Methods The frequencies of Th22, Th17, Th1 cells were determined by flow cytometry of peripheral blood by the chemokine receptors or/and the intracellular cytokine from a total of 25 patients with freshly diagnosed SLE and 13 age-/gender-matched healthy controls, and the values were compared with disease activity as determined by the Systemic Lupus Erythematous Disease Activity (SLEDAI), serum complement factors (C3, C4), C-reactive protein (CRP), Erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR), Immunoglobulin (Ig) level and anti-Smith (Sm) antibodies were measured.

Results We found increased Th22, Th17 cells in SLE patients compared with those in healthy controls. The elevated Th22 positive correlated with SLEDAI, ESR, IgG and IgA. Higher frequencies of Th22 and positive correlations between the percentage of Th22 cells and Revised Cutaneous Lupus Erythematous Disease Area and Severity Index (RCLASI) were observed in patients with lupus skin disease.

Conclusions Our data suggests that both Th22 and Th17 may participate in the pathogenesis of SLE and Th22 may migrate to skin and promote inflammation in the lupus skin impairment.

Conclusions Activated Th17 is more abundant in BAL than in blood and switches from IgG correlation to IgA correlation, suggesting its role in the pathogenesis of SLE-ILD.

Background and aims The antiphospholipid syndrome (APS) is an autoimmune and thrombogenic pathology that the diagnosis is based on clinical and biological criteria. It can be isolated (primary APS) or associated with another autoimmune disease (secondary APS). The purpose of this work is to finalise the epidemiological, clinical, biological, characteristic.

Methods We led a retrospective and descriptive study of the patients followed in the service of internal medicine for SAPL between January 1990 and April 2014.

Results We brought together 62 cases (61 women and 1 man). The average age was 41 years. The peripheral thromboses were observed in 51.6%. The obstetric accidents were found at 26 patients dominated by repeated abortion (35.5%) and fetal death in uterus (16.1%). The cardiac infringement was dominated by valvular disease in 9.6%. The lung demonstrations were represented by a pulmonary embolism in 32.25% and a lung arterial high blood pressure in 19.3%. The neurological infringement was present in 29%. The SAPL was primary in 32% and secondary in 86%. The CAPS was found in 2 cases. The SLE was present in 59.7%. The immunological balance sheet revealed aCL in 77.4%, anti-β 2 GPI in 24.2% and anti-β FT in 17.7%. A statistically significant correlation between the obstructive and vascular sign with the presence of aCL.

Conclusions The SAPL is an entity among which the knowledge and the understanding are in permanent evolution. It is necessary to think of it in front of any vascular recurrent thrombosis to a young subject.

Background and aims Interstitial lung disease (ILD) is common in systemic lupus erythematous (SLE) patients. These patients tend to have large amounts of autoantibodies. Blood memory Th17 cells represent efficient B cell helper cells with distinct capacities to induce IgG and IgA secretion and to regulate immunoglobulin isotype switching. Recent study found overall Th17 cells are highly presented in peripheral blood of SLE patients. However, it is not clear how different subsets of Th17 cell are distributed in broncholaveolar lavage fluid (BAL) and peripheral blood of SLE-ILD patients. The study is to determine the proportion of different Th17 cell subsets (activated Th17: CXCR3-CCR6+ICOS+PD-1++CCR7lo, quiescent: CXCR3-CCR6+ICOS-PD-1++CCR7int and CXCR3-CCR6+ICOS-PD-1-CCR7hi) among CD4+ T cells and levels of immunoglobulins in BAL and peripheral blood of SLE-ILD patients.

Methods 30 SLE-ILD patients were included. The lung disease were proved by high resolution CT scan. Patients underwent bronchoscopy and BAL were collected. Th17 cell profiles were determined using flow cytometry. Levels of immunoglobulins were detected by ELISA. Statistics were analysed by SPSS 22.0.

Results IgA and IgG levels were significantly higher in BAL than in blood. Activated Th17 in BAL was increased significantly (p = 0.011) and both subsets of quiescent Th17 cells were decreased (p = 0.05) compared to those in the blood. The activated Th17 was positively correlated with IgA level (r = 0.871, p = 0.039) in BAL and with IgG level (r = 0.714, p = 0.047) in blood.

Background and aims To evaluate cardiac function in primary antiphospholipid syndrome (PAPS) patients using the echocardiogram with conventional and tissue Doppler evaluations.

Methods Nine PAPS patients (Sapporo criteria) were enrolled. Demographic and clinical data, co-morbidities, medication use and antiphospholipid antibodies were evaluated. All were asymptomatic regarding cardiovascular system. Exclusion criteria were history of heart failure, coronary artery disease, arrhythmia, valve abnormalities, age > 70 years old, renal failure and severe hypertension. Seven age-, sex- and race-matched healthy subjects were included as control group.
Myocardial function was determined by echocardiogram (2-D, M-mode, tissue and conventional Doppler techniques).

**Results** Traditional cardiovascular risk factors were similar in PAPS and controls. PAPS patients had 55.6% of venous events, 55.6% arterial and 22.2% obstetric features, stroke was observed in 33.3%, deep venous thrombosis in 44.4%, livedo reticularis in 66.7%. 88.9% were positive for IgG and/or IgM anticardiolipina antibodies and 66.7% were positive for lupus anticoagulant. Conventional echocardiographic data was not altered in all parameters evaluated, comparing patients and controls. Regarding tissue Doppler echocardiogram data, a lower S’ of lateral wall of left ventricle was observed in PAPS in comparison to controls [0.085 (0.007–0.12) vs. 0.12 (0.09–0.13), p=0.004] as well as A’ wave of the septum [0.07 (0.06–0.08) vs. 0.09 (0.07–0.11), p=0.02].

**Conclusions** Our data support the notion that PAPS patients have asymptomatic myocardial dysfunction evidenced by tissue Doppler echocardiography.

**ANTIPHOSPHOLIPID ANTIBODY SYNDROME PRESENTING AS SPONTANEOUS HEPATIC RUPTURE**

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**Background and aims** Spontaneous hepatic rupture (SHR) is a rare peripartum complication and usually occurs among patients with pre-eclampsia, eclampsia or HELLP syndrome. We report a case of a 29 year old primigravid woman with fetal death in utero and spontaneous hepatic rupture secondary to undiagnosed Antiphospholipid Antibody Syndrome (APAS). Despite its uncommonness, a high index of suspicion for an autoimmune disease such as APAS to prevent maternal and fetal complications is recommended.

**Methods** Patient was managed as spontaneous hepatic rupture. APAS was considered and diagnosed via the Revised SAPPORO Criteria. HELLP syndrome and pre-eclampsia were ruled out by clinical and laboratory parameters.