Rôle physiopathologique des autoanticorps dans la Sclérodermie

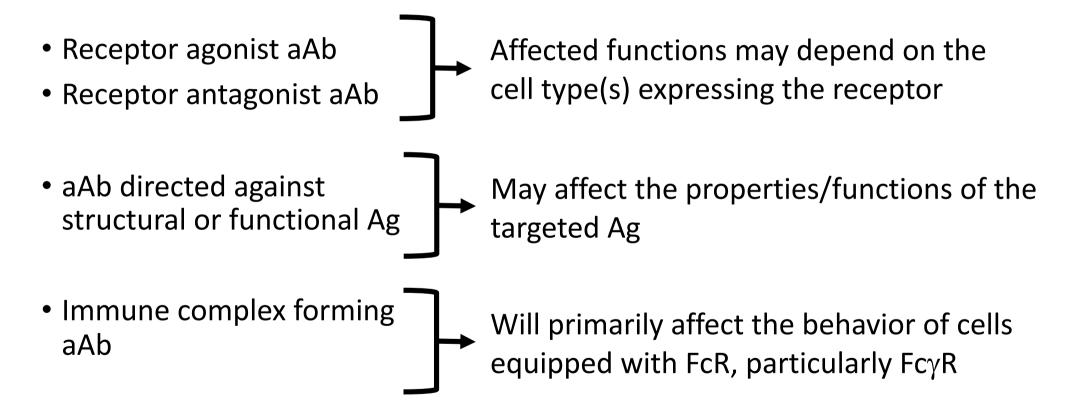
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Autoantibody (aAb) theoretical functionalities



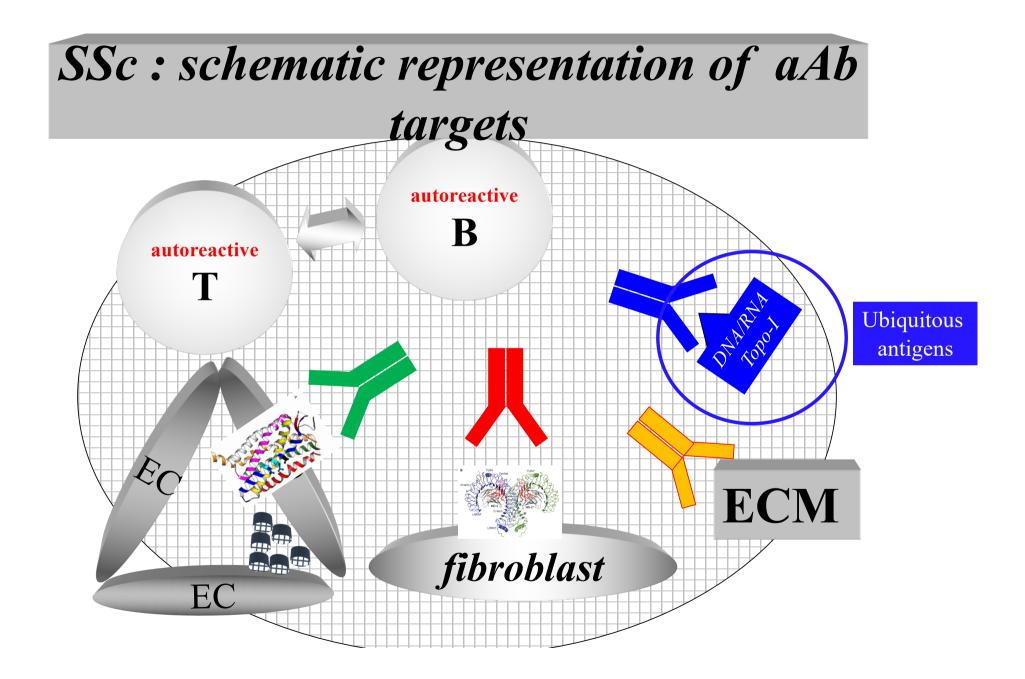
Cells and aAg recognized by putatively functional aAb in SSc

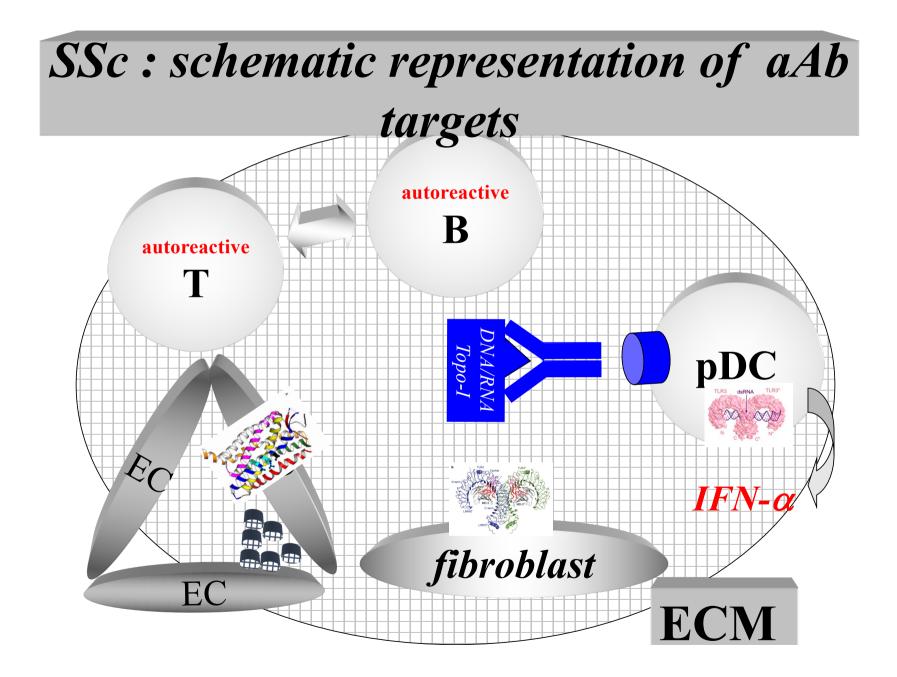
Cell types

- Endothelial cells
- Fibroblasts
- Smooth muscle cells
- Neurons (PNS)
- Lymphocytes
- Monocytes
- Dendritic cells
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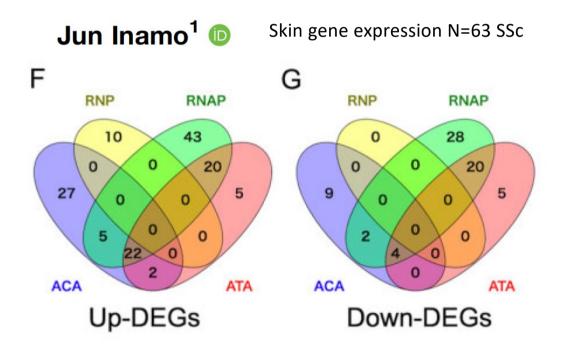
Antigenic structures

- Enzymes
 - MMP1, MMP3
- Fribrillin-1 (ECM)
- Neuronal receptor M3R (Ach)
- R shared by many cell types
 - NAG-2/UL94 (CMV, cross-reactive Ag)
 - AT1R
 - ETAR
 - ICAM
 - TLR4
 - PDGFR β
 - CD22
 - CXCR3, CXCR4
 - Many G-protein coupled receptors (GPCR)
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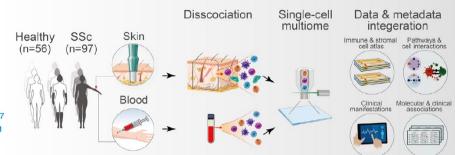
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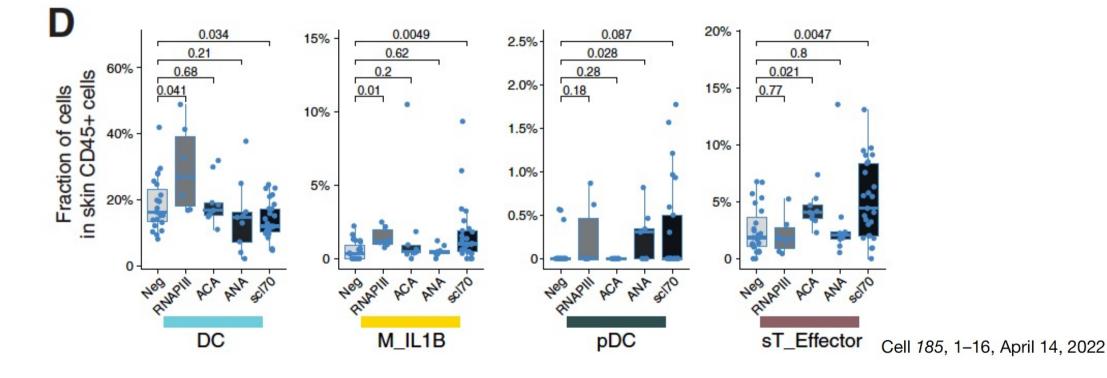
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Article LGR5 expressing skin fibroblasts define a major cellular hub perturbed in scleroderma

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Molecular dissection of Systemic Sclerosis (SSc)



Three stories

- Antagonistic aAb= anti muscarinic (M3) achetylcholine receptors
- Agonist aAb = anti-PDGF-R
- Agonist aAb = anti G-protein coupled receptors

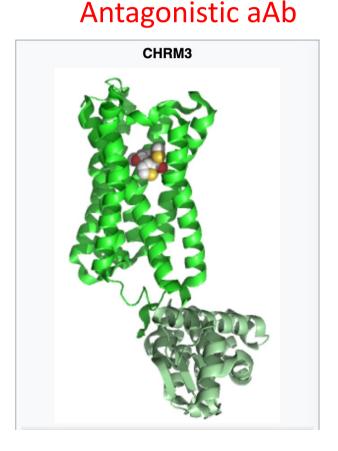
Ab anti-Muscarinic acetylcholine receptor M3 and their role in the GIT dysfunction in SSc

- 1963: Peristaltic dysfunction and oesophageal smooth muscle atrophy precedes increased visceral collagen deposition and fibrosis
- 1973: Decreased cholinergic nerve input as a major cause of lower esophageal sphincter incompetence
- 1994: Antimyenteric neuronal antibodies in scleroderma (19/ 41; IFA on rat intestine neurons)
- 1999: Passive transfer of purified IgG from an SSc patient with high titers of anti-neuronal antibodies inhibited myenteric electrical activity in rats' intestines



Ab anti-Muscarinic acetylcholine receptor M3 (M3R) and their role in the GIT dysfunction in SSc

- 2002: IgG from 7/9 SSc patients specifically inhibited the response of M3R to carbachol. The presence of these antibodies correlated with the patients' GI dysfunction
- 2003: Anti-idiotypic antibodies neutralize autoantibodies that inhibit cholinergic neurotransmission
- 2009: M3R autoantibody in patients with systemic sclerosis: contribution to GIT dysmotility (EIA; 9/14 (64%) with vs 3/62 (5%) w/o symptoms)



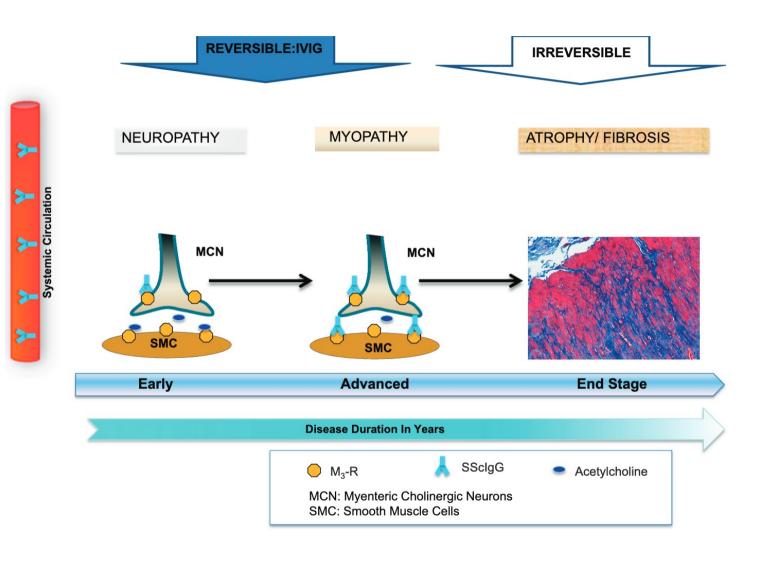
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- 2009*: SSc IgG inhibit the M3R in internal anal sphincter smooth muscle cells. (n=7)
- 2012*: Epitope in the second extracellular loop of the M3R (n=6)
- 2014: A novel method for the detection of functionally active aAb to M3R. Inhibitory aAb could not be detected in any of 47 SSc patients, but were present 42.5% of SS and 14.5% of patients with early onset MG
- 2016*: Role of muscarinic-3 receptor antibody in systemic sclerosis: correlation with disease duration and effects of IVIG (n=10, longitudinal)

Antagonistic aAb



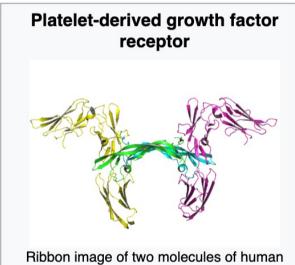
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- 2006*: Stimulatory aAb to the PDGFR in SSc (mouse embryonic fibroblasts transfected with PDGFRα), 100% of specificity and sensitivity (SSc=46, HD=75)
- 2008: No differences in levels of PDGFR aAb in SSc patients versus controls as tested by ELISA
- 2009: Lack of evidence of stimulatory aAb to PDGFR (porcine aortic endothelial cells stably expressing human PDGFR α)
- 2009: No difference in stimulatory aAb to PDGFR among SSc and HC (32D mouse cell line transfected with human PDGFR α and PDGFR β)

Agonistic aAb (with exceptions)

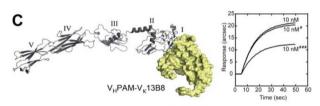


Ribbon image of two molecules of human PDGF receptor beta (yellow and magenta) in complex with dimeric PDGF-B (cyan and green).^[1]

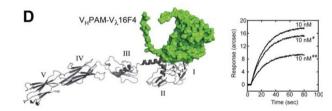
 2015*: Epitope specificity determines pathogenicity and detectability of aAb PDGFRα (human mAb generated from a single donor)

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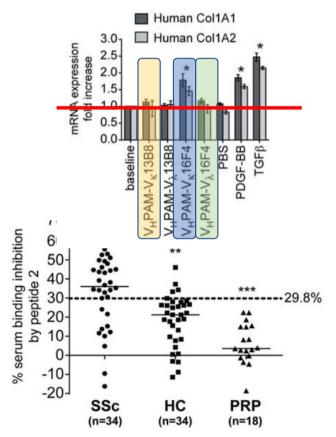


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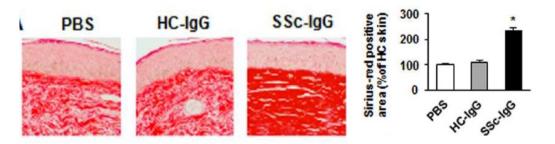


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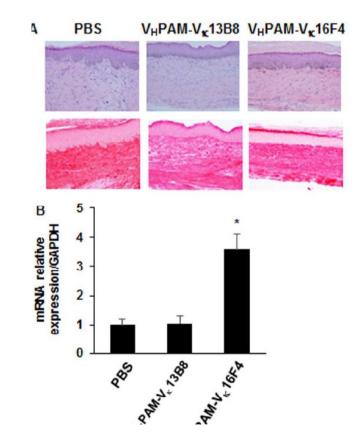
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Skin generated with HD keratinocytes and fibroblasts

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Agonistic aAb



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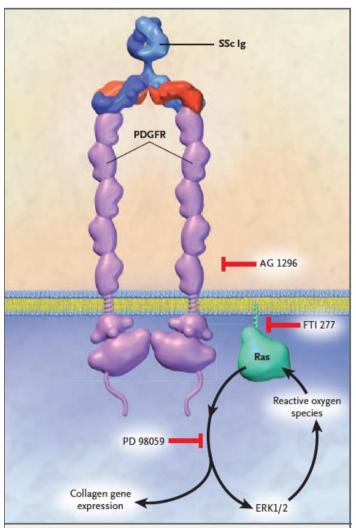
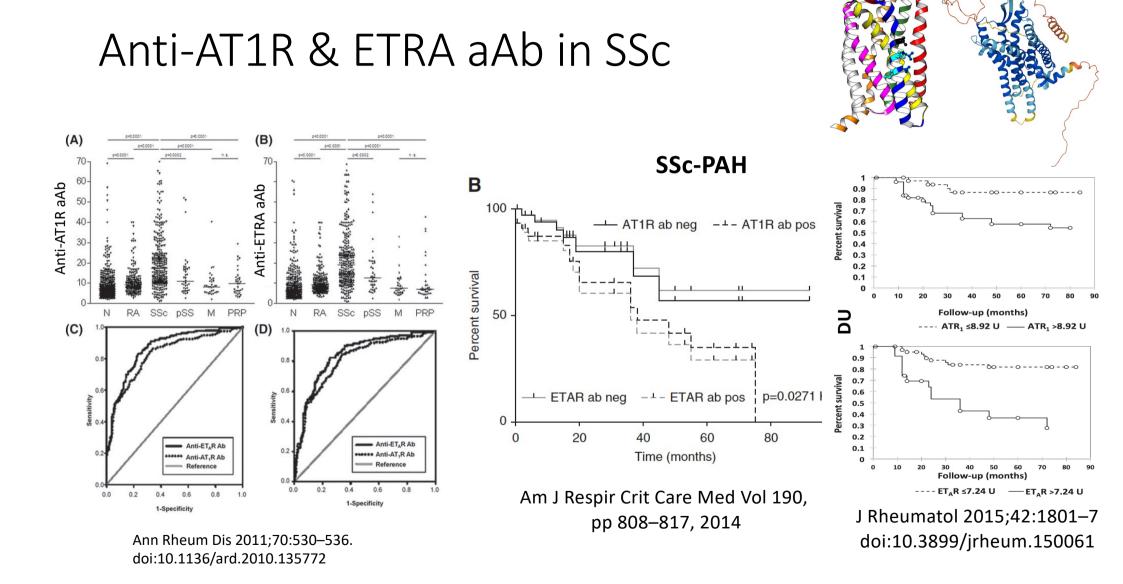
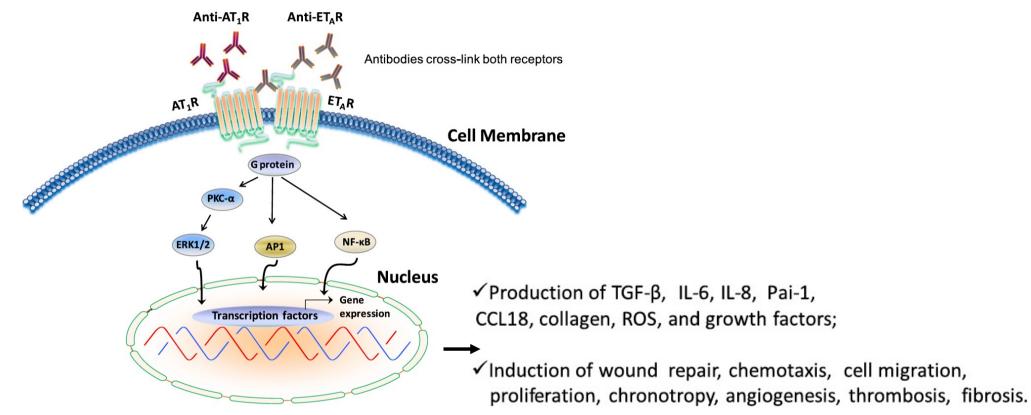


Figure 5. Schematic Diagram of a Possible Cascade Triggered by Sclerodermal Autoantibodies against PDGFR.

The sclerodermal antibodies stimulate PDGFR,¹⁹ which in turn stabilizes Ras and induces ERK1/2. Induction of ERK1/2 increases levels of reactive oxygen species. The long-term persistence of reactive oxygen species and ERK1/2 ultimately results in the stimulation of collagen-gene expression.

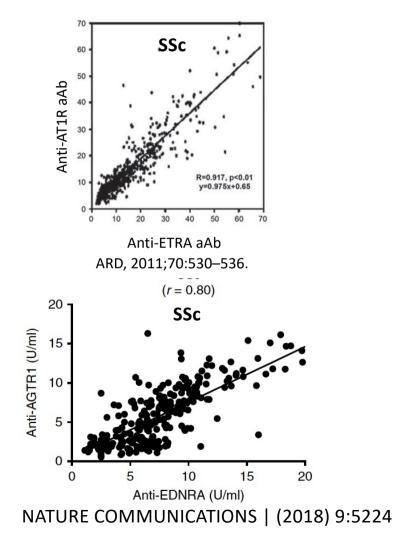


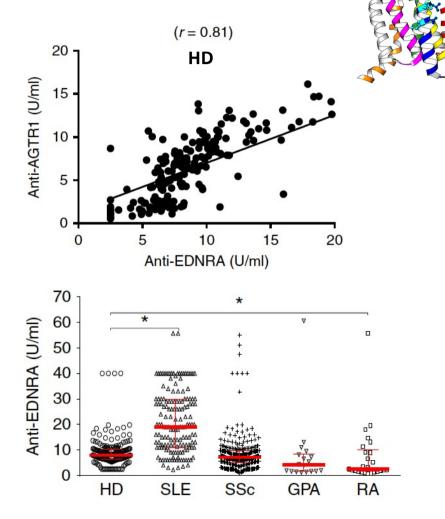
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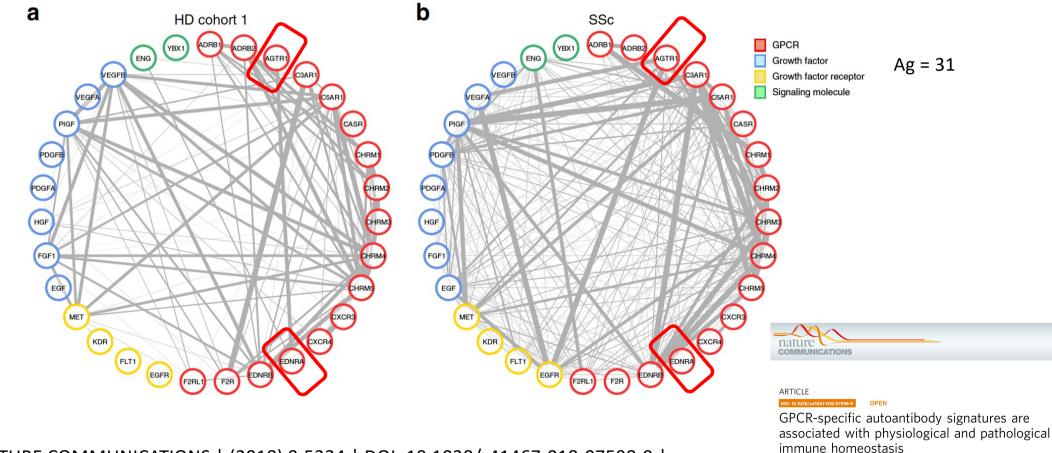
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Anti-AT1R & ETRA aAb in HD & SSc





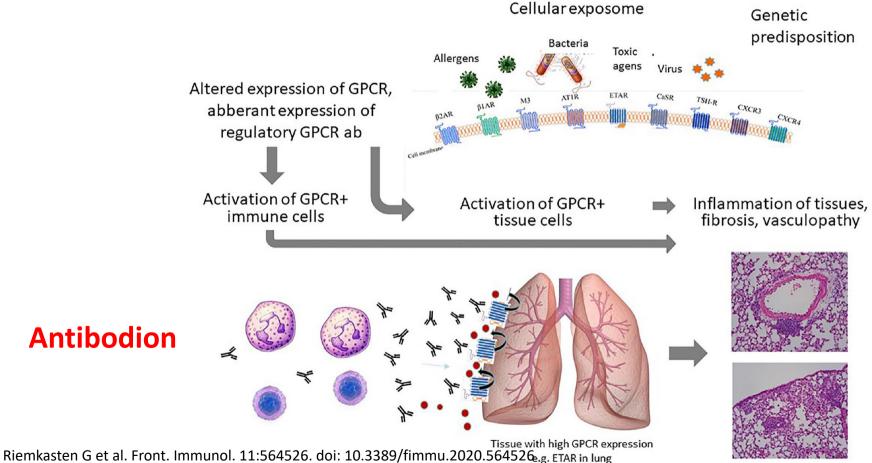
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The chronic cellular **exposome** leads to an altered GPCR and GPCR aAb signature.



Putative functional pathogenic aAb in SSc: *Take home messages*

- aAb with multiple distinct specificities have been described in SSc
- Distinct functional assays have document aAb specific activities relevant to SSc pathogenesis
- These aAb are often/uniquely studied within a single laboratory
- Lack of standardized and commonly shared assays limit the universal acceptance of the data
- The boundaries between pathogenic aAb and "natural" Ab may be difficult to establish. Dysregulated networks of aAb may better represent their complexity



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Criteria to postulate an autoimmune origin

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- *Reproduction of cellular damage or dysfunction* in *ex vivo* models using patients' sera or immunoglobulin
- Development of the essential features of the disease following *immunization* of animals with the *putative target antigen*
- Passive transfer of the pathology to non-immunized animals with antibodies or lymphocytes of immunized animals

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