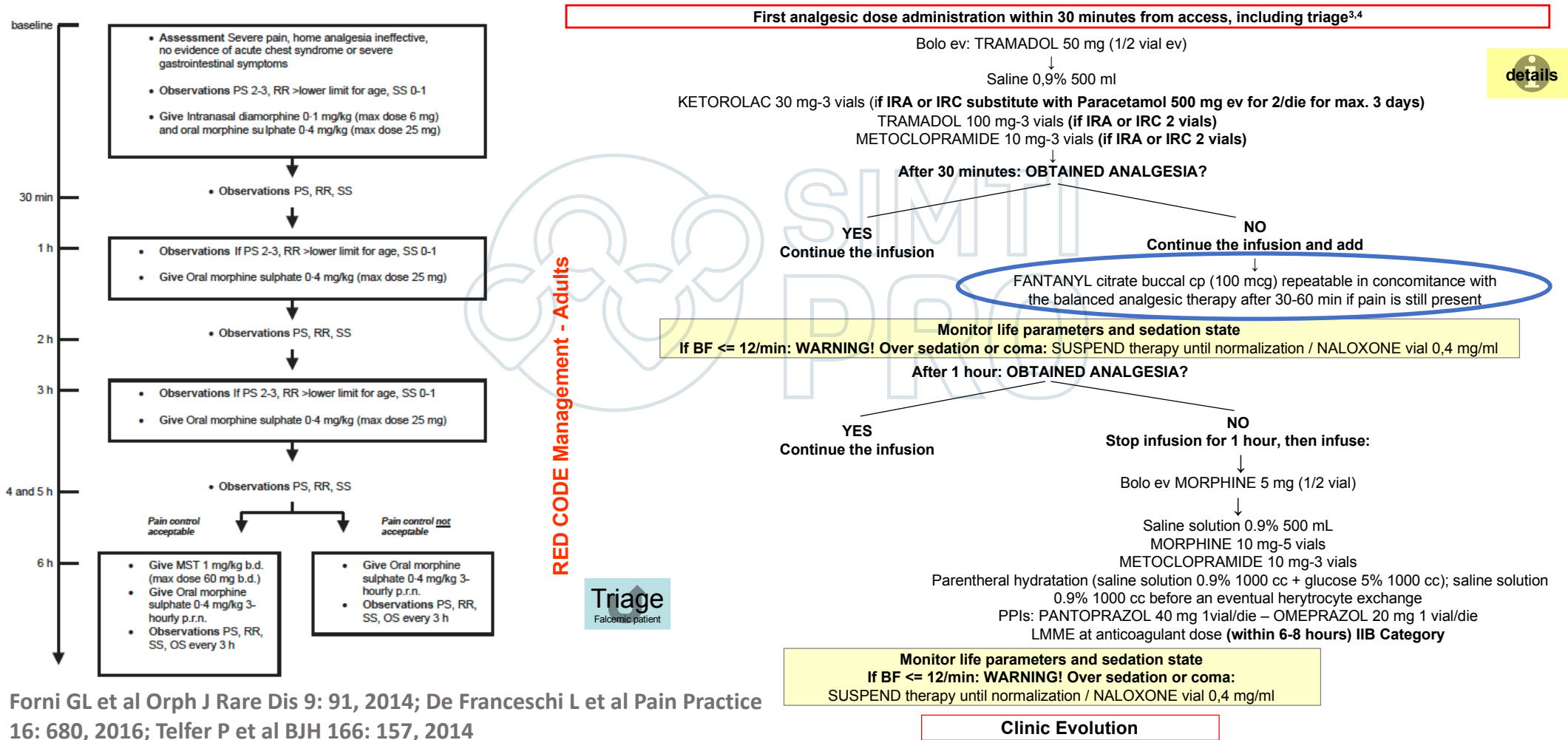
CHILD management

ADULT management

CHILD management

Patient with surgical framework (e.g. acute abdomen)

Management of sickle cell related pain in EU



Forni GL et al Orph J Rare Dis 9: 91, 2014; De Franceschi L et al Pain Practice 16: 680, 2016; Telfer P et al BJH 166: 157, 2014

Multimodal therapy for pain control related to SCD

- **Based on the administration of drugs with different pharmacological mechanisms of action**
- **Multimodal modal therapy controls pain of different origins (vascular, somatic and neuropathic)**
- **Maximizes analgesia and minimizes adverse side effects**
- **Prevents the opioid induces post-synaptic morphological changes**

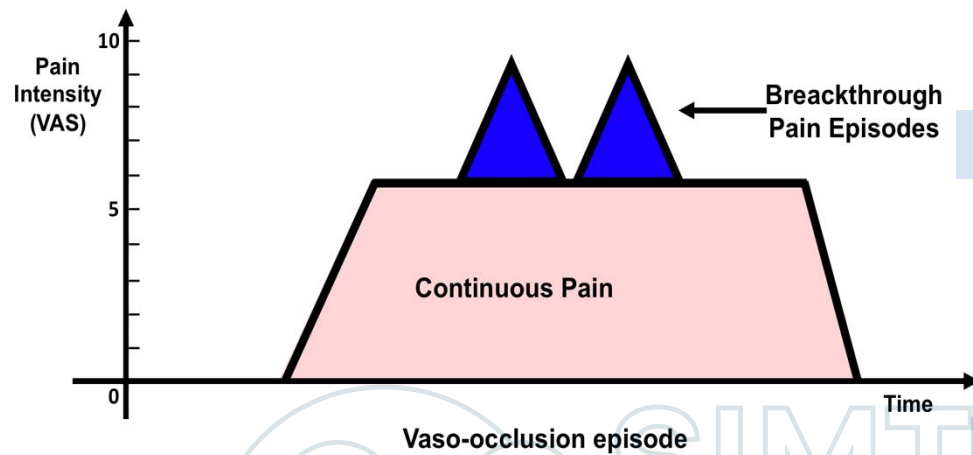
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Balance Analgesia in SCD

- **Tramadol + Ketorolac in adult SCD patients** (continuous infusion-max 72 hrs)
 - Tramadol 0.3 mg/Kg/hr
 - Ketorolac 0.86 mg/Kg/day (not more than 72 hours)/Paracetamol
 - Metoclopramide 0.57 mg/Kg/day
- **Tramadol + paracetamol or ketorolac in children with SCD** (continuous infusion)
 - Tramadol 0.25 mg/Kg/hr
 - Paracetamol 40-60 mg/Kg/day/ Ketorolac 0.5-1 mg/Kg/day (not more than 72 hours)

De Franceschi L, 2004; Erhan E 2007; Rees DC. Br J Haematol 120: 744, 2003; Forni GL et al Orph J Rare Dis 9: 91, 2014; De Franceschi L et al Pain Practice 16: 680, 2016

Buccal or nasal formulation for Fentanyl as pain breaking drug



Rapid-onset Fentanyl Formulations

Intranasal Fentanyl in children with SCD

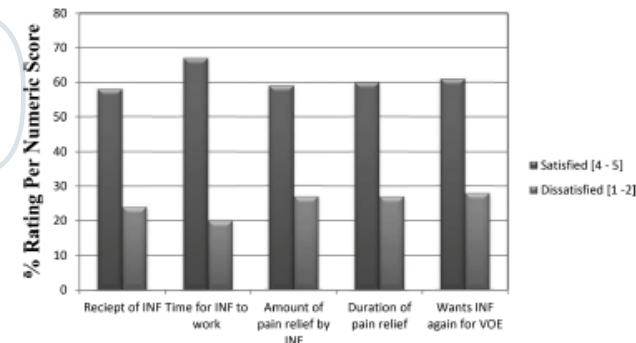
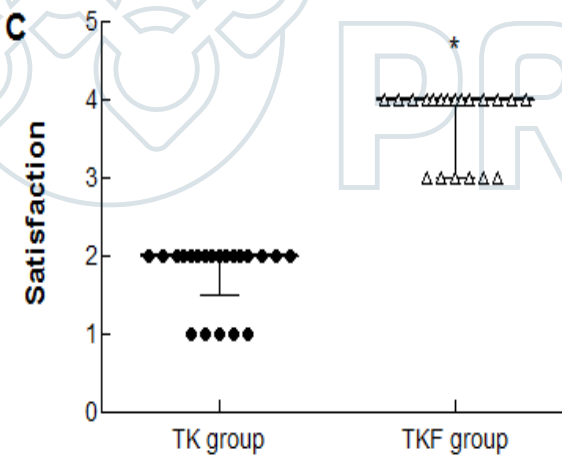
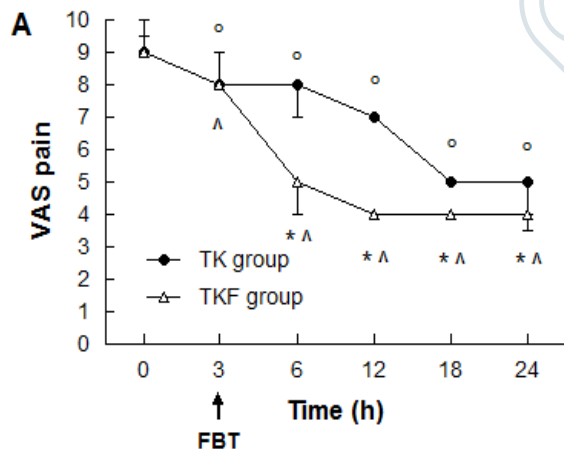


FIGURE 1 Patient/parent satisfaction data in children who received INF

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Re-hospitalization of SCD patients within 14–30 days of an acute event

Pneumonia

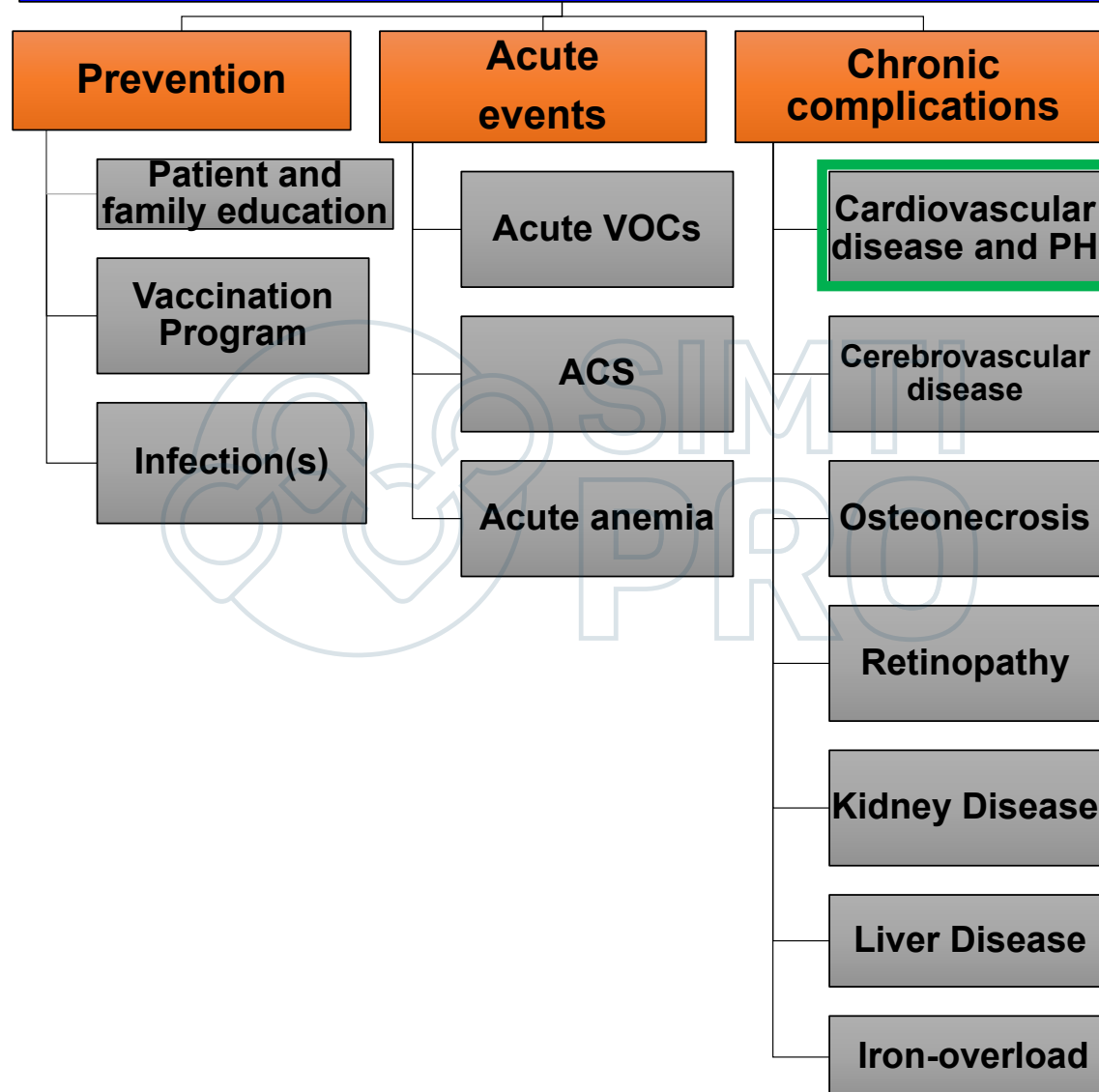
Asthma

Heart failure

- **The SCD population is more exposed to the risk of rehospitalization after acute events:**
 - 14 days to assess the quality of care related to hospitalization
 - 30 days to assess the quality and accessibility to ambulatory care

- **Young adults (18–30 years) are particularly at risk**
 - Their disease worsens and the transition from paediatric to adult care may be complex

Therapeutic interventions in adult with SCD

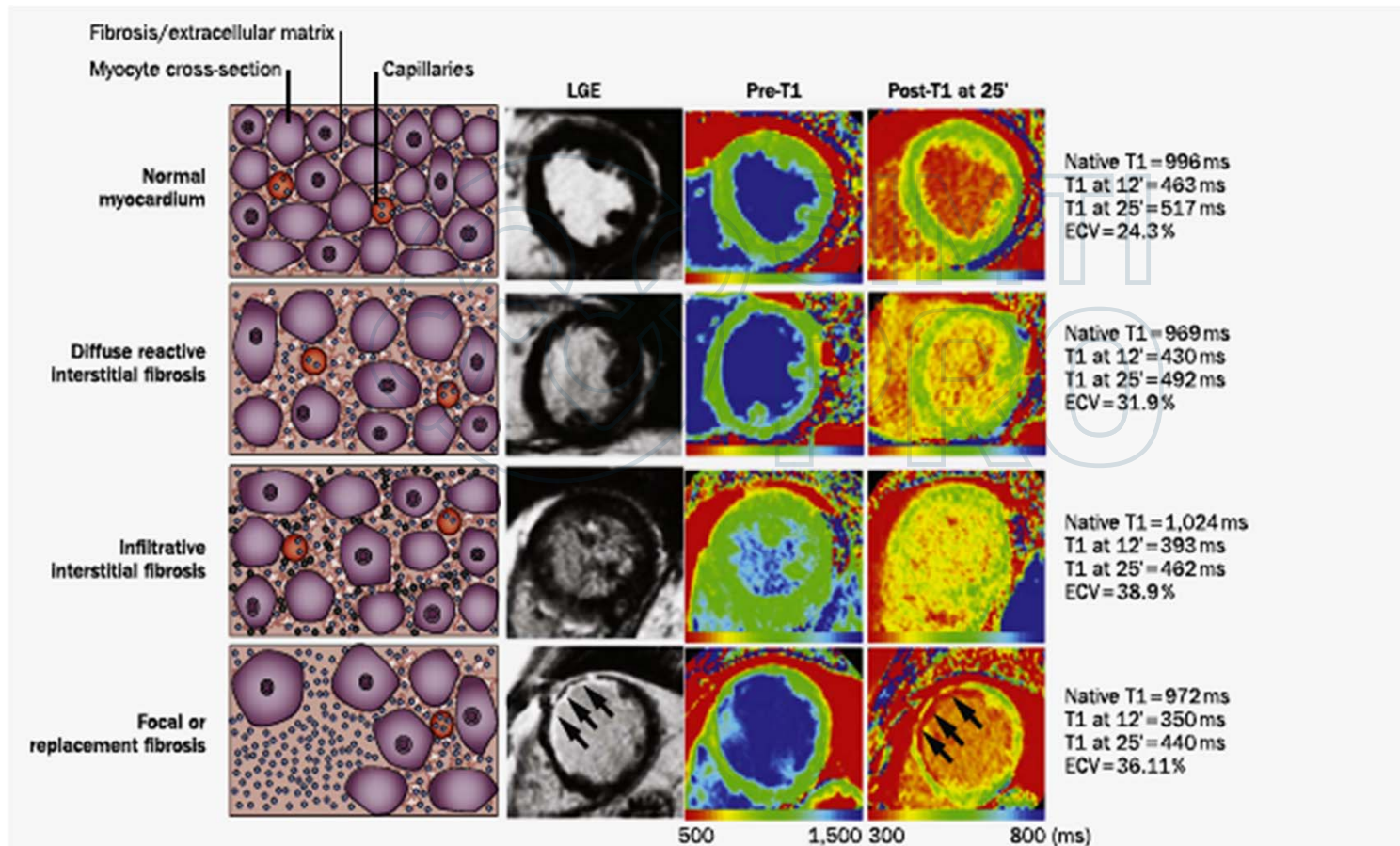


Risk factors and Cardiovascular Disease in SCD Patients

- **Tricuspidal regurgitant jet velocity (TRV) > 2.5 m/s by echo: independent risk factor for early mortality in adult with SCD**
- **Diastolic dysfunction (DD)**
- **Increased NT-proBNP, used as marker of myocardial wall stress and cardiac dysfunction**
- **Additional factors: LDH, Retics, % dense red blood cells**

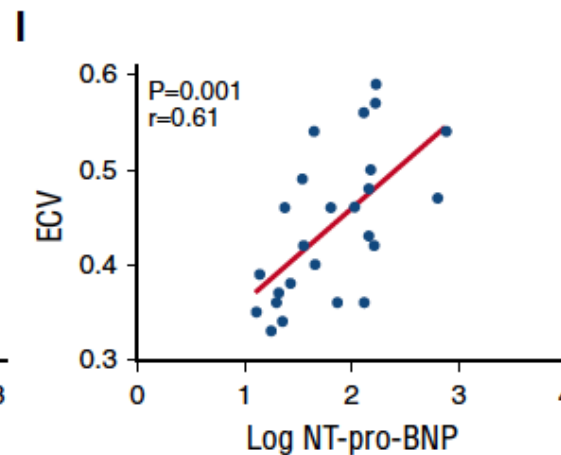
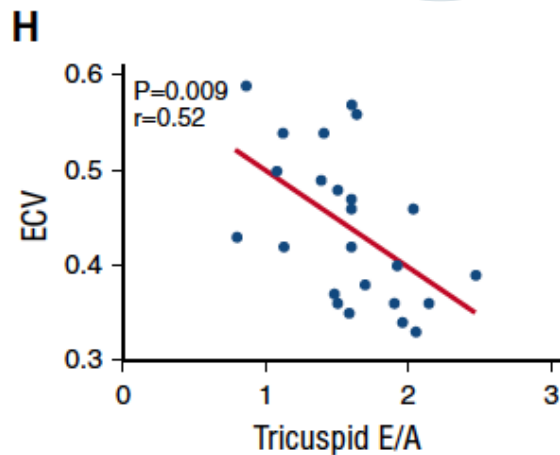
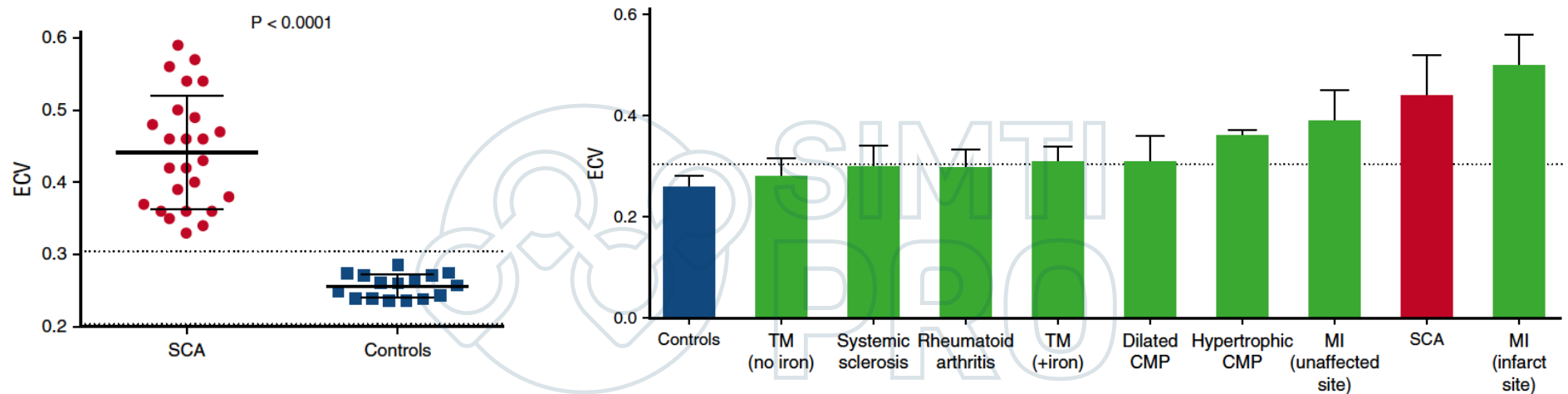
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MRI and SCD: Extracellular Volume Fraction (ECV) a marker of Heart Fibrosis



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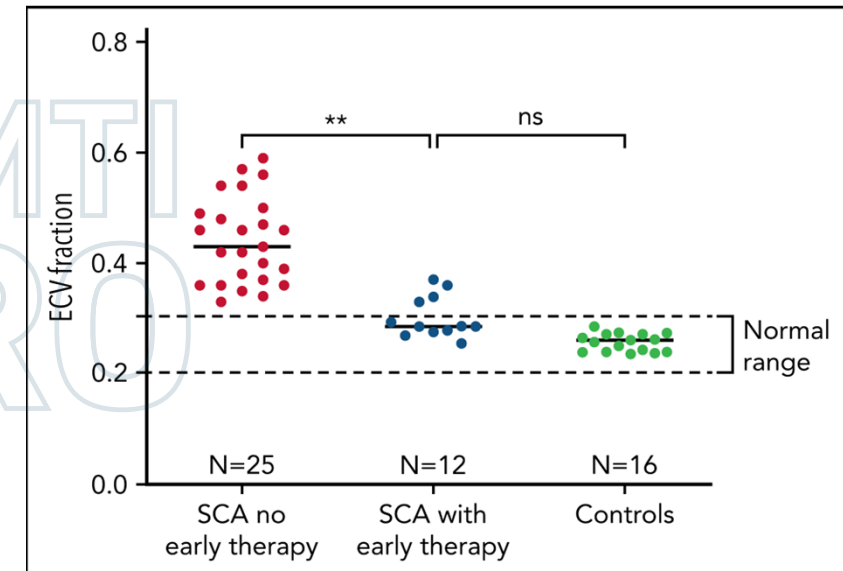
In SCD, Increased ECV is Associated with 2 Markers of Early Mortality: Diastolic Dysfunction and NT-proBNP



Early initiation of disease-modifying therapy can impede or prevent diffuse myocardial fibrosis in sickle cell anemia

Table 1. Characteristics of patients

ID	Age at start of therapy (y)	Age at evaluation (y)	Sex	Therapy	Duration of therapy (y)	ECV*	Diastolic classification
CCH01	2.3	11	Male	Chronic transfusions, hydroxyurea	8.9	0.29	No diastolic dysfunction
CCH02	2.7	17	Female	Chronic transfusions	14.6	0.27	No diastolic dysfunction
CCH03	1.7	8	Male	Chronic transfusions, hydroxyurea	6.6	0.26	Inconclusive
CCH04	1.9	7	Female	Chronic transfusions, hydroxyurea	5.9	0.29	No diastolic dysfunction
CCH05	1.1	7	Male	Chronic transfusions	6.5	0.34	No diastolic dysfunction
CHL01	3	28	Female	Chronic transfusions	24.9	0.37	No diastolic dysfunction
CHL02	3.4	24	Female	Hydroxyurea	20.9	0.28	No diastolic dysfunction
CHL03	3.2	19	Female	Chronic transfusions	15.8	0.28	No diastolic dysfunction
CHL04	4.5	22	Female	Hydroxyurea	17.4	0.28	No diastolic dysfunction
CHL05	5.4	21	Female	Chronic transfusions	11.7	0.36	Inconclusive
CHL06	5.5	23	Female	Hydroxyurea	17	0.33	No diastolic dysfunction
CHL07	2.4	16	Male	Hydroxyurea	13.7	0.29	No diastolic dysfunction

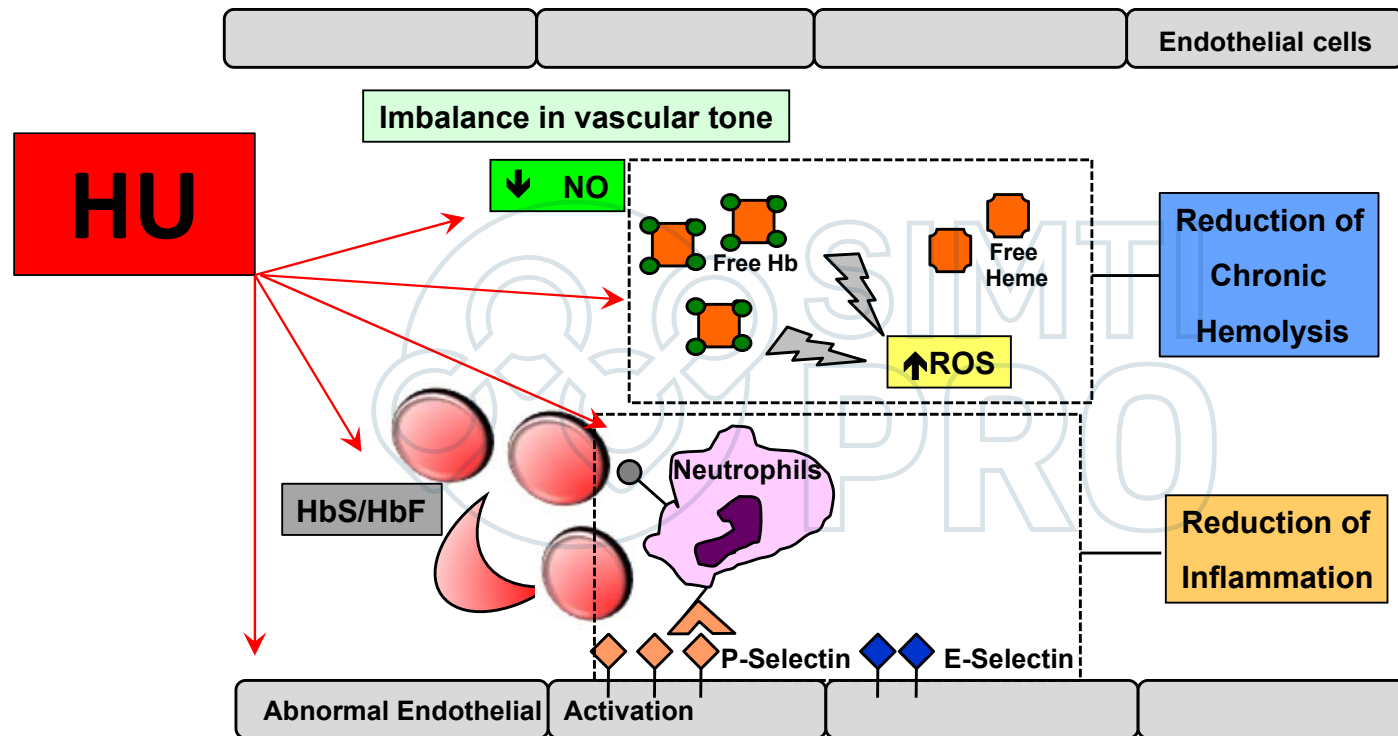


*ECV for normal controls: 0.26 ± 0.02 ; ECV for patients with untreated SCA: 0.44 ± 0.08 .

Available Treatment for SCD in EU

- **Hydroxyurea**
- **Disease modifying agents:** crizanlizumab, voxelotor
- **Transfusion strategies:** acute or chronic regimens
- **Bone marrow transplantation**

HU is a Multimodal Therapy



Platt OS NEJM 358: 1362, 2008; Saleh AW et al. 102: 31, 1999; Charache S et al. 34: 15, 1997; Yarbro JW et al. 19: 1-10, 1992 ; Maier ER et al Pediatric Res doi 10/1038, 2016;

HU and SCD in EU

Start HU treatment 15-20 mg/kg/d

United States

Europe

UK

Consensus

After age 9 mo, regardless of clinical severity

No consensus

Common selected indications:

- Recurrent VOC and/or ACS
- After a period of transfusion and normalization of TCD in patients who have had an abnormal TCD finding
- Baseline Hb level <7 g/dL
- Renal impairment
- Chronic hypoxemia
- Cerebral silent infarct
- Conditional velocities on TCD

After age 9 mo, regardless of clinical severity

ACS, acute chest syndrome; Hb, hemoglobin; HU, hydroxyurea; TCD, transcranial Doppler ultrasonography; VOC, vaso-occlusive crisis.

de Montalembert M et al Hematology 490, 2019

Adherence to HU is a Challenge in SCD

- **35-50% SCD patients achieve high adherence to HU therapy;**
- **Multiple factors:**
 - Chronic medication
 - Socio-economic reasons
 - Adhesion barriers related to adolescence and transition from pediatric care to adult care.

