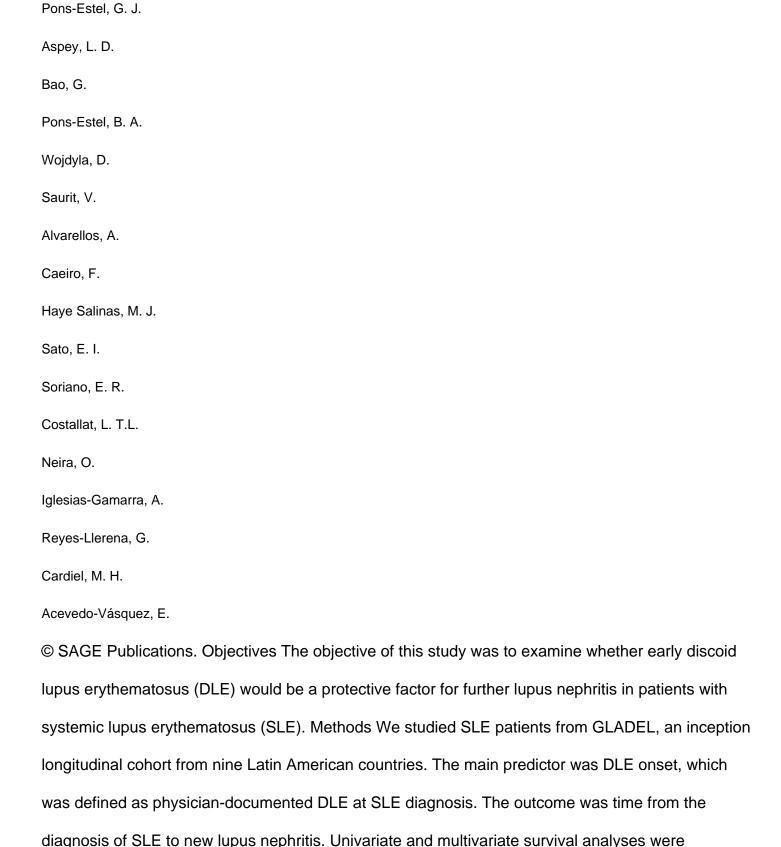
Early discoid lupus erythematosus protects against renal disease in patients with systemic lupus erythematosus: Longitudinal data from a large Latin American cohort



conducted to examine the association of DLE onset with time to lupus nephritis. Results Among 845 GLADEL patients, 204 (24.1%) developed lupus nephritis after SLE diagnosis. Of them, 10 (4.9%) had DLE onset, compared to 83 (12.9%) in the group of 641 patients that remained free of lupus nephritis (hazard ratio 0.39; P = 0.0033). The cumulative proportion of lupus nephritis at 1 and 5 years since SLE diagnosis was 6% and 14%, resp