

Study Report Update – SKIN ULTRASOUND WORKNG GROUP

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This report intends to give an update on the progress of the "**Skin Ultrasound Working Group**" created on 4th january 2021.

Attached is a task calendar accepted by all the task force members.

We have completed **Phase 1** and **Phase 2**.

On the 22nd january 2021, we have had our 1st online plenary meeting to formulate key clinical questions related to standardization of skin ultrasound scanning procedures in systemic sclerosis.

We are now finishing **Phase 3**, having already completed the first draft of the systematic review entitled "Systematic literature review: skin ultrasound and elastography as imaging outcome tools in systemic sclerosis."

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On behalf of all authors,

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