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### Novel device to measure skin characteristics of systemic sclerosis

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The severity and extent of skin involvement in patients with systemic sclerosis is an important indicator of clinical prognosis. However, there are no well-established, objective, quantitative methods for measuring skin hardness, elasticity and viscosity in these patients. Kuwahara and colleagues, therefore, tested the accuracy and reliability of a novel, computer-linked device (Vesmeter<sup>®</sup>, WaveCyber Co. Ltd, Saitama, Japan) for measuring these skin characteristics.

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