**Features of systemic sclerosis in the HOCl-SSc murine-model.**
PBS: control-mice injected intradermally with PBS. HOCl: mice injected intradermally with an HOCl-generating solution. A. Dermal thickness in the injected skin areas of BALB/c mice, expressed in millimeters. B. Collagen content in 6 mm punch biopsies of skin as measured by the quantitative dye-binding Sircol method. C. Collagen content in lungs as measured by the quantitative dye-binding Sircol method. D. Representative skin sections taken in the injected skin areas from BALB/c mice and stained with hematoxylin-eosin. E. Representative lung sections from BALB/c mice stained with hematoxylin-eosin. (Olympus DP70 Controller, X 20). F. Serum VCAM-1 concentrations (pg/mL). G. Serum AOPP levels (µmol/l of chloramine-T equivalents). H. Levels of exhaled nitric oxide (NO), as measured by a chemiluminescence NO analyzer. I. Total splenocyte numbers on the day of sacrifice (millions of cells). J. Splenic B cell numbers, as assessed by flow cytometry (millions of cells). K. Serum anti-topoisomerase-1 Ab levels measured by ELISA (A.U). Values are means ± SEM. Mean values were compared using paired Mann Whitney U tests. *P < 0.05.