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Cover letter

This paper is not under consideration elsewhere; none of the paper’s contents have been previously published; all authors have read and approved the manuscript.

I declare that no conflict of interest exists.

We provide some changes in this format according to report:

1) Title was modified and was capitalised only the first word: 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) All patients provided written informed consent to participate in the research.

6) Tables: We remove table 5 from the submission system and include it as a Figure 1 with the text file of the manuscript following the references.

7) Additional files: all additional files were mentioned in the text in numerical order.

8) We removed the keywords section from the submission system abstract.
9) Abbreviations: we formatted into a paragraph.

10) Blank pages: we removed all blank pages.

We are pleased to thank you sincerely for the pertinent suggestions.

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