



**Emoglobinopatie:
supporto trasfusionale e nuovi approcci terapeutici**

La Diagnosi di Drepanocitosi

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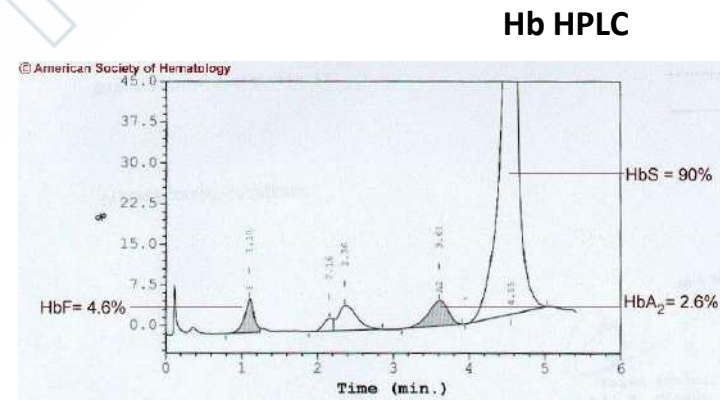
nell'esercizio della Sua funzione e per l'evento in oggetto, NON È in alcun modo portatore di interessi commerciali propri o di terzi; e che gli eventuali rapporti avuti negli ultimi due anni con soggetti portatori di interessi commerciali non sono tali da permettere a tali soggetti di influenzare le mie funzioni al fine di trarne vantaggio.





Diagnosis of SCD-1

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



Diagnosis- II

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

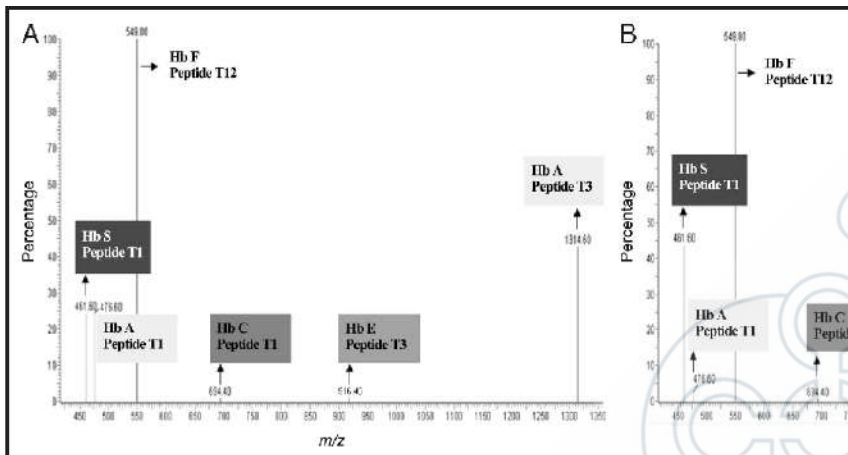


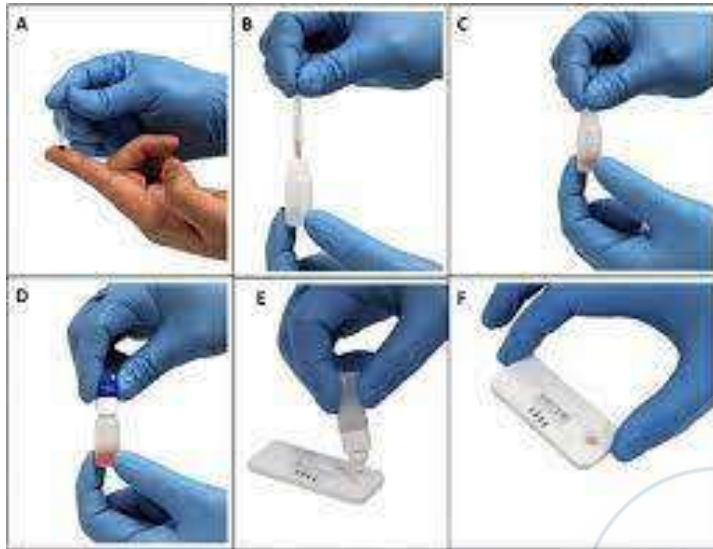
Table 4 Overview about studies on NBS for SCD in Germany

	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	

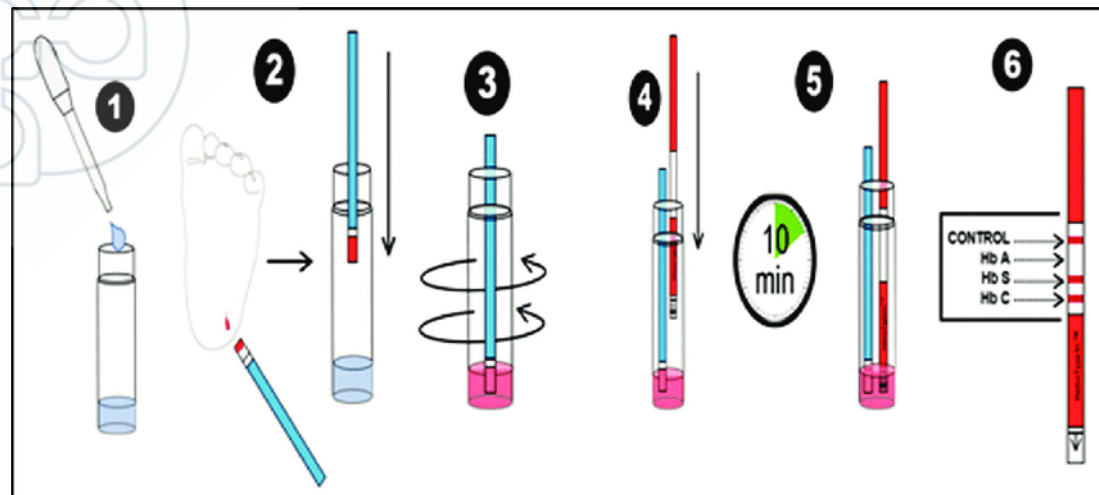
Fig. 1. MRM profile of b2-ions for patients with sickle cell trait (A) and sickle cell disease (B).

- 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

Diagnosis-III



Rapid point of care (POC) test
SickleSCAN[®] or HemotypeSC[™]



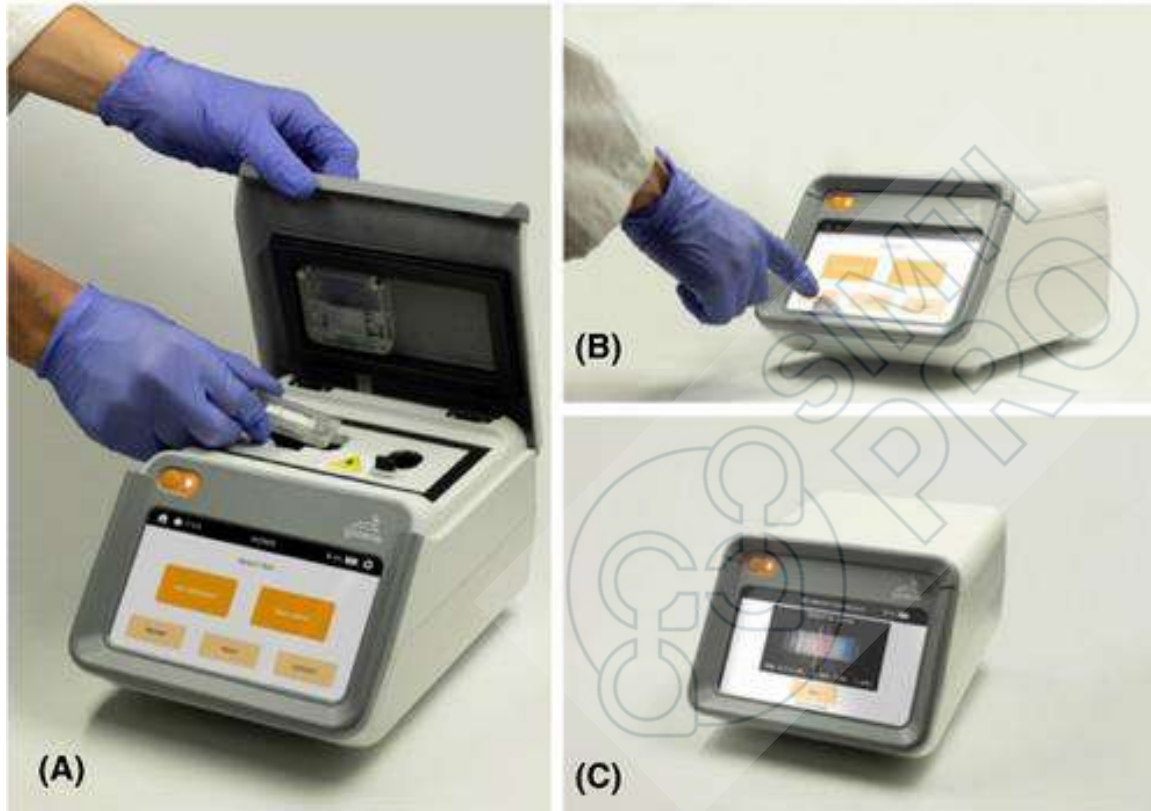
HemoTypeSC™ Detection Analysis by Hemoglobin Variant^a

Location	Hb	Sensitivity ^b		Specificity ^c		PPV ^d		NPV ^e	
		TP/(TP+FN)	%	TN/(FP+TN)	%	TP/(TP+FP)	%	TN/(TN+FN)	%
Ghana	A	368/368	100.0	14/14	100.0	368/368	100.0	14/14	100.0
	S	49/50	98.0	331/332	99.7	49/50	98.0	331/332	99.7
	C	67/68	98.5	313/314	99.7	67/68	98.5	313/314	99.7
Martinique	A	45/45	100.0	1/1	100.0	45/45	100.0	1/1	100.0
	S	8/8	100.0	38/38	100.0	8/8	100.0	38/38	100.0
	C	5/5	100.0	41/41	100.0	5/5	100.0	41/41	100.0
USA	A	90/90	100.0	68/68	100.0	90/90	100.0	68/68	100.0
	S	95/95	100.0	63/63	100.0	95/95	100.0	63/63	100.0
	C	48/48	100.0	110/110	100.0	48/48	100.0	110/110	100.0
Total	A	503/503	100.0	83/83	100.0	503/503	100.0	83/83	100.0
	S	152/153	99.3	432/433	99.8	152/153	99.3	432/433	99.8
	C	120/121	99.2	464/465	99.8	120/121	99.2	464/465	99.8



Main Analysis Population = 587 Participants

Diagnosis-IV



Gazelle Hb Variant. miniaturized micro-chip-based cellulose acetate electrophoresis HbS identification and other Hb variants in 8 min.

Table II. Summary of currently available POCT for SCD.

	HemoTypeSC™	Sickle SCAN™	Gazelle Hb variant
Technology	LFIA – Monoclonal abs to HbA, S, C	LFIA – Polyclonal abs to HbA, S, C	Modified cellulose acetate electrophoresis detecting Hb A, F, S, C, E, A2
Time	10 min	5 min	8 min
Equipment	None	None	Requires electrical supply.
Field Validation	<p>Ghana (<i>n</i> = 384)²³ Sensitivity: 100% Specificity: 100%</p> <p>Nigeria (<i>n</i> = 1121)²¹ Sensitivity: 93.4% Specificity: 99.1%</p> <p>Nigeria (<i>n</i> = 3603)¹⁵ Sensitivity: 100% Specificity: 100%</p> <p>India (<i>n</i> = 1559)³³ Sensitivity: 98.1% Specificity: 99.1%</p>	<p>Haiti (<i>n</i> = 1372)²² Sensitivity: 90% Specificity: 97%</p> <p>Tanzania (<i>n</i> = 652)²⁴ Sensitivity: 98.7% Specificity: 92.6%</p> <p>Mali (<i>n</i> = 80)²⁵ Sensitivity: 100% Specificity: 100%</p> <p>Togo (<i>n</i> = 209)²⁵ Sensitivity: 94.9–100% (genotype dependent) Specificity: > 99.2%</p>	<p>Nigeria (<i>n</i> = 315)²⁶ Sensitivity: 100% Specificity: 98%</p> <p>Nigeria, Thailand, India, USA (<i>n</i> = 768)²⁶ Overall diagnostic accuracy: 98.4%</p>
Strengths	<p>Accurate in young infants with high HbF</p> <p>Competitive against gold standard</p> <p>Low cost</p> <p>Validated within infant screening framework (Nigeria)</p>	<p>Accurate in young infants with high HbF</p> <p>Competitive against gold standard</p> <p>Low cost</p> <p>Validated within infant screening framework (Haiti)</p> <p>Easy, intuitive result interpretation</p>	<p>Accurate in infants</p> <p>Can detect non-HbS, HbC variants</p> <p>Quantitation of HbF, HbS</p> <p>Automated results</p> <p>Digital upload and data storage</p> <p>Possible linkage to malaria and haemoglobin testing with the same machine</p>

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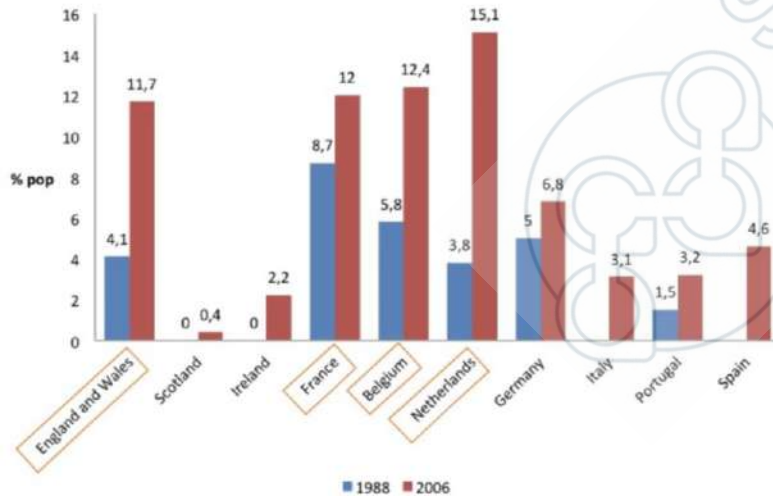
Costs:

- **HemotypeSC®: 7.06 \$**
- **SickleSCAN™: 4.60 \$**
- **IEF: 9.90 \$** (1.58\$ reagents per test + equipment 20-30K\$)

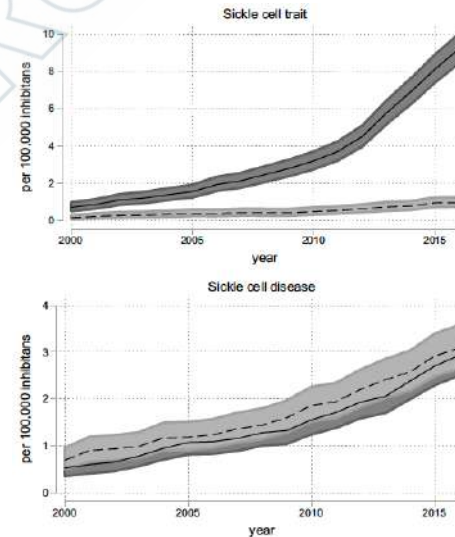
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SCD and EU-UK

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

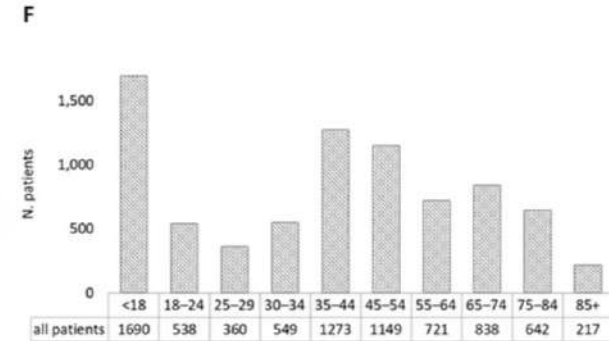
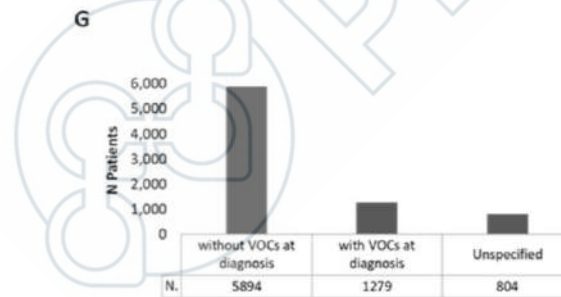
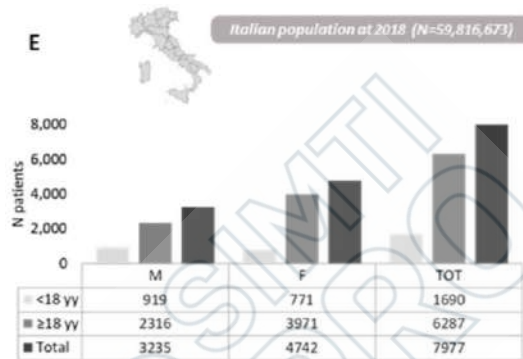
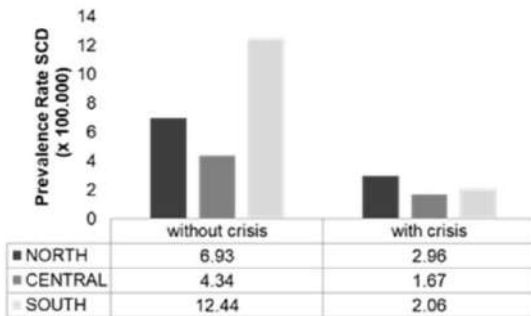
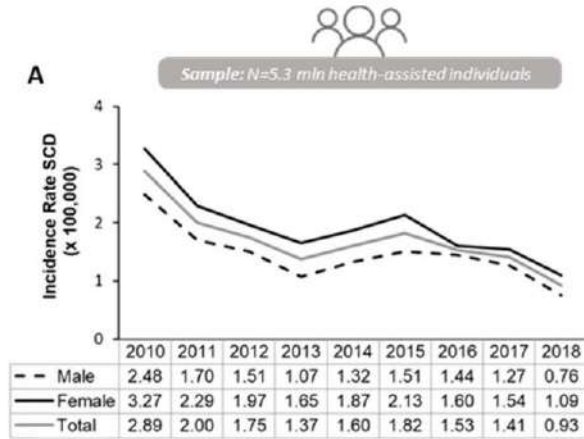


Prevalence of SCD showed
fivefold increased in Danish
population(2000-2015)



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

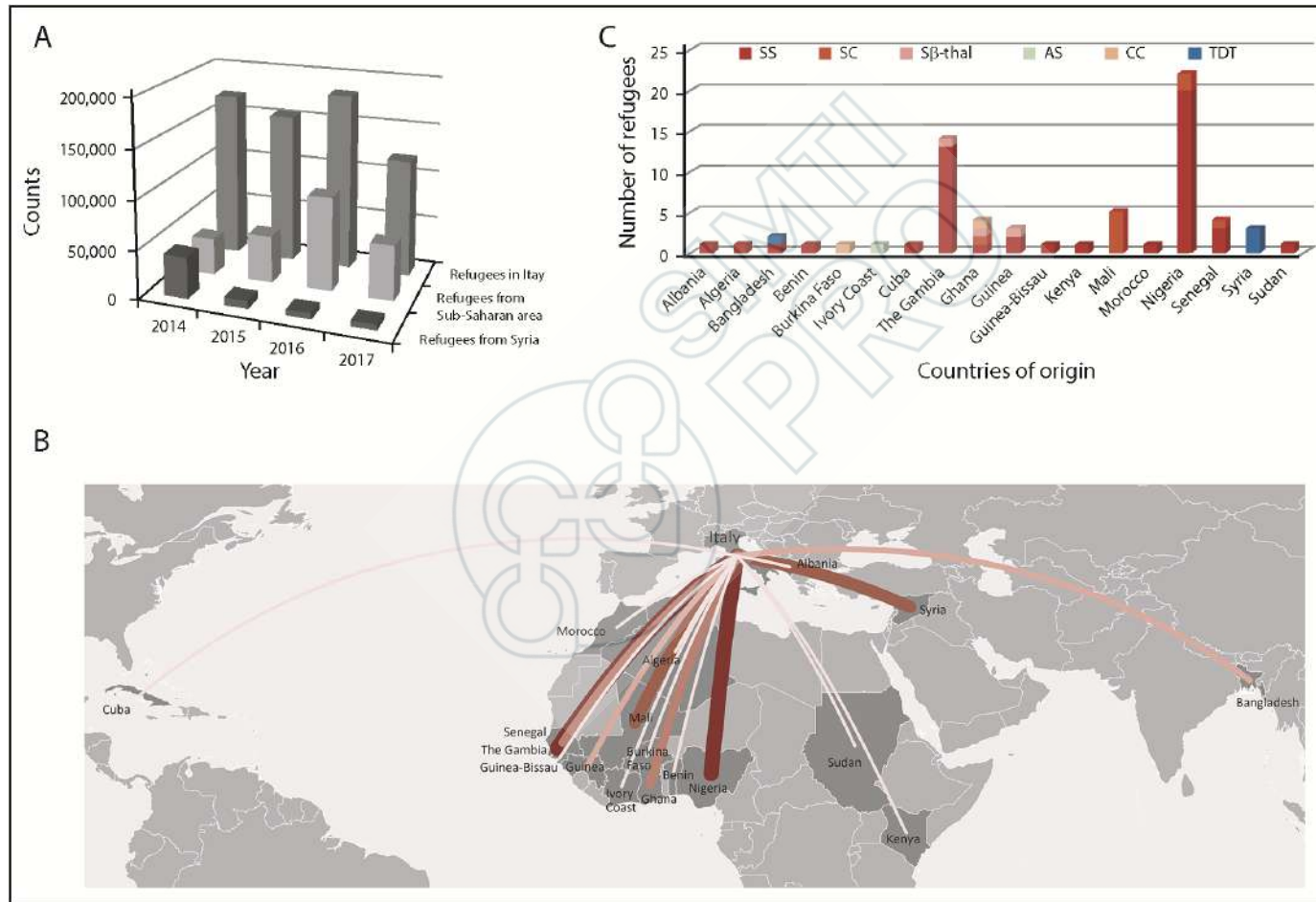
European SCD population:

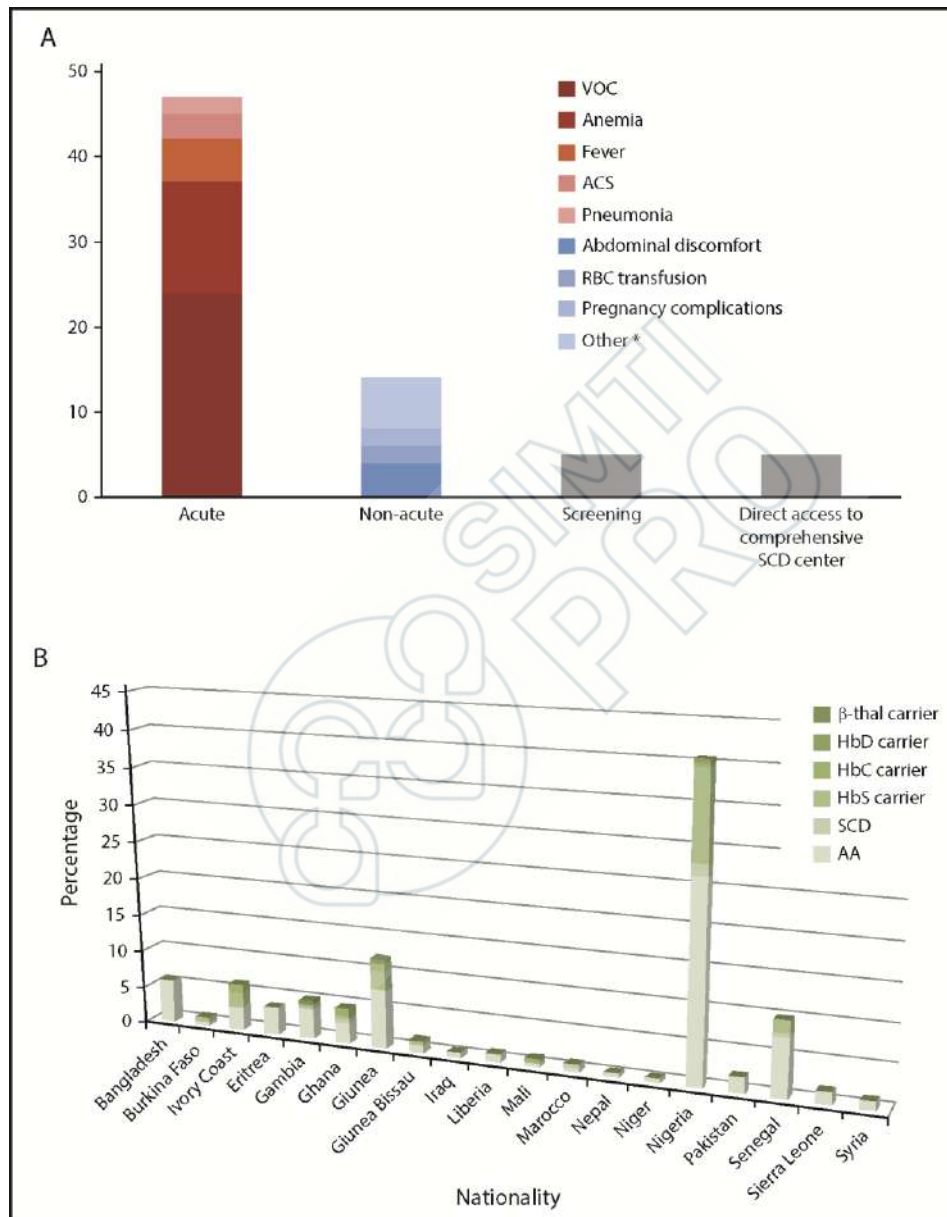
- **Endogenous:** Italy, Greece, Albania, Portugal
- **Exogenous: voluntary migration** (African Sub-Saharan countries, South America, Caribbean areas, Middle East, Indian Sub-continent)

Identification strategies:

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

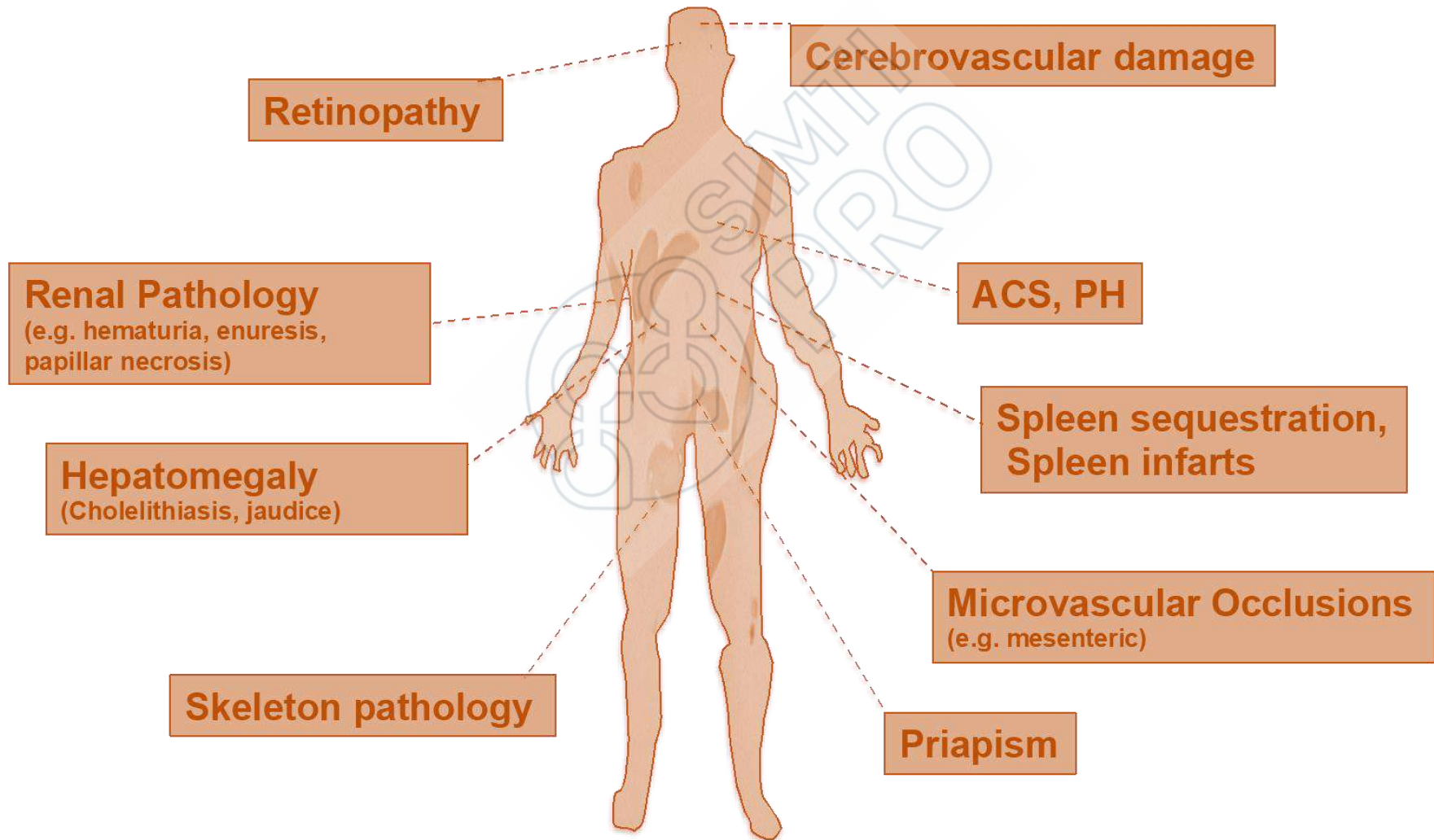
Access to emergency departments for acute events and identification of sickle cell disease in refugees



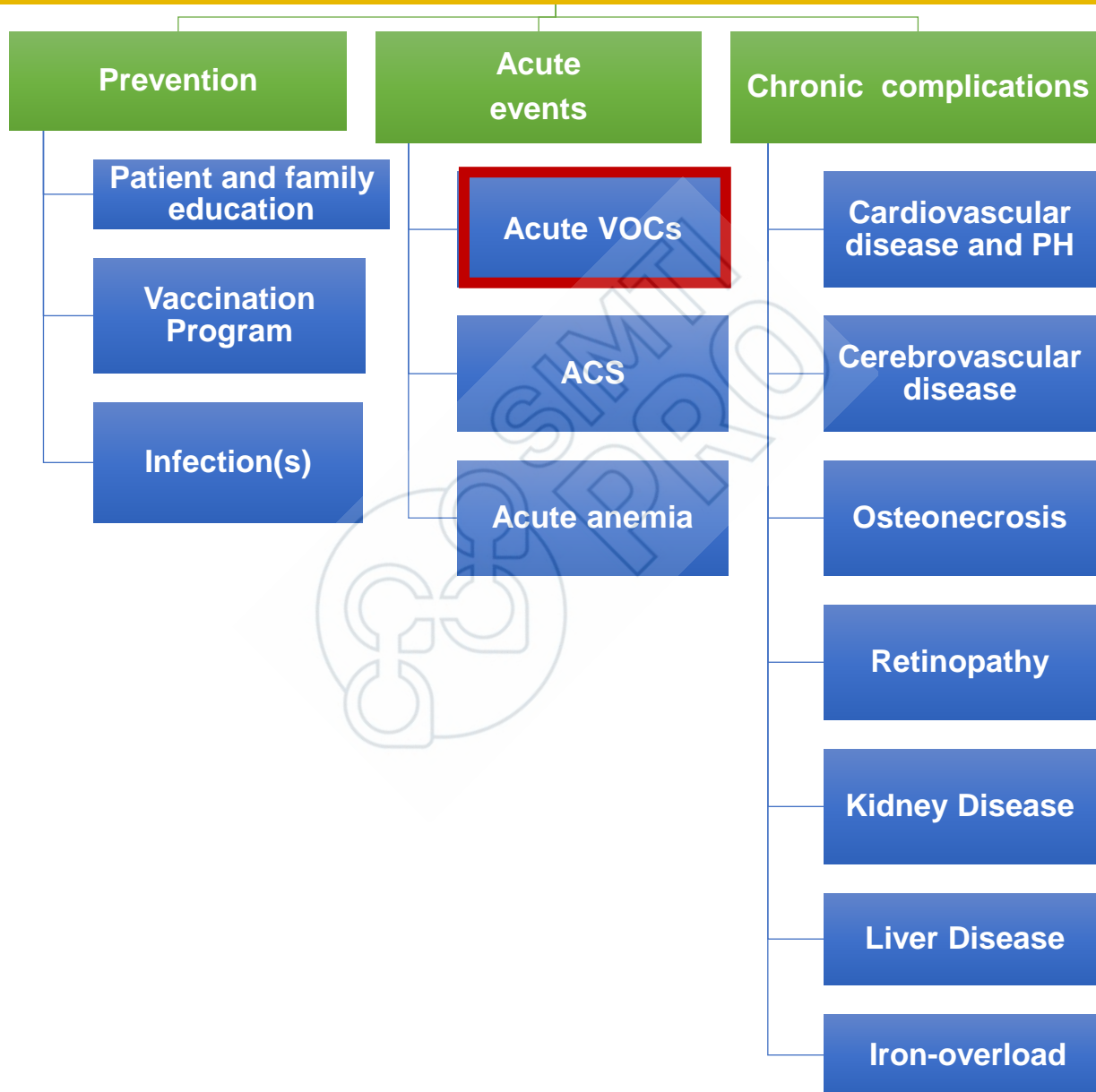




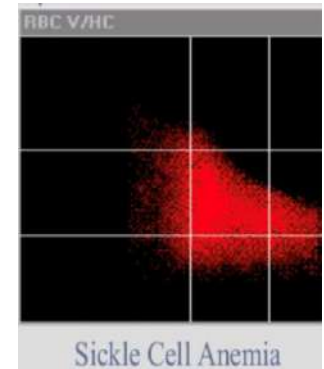
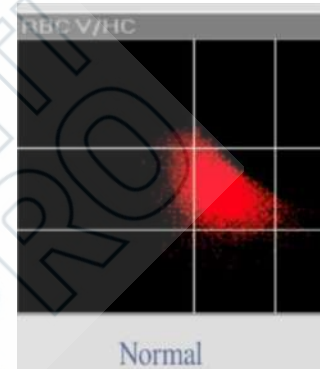
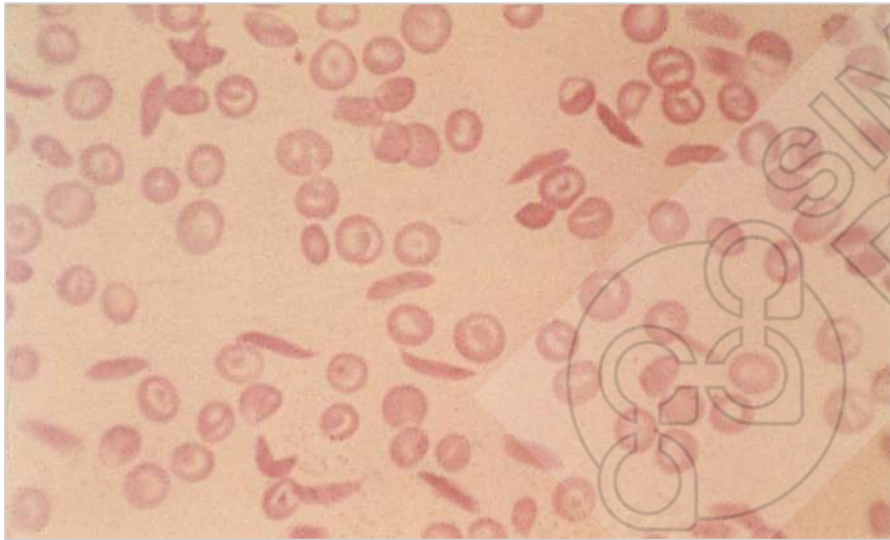
SCD is Monogenic disorder but multiorgan diseases

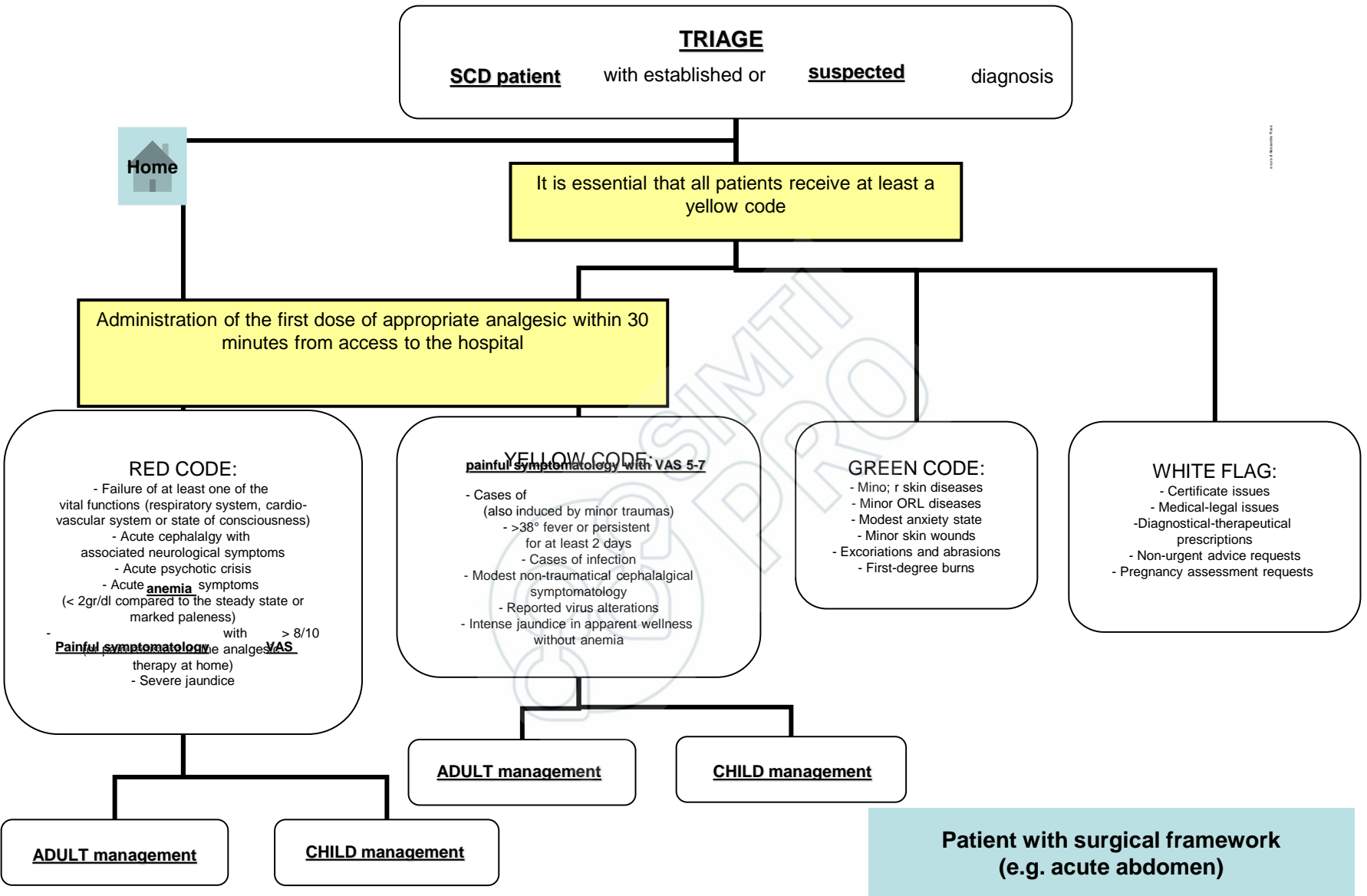


Therapeutic interventions in adults with SCD

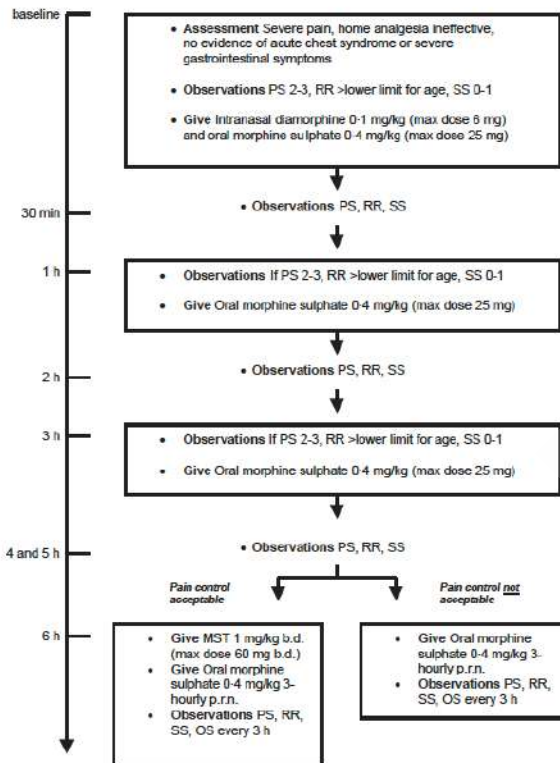


Observe, Listen and Learn from Patients with Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)

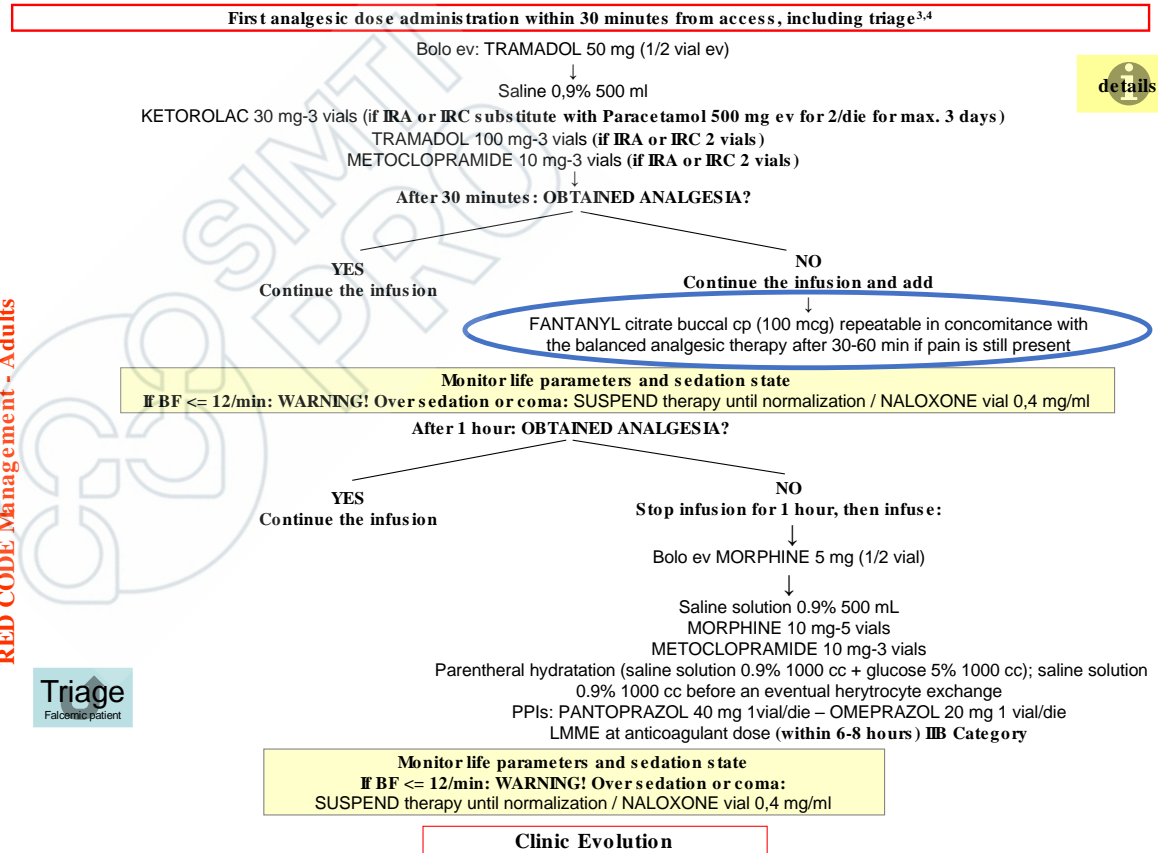




Management of sickle cell related pain in EU



RED CODE Management - Adults



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

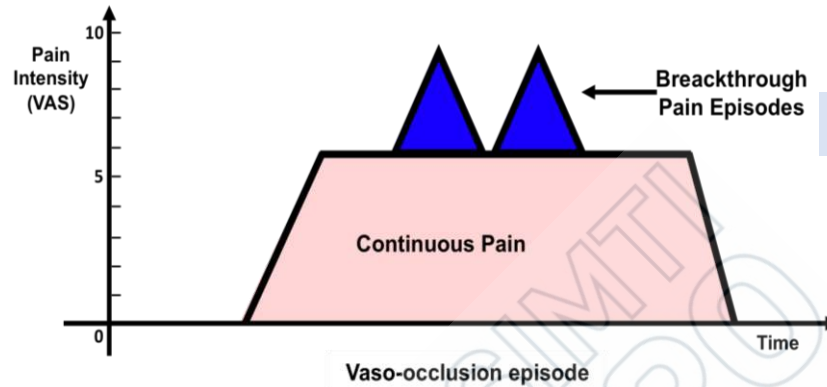
Basbaum P, 1995; Kehlet H, 1993; DelleMijn PL 1997; Rowbotham MC, 2003; Forni GL et al Orph J Rare Dis 9: 91, 2014; De Franceschi L et al Pain Practice 16: 680, 2016

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

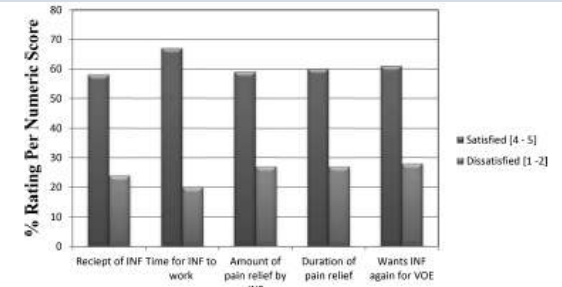
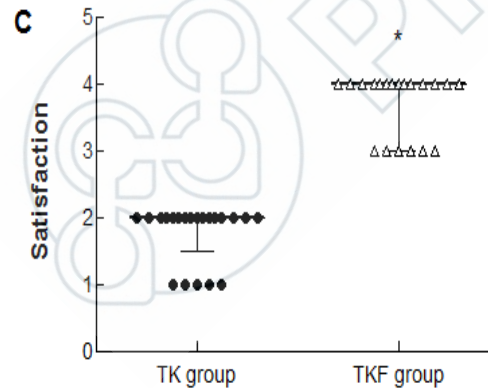
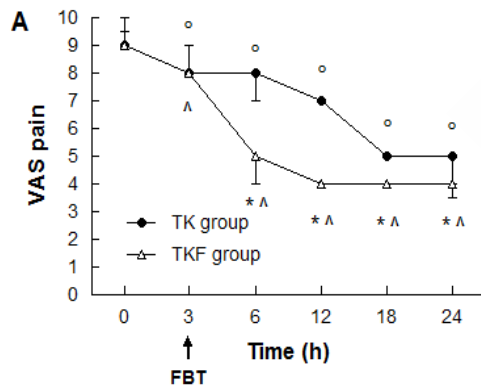


FIGURE 1 Patient/parent satisfaction data in children who received INF

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

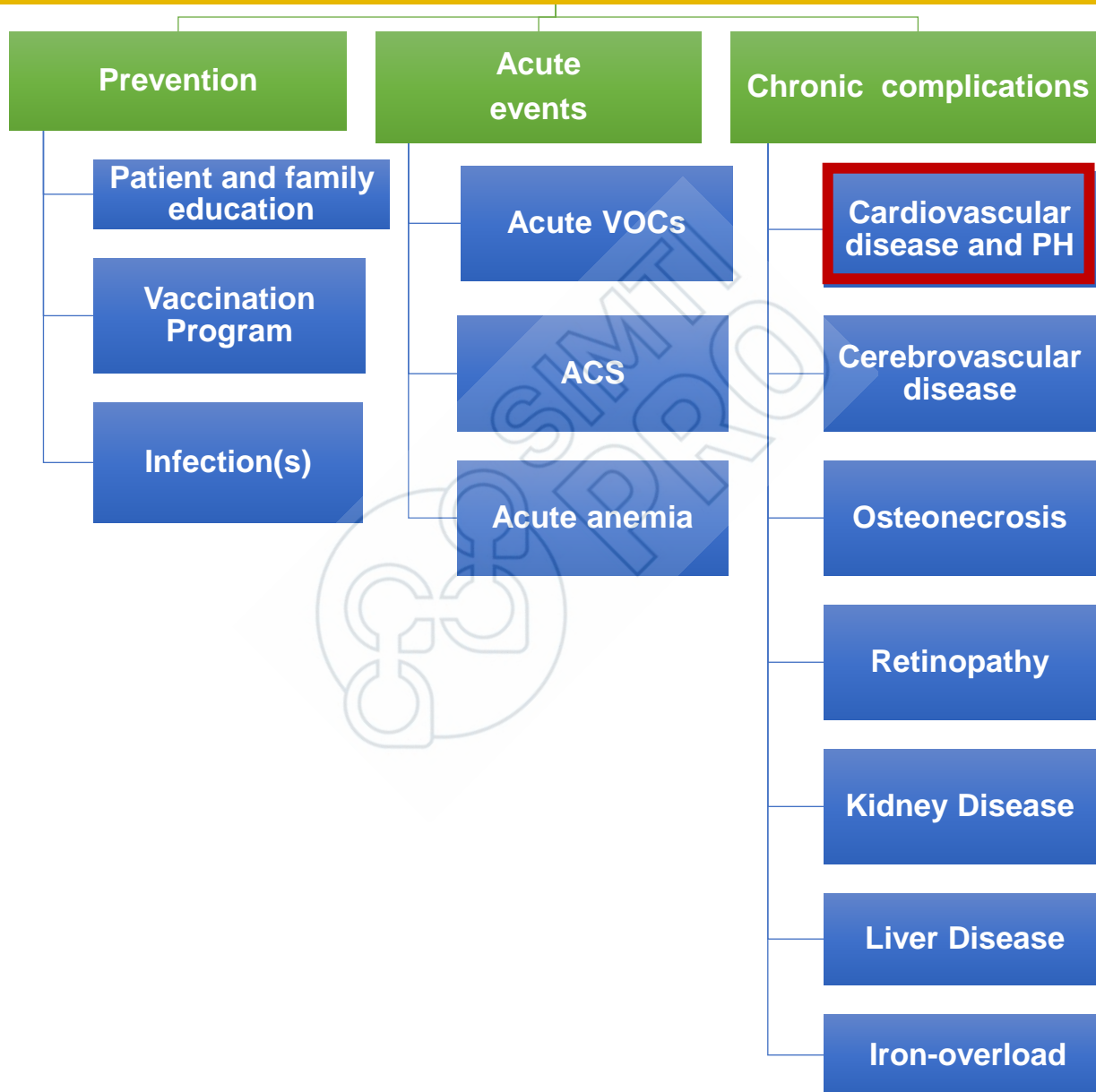
Pneumonia

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**

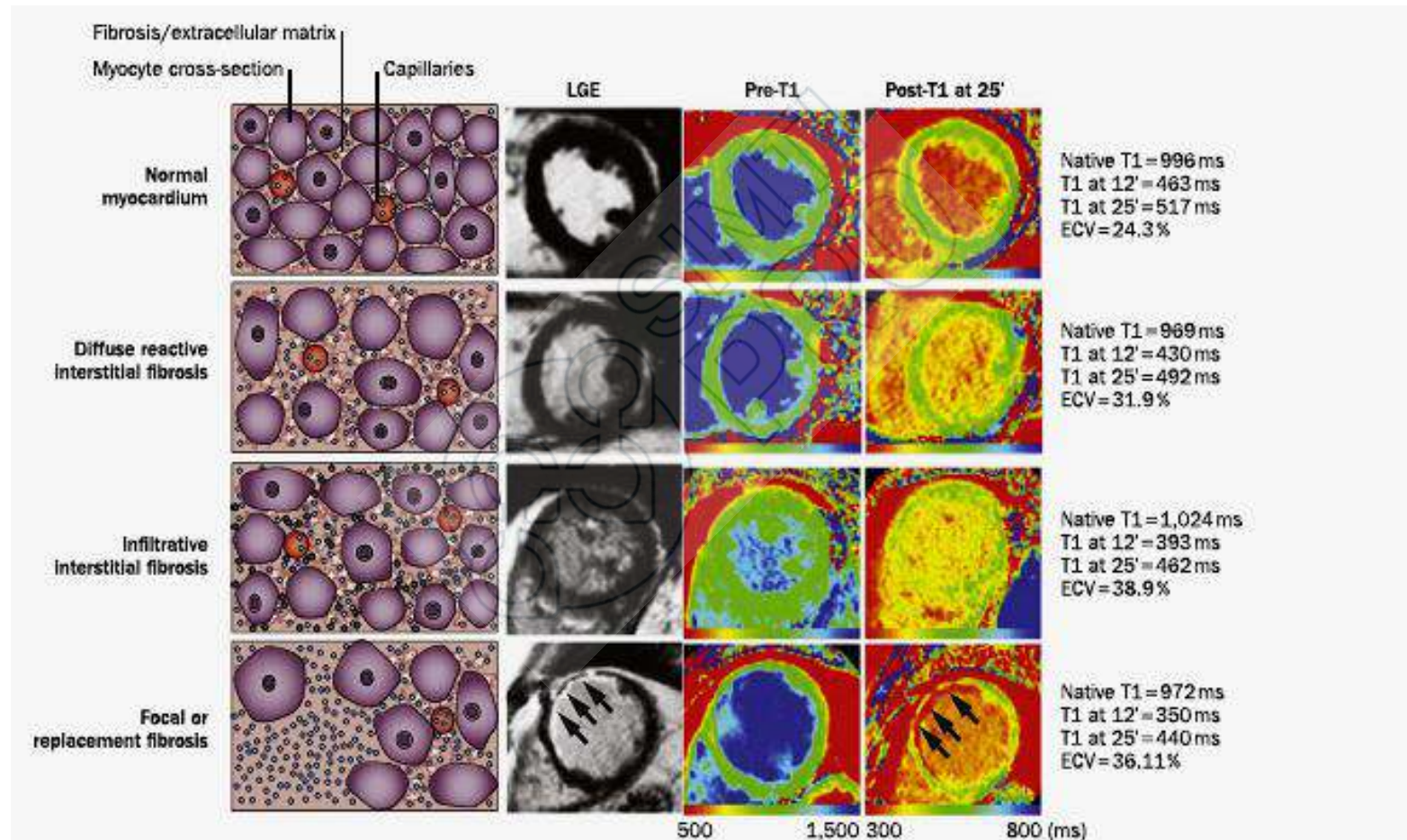
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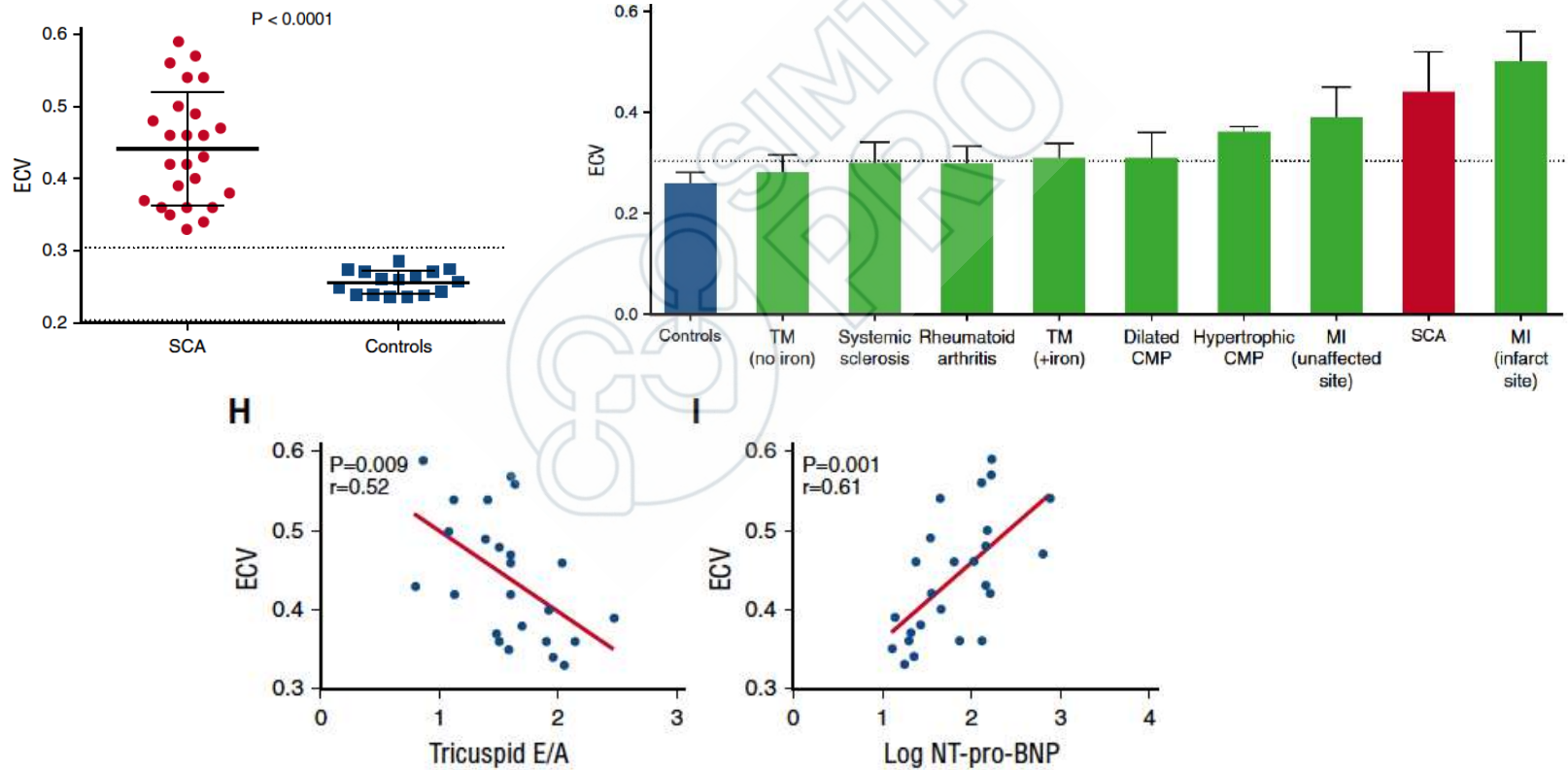
Risk factors and Cardiovascular Disease in SCD Patients

- 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

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



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

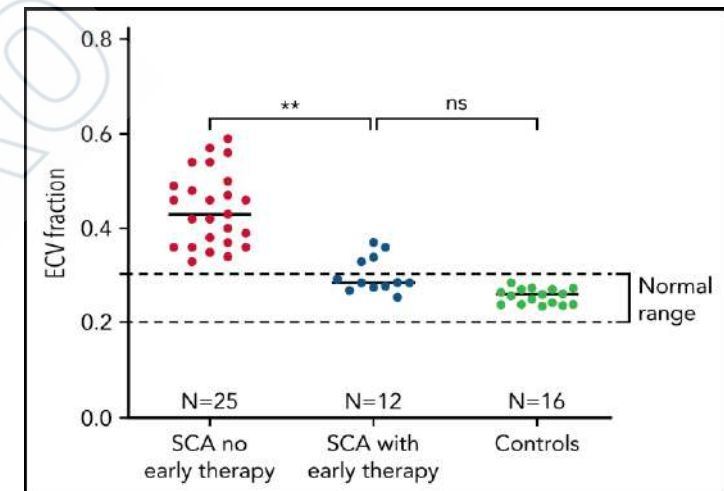


Early initiation of disease-modifying therapy can impede or prevent diffuse myocardial fibrosis in sickle cell anemia

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

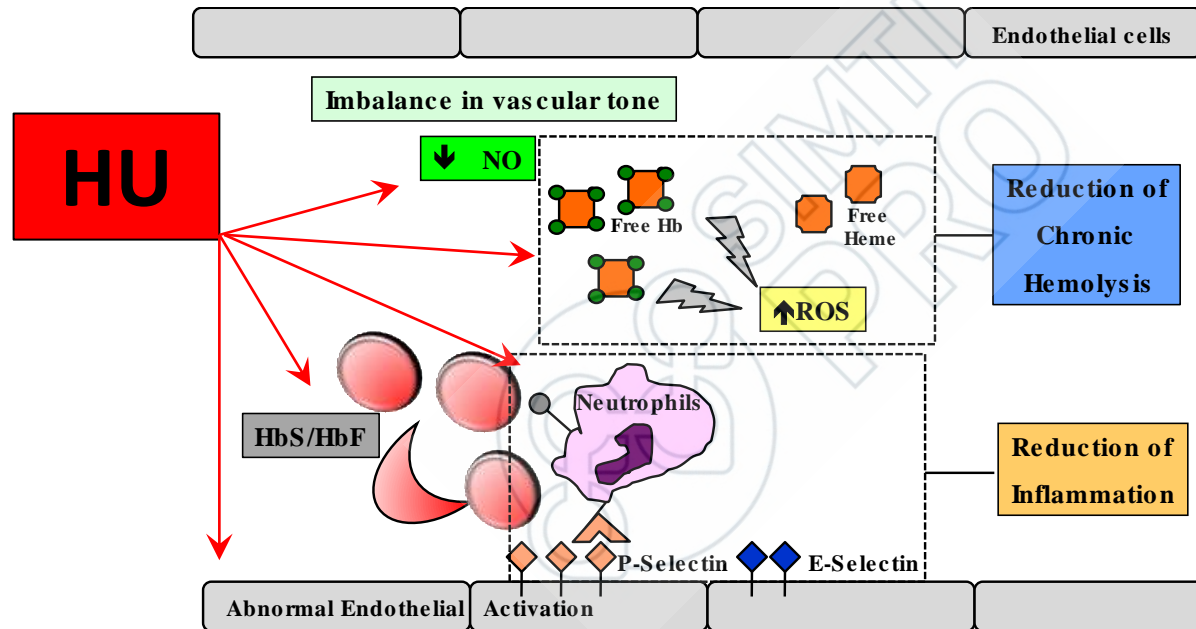
*ECV for normal controls: 0.26 ± 0.02 ; ECV for patients with untreated SCA: 0.44 ± 0.08 .



Available Treatment for SCD in EU

- **Hydroxyurea**
- **Disease modifying agents: 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
<p>Consensus</p> <p>After age 9 mo, regardless of clinical severity</p>	<p>No consensus</p> <p>Common selected indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>After age 9 mo, regardless of clinical severity</p>

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

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.

Inoue S et al. Int J Hematol 104: 2000, 2016; Han J et al Pharmacotherapy doi 10.1002/phar.1834, 2016; Cerary S et al. JMIR Res Protoc 5: e193, 2016; Green S et al Pediatr. Blood Cancer 63: 2146, 2146; 2016; Green NS et al ASH poster #1310, 2016

