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Title: Echocardiography may be useful to detect pulmonary vasculopathy in early stages of pulmonary artery hypertension associated to systemic sclerosis

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We provide some changes in this format according to reviewer’s report:

1) Title was modified: Echocardiography…in early stages……
2) Abstract was checked and it was provided some changes. The abstract of the manuscript not exceed 350 words.
3) Introduction and discussion were modified, providing news, according to EULAR and DANA POINT guidelines. Discussion was focused on the usefulness of non invasive evaluation of pulmonary hypertension in scleroderma’s patients.
4) The misspellings were corrected and an extensive editing of written English was carried out by a native English reviewer.
5) Figures 1, 2 were eliminated; figure 2 was replaced with a formula in method section;
figure 9 was modified and it was named figure 8. Some of them have been translated into English.
6) TAB I with patients data and TAB II with ECHO an RHC data were provided.
7) Figures and Tables Legend were included.
8) We provided some changes of statistical analysis.