

Variable	Corticosteroid vs. no Corticosteroid Therapy			Immunosuppressive vs. no Immunosuppressive Therapy		
	<i>Odds ratio</i>	<i>95% CI</i>	<i>p-value</i>	<i>Odds ratio</i>	<i>95% CI</i>	<i>p-value</i>
Subspecialties (Rheumatology vs. Dermatology)	1.54	1.19 - 1.98	0.001	2.46	1.88 - 3.21	< 0.0001
Gender (female vs. male)	0.69	0.51 - 0.96	0.025	0.78	0.56 - 1.10	0.13
Age (years)	0.99	0.99 - 1.01	0.67	0.99	0.98 - 1.00	0.04
	<i>SSc subsets</i>			<i>SSc subsets</i>		
lcSSc (reference group)	1.00			1.00		
dcSSc	1.47	0.45 - 4.88	0.53	1.77	0.51 - 6.19	0.37
Overlap syndrome	3.64	1.06 - 12.51	0.04	3.69	1.02 - 13.37	0.05
	<i>Organ involvement</i>			<i>Organ involvement</i>		
Pulmonary hypertension	0.83	0.59 - 1.17	0.30	0.94	0.66 - 1.35	0.73
Pulmonary fibrosis	2.30	1.77 - 2.99	< 0.0001	1.53	1.16 - 2.00	0.002
Musculoskeletal system	1.40	1.08 - 1.81	0.01	1.31	1.00 - 1.71	0.05
Oesophagus	1.01	0.78 - 1.29	0.96	0.92	0.70 - 1.20	0.53
Kidney	1.66	1.12 - 2.47	0.01	0.91	0.59 - 1.38	0.64
Heart	1.28	0.91 - 1.81	0.16	1.34	0.93 - 1.92	0.12

Table 4: Multivariate relationship of corticosteroid and immunosuppressive agent use with subspecialty, disease subset and organ involvement