

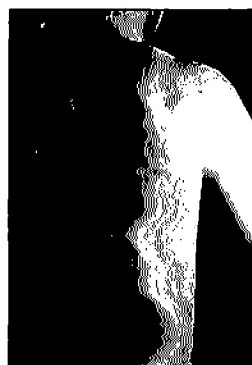
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## Drug hypersensitivity: Skin tests, lab or what?

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### Model-Case 1

- 41 y ♂, acute sinusitis
- ca. 1 hour after oral intake of amoxicillin-clavulanat: itching rash
- recovery on the same day
- formerly good tolerance of antibiotics
- no re-exposition



**Preliminary assessment:  
Urticaria in temporal correlation with  
amoxicillin clavulanate**

**Causality**

other reasons	no other Xenobiotics	-
	Infection	+
	other unknown factor	+
pharmacological side effect		- (?)
hypersensitivity	'unspecific'	- (?)
	IgE-mediate-type-allergy	++

**Estimated probability for  
IgE mediated allergy to amoxicillin clavulanat: ~ 50%**

**Further investigations:**

- Active phase of reaction: Tryptase within 0.5- 4 h
- Tests to identify the culprit drug after the active phase

skin test (prick) i.d.	sensitivity ~ 60% specificity ~ 90%
<i>in vitro</i> tests: IgE, CAST, LTT...)	sensitivity, ~ 60%, specificity ?
provocation-test	sensitivity > 90%, specificity ?

### Change of probability

skin test (prick) i.d.	sensitivity ~ 60% specificity ~ 90%	neg.: 50% → ~ 20% pos.: 50% → > 95%
<i>in vitro</i> Teste: IgE, CAST, LTT...)	sensitivity ? ~ 60%, specificity ?	neg.: 50% → ? > 20% Pos.: 50% → ?
provocation-test	sensitivity > 90%, specificity ?	Neg.: 50% → < 5% Pos.: 50% → ?

### Risk for severe anaphylaxis ( Mueller grading $\geq$ II; IV) - re-exposure penicillin

	skin test pos.	skin test neg.
penicillin	~ 50%; ~ 8%	8%; ~1%

Müller UR Insect sting allergy. Stuttgart: Gustav Fischer, 1990.

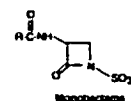
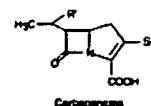
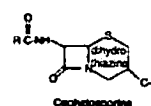
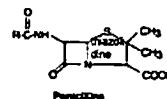
- Recommendation of further therapy?
- Need for further investigations?

## Cross reactivity beta lactams (IgE):

cephalosporins without similar side chain ~ 20%  
(avoid cefaclor, cefmandol)

carbapenems: ~ 1%

monobactams: ~ 3% (Ceftazidime)



Romano et al. J Allergy Clin Immunol 2010;126: 994-9

## Risk for severe anaphylaxis ( Mueller grading $\geq$ II; IV)

	skin test pos.	skin test neg.
penicillin	~ 50%; ~ 8%	~8%; < 1%
cephalosporine (without Cefamandol/Cefaclor)	< 10%; < 2%	<1,5%; <0.2%
carbapenem	< 1%; <0.2%	< 0,15%; <0.02%
monobactam	< 1.5%; ~0.2%	< 0,2%; <0.03%

### Provocation-test in case of negative skin-test

- Penicillin: 'graded challenge': if relevant co-morbidity with increased need for antibiotic treatment
- alternative betalactam: mostly not compulsory

## Model-Case 2

- 41 y ♂
- 1 hour after oral intake of amoxicillin-clavulanat and metamizol (Novalgin®)
- itching rash
- recovery on the same day
- formerly good tolerance of antibiotics
- no re-exposition



## Preliminary assessment of causality

other reasons:	infection, otherwise healthy		+
pharmacological side effect	metamizole		(+)
	amoxicillin-clavulanat		(+)
hypersensitivity	metamizole	'unspecific'	++
		IgE-allergy	++
	amoxicillin-clavulanat	'unspecific'	(+)
		IgE-allergy	++

**Further investigations:**

metamizole	<b>History regarding NSAID intolerance</b> In case of positive history: Provocation-test regarding threshold/alternative-NSAID?	
	skin test (prick) i.d.:	sens./spec. ~ penicillins
	in vitro tests:	not established
amoxicillin-clavulanat	skin test (prick) i.d.:	cf. model case1
	provocation test	

**Cross-reactions:****Sulfonamides**

- Sulfadiazine
- Sulfamethoxazole
- Sulfapyridine (Sulfasalazine)
- Sulfaoxazole
- Dapsone

N Engl J Med 2003;349:1628-35

**Chinolones**

index-reaction	provocation	positive/tested
ciproxin	levofloxacin	1/5 (95% CI 4%- 63%)
ciproxin	mofloxacin	1/3 (95% CI 6%- 79%)
levofloxacin	mofloxacin	3/3 (95% CI 44%- 100%)

J Invest Allergol Clin Immunol. 2010;20:607-11

**Macrolides**

Theoretically low cross-reactivity (different positions of lacton-ring).  
Case reports of cross-reactivity (provocation and tests)

International Journal of Immunopathology and Pharmacology 2014; 27:121-8

**Cross-reactions:****Vancomycin**

Oftentimes «Pseudo allergies»;

vasculitic 'rash' between vancomycin und teicoplanin

J Infect. 1998;37:82.

**Metronidazole**

Case reports of cross-reactivity with other Imidazolen

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**Clindamycin**

Has not been studied

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**Tetracyclines**

Non-IgE-mediated allergic reactions often severe (minocycline); cross-reactivity among has not been studied.

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**Aminoglycosides**

Predominantly contact dermatitis; high cross-reactivity

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**Cross-reactions:****Anticonvulsants**

high cross-reactivity between so called 'aromatic anticonvulsants':

Phenytoin, phenobarbital, primidone, carbamazepine, oxacarabazepine, felbamate, zonisamide lamotrigine.

Alternatives:

1. Benzodiazepines, levetiracetam or gabapentin
2. Topiramate or valproate

Zaccara et al. Epilepsia 2007; 48: 1223-44



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## Diagnosis of drug allergy for prevention of 1°exposure

- Genetic factors: Genom wide association studies: only MHC
- MHC:
  - B\*5701: Abacavir<sup>1</sup> (Flucloxacilline)
  - B\*1502: Asian people<sup>2</sup>: Carbamazepine
  - A\*3101: Carbamazepine<sup>3</sup>
  - B\*5801: Allopurinol<sup>4</sup>
  - HLA-B\*57:01: Flucloxacilline DILI<sup>5</sup>

1) NJEM 2008; 358: 568-79

2) Nature 2004;428:486.

3) NJEM 2011; 364: 1134-43

4) Pharmacogenet Genomics 2008 99-107

5) Nat Genet 2009; 41:816-9



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## Conclusions

- There is no test or procedure which can provide a 100% certain diagnosis
- Don't be fixed only on diagnosis for recommendation of further therapy
- Consider
  - severity of the index-reaction
  - importance of the incriminated drug for the patient
  - availability of alternatives



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# Differential diagnosis of AD

## Newborns & children

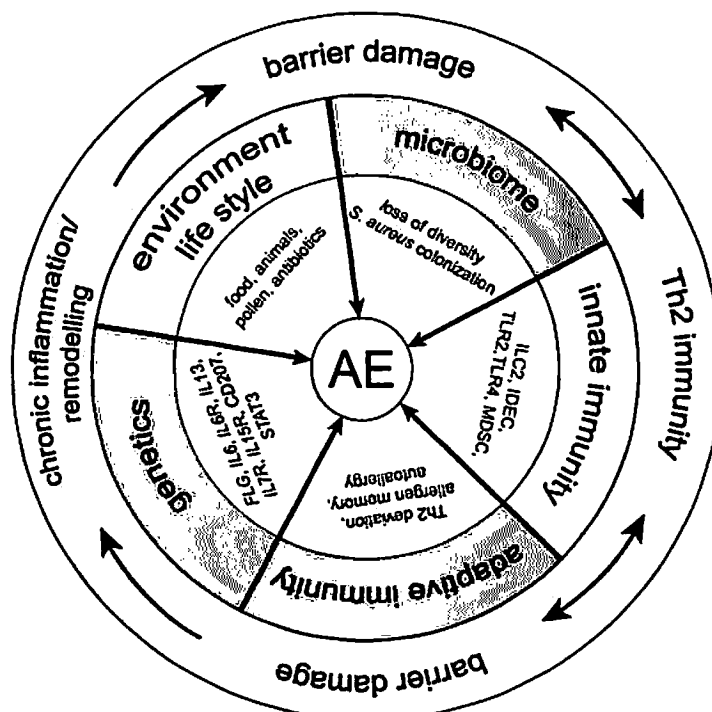
- Seborrheic dermatitis
- Scabies
- Acrodermatitis enteropathica
- Psoriasis
- Prurigo simplex
- Langerhans cell histiocytois
- Gianotti-Crosti syndrome
- Miliaria rubra
- Hereditary diseases: Ichthyosis vulgaris, Hypohidrotic ectodermal dysplasia, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, Hyper-IgE syndrome, Netherton syndrome, Di-George syndrome, Omenn syndrome

## Adults

- Toxic & allergic contact dermatitis
- Psoriasis
- Seborrheic dermatitis
- Infections (fungal, viral, scabies, HIV)
- Bullous dermatosis
- Dermatomyositis, Lupus erythematoses
- CTCL (Mycosis fungoides, Sezary syndrome)
- Acquired ichthyoses
- Prurigo diseases

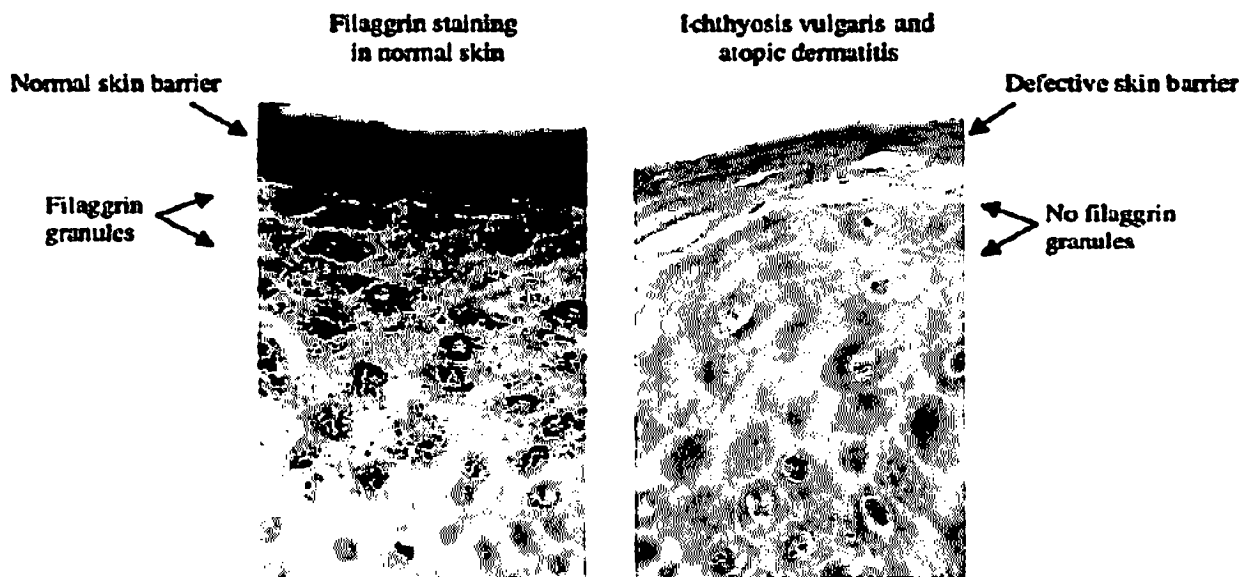
Adapted from Greisser et al. Schweiz Med Forum 2009;9(33):566

# Pathogenesis of AD



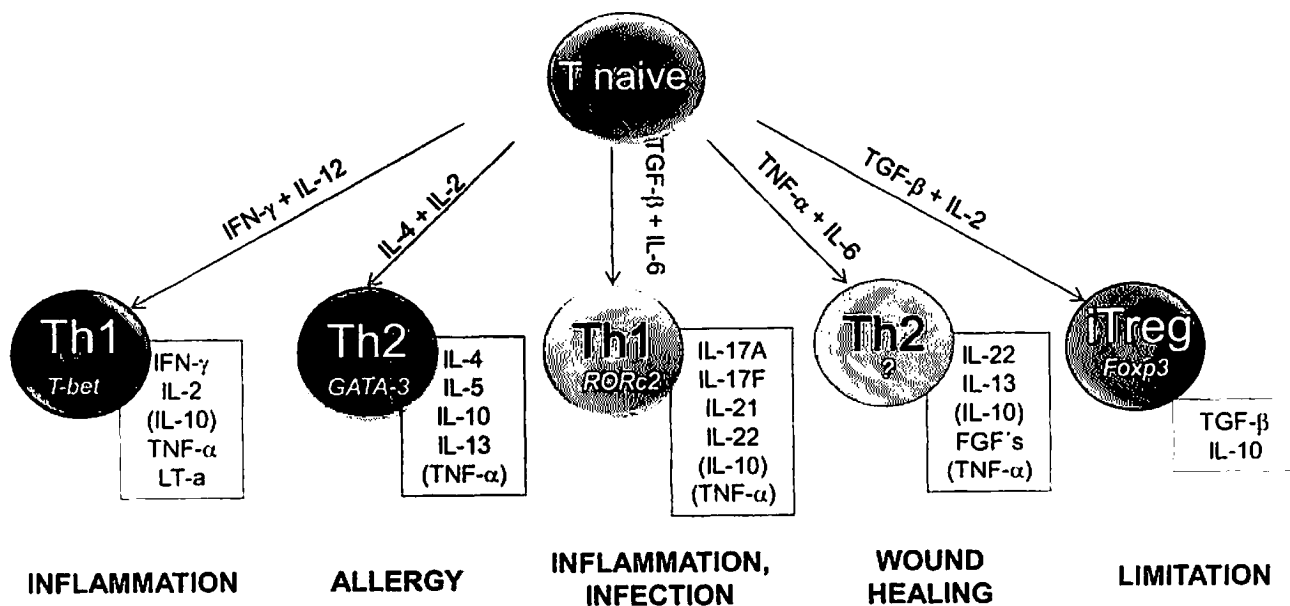
Eyerich K et al. Trends Immunol 2015

# Barrier damage



Irvine et al Nat Genetics 2006  
Irvine & Mc Lean JID 2006

# T cells: a complex model



Lichenoid pattern

Eczema pattern

Psoriasis pattern

Collagenosis pattern

# Current adapted treatment of AD

AVOID TRIGGER FACTORS



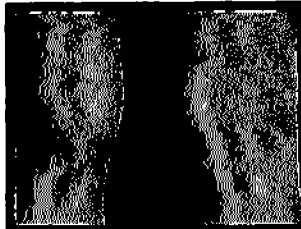
## Topical steroids

Therapeutic index! Only class 2 and 3 potency  
No old combination therapies (e.g. Decoderm tri, Fucicort), use NRF11.145!  
Only once daily!  
Calcineurin inhibitors (Elidel, Protopic [children 0,03%, adults 0,1%])

systemic antibiotics (e.g. Cefuroxim),  
systemic antiviral therapy (e.g. Aciclovir i.v.),  
systemic immunosuppressivs (e.g. Ciclosporin)



**Pro-active therapy:** Protopic 0,1%, mild steroids (e.g. NRF 11.144  
Prednicarbat 0,15% oder 0,25%, with Octenidin NRF 11.145)  
UV light therapy (UVA1, less UV-B)  
Anti-pruritic: e.g. black tea, Polidocanol (e.g. Optiderm/ Thesit in DAC  
Basis; Tannosynt bathings)  
Antiseptics (e.g. Fucidine, kalium permanganate (cave!), Octenisept,  
Triclosan 1% in DAC Basis Creme,  
coloring (Eosin 1%, Methylosanilin 1%)



Basic emollients, e.g. Alfason Basis Cresa, Unguentum emulsificans  
aquosum with/without 5% glycerine, Neuroderm  
Urea (5-10%)  
Oil bathing

## Steroids: (still) the most important weapon

### Efficacy

#### class 1 (weak):

Hydrocortison,  
Prednisolon,  
Dexamethason

#### class 2 (moderate):

Prednicarbat	(Dermatop <sup>®</sup> )
Hydrocortisonbutyrat	(Alfason <sup>®</sup> , Laticort <sup>®</sup> )
Hydrocortisonbutepirat	(Neuroderm akut <sup>®</sup> )
Methylprednisolonaceponat	(Advantan <sup>®</sup> )
Hydrocortisonaceponat	(Retef AP <sup>®</sup> )
Triamcinolonacetamid	

#### class 3 (strong):

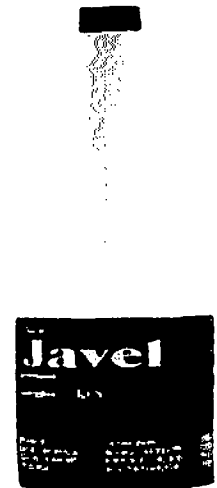
Mometasonfuroat	(Ecural <sup>®</sup> , Monovo <sup>®</sup> )
Fluticasonpropionat	(Flutivate <sup>®</sup> )
Betamethasonvalerat	
Fluocinolonacetamid	(Jellin <sup>®</sup> )
Fluprednidienacetat	(Decoderm <sup>®</sup> )
Diflucortolonvalerat	(Nerisona <sup>®</sup> )

#### class 4 (very strong):

Clobetasolpropionat	(Dermoxin <sup>®</sup> )
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## Anti-septic approaches with AD

- super-infected AD → antibiotic therapy:
  - Amoxicillin/clavulan acid (Co-Amoxi Mepha sirup) (1ml=80mg) 50-75mg/kg/Tag twice daily for 7 days
  - Flucloxacilline (Staphylex) 500 mg 2-2-2
  - Allergy to penicillin: clindamycine (Dalacin)
- Triclosan-containing lotions on a daily basis
  - Procutol®
  - Triclosan 1-2% in Lipikar Baume, Trixéra Balsam, Excipial U Lipolotio
- bleach baths?
  - product: Javelwasser from COOP
    - 2.5% Natriumhypochlorid → 200ml with 100L water
  - cave: do not mix with other additives



## Metaanalysis of conventional systemic therapies of AD

Reference	Efficacy drug A	Efficacy drug B	Efficacy placebo
	a) Intervention	a) Intervention	a) Placebo
	b) Change in clinical signs	b) Change in clinical signs	b) Change in clinical signs
Berth-Jones <sup>12</sup>	a) AZA b) MI of 26% in SASSAD score at 8 wk		a) Placebo b) MI 3% in SASSAD score at 8 wk
Meggitt <sup>26</sup>	a) AZA b) MI in of 37% in SASSAD score at 12 wk		a) Placebo b) MI of 20% in SASSAD score at 12 wk
Bermanian <sup>11</sup>	a) CsA b) MI of 68% in SCORAD at 12 wk	a) IVIG b) MI of 30% in SCORAD at 12 wk	
Czech <sup>16</sup>	a) CsA, 150 mg b) MI of 48% in TBSA at 8 wk	a) CsA, 300 mg b) MI of 59% in TBSA at 8 wk	
Granlund <sup>17</sup>	a) CsA b) MI of 54% in SCORAD at 8 wk	a) UVAB b) MI of 34% in SCORAD at 8 wk	
Haack <sup>18</sup>	a) CsA b) MI of 17% in SCORAD score at maintenance phase (0-30 wk and 42% MI in SCORAD score including run-in phase of 6 wk (-6 wk to 30 wk)	a) EC-MPS MI of 0% in SCORAD at the maintenance phase (0-30 wk and 39% MI SCORAD including run-in phase of 6 wk (-6 wk to 30 wk)	

- clear 1st line recommendation: ciclosporine A (14 RCTs: consistent and high efficacy)
- 2nd line recommendation: azathioprine, but: less efficient and less evidence as compared to Ciclosporin
- 3rd line recommendation: methotrexate (different in US)
- Not sufficient data for a recommendation of MMF, IVIGs, systemic steroids

# Interleukin-4

- Initially described as a "B-cell stimulatory factor"

Howard M et al. J Exp Med. 1982

- Produced by CD4+ T helper (T<sub>H</sub>) cells, CD8+ T cells, eosinophils, basophils, natural killer T cells and activated mast cells.

Röcken M et al. Immunol Today. 1996

- Pleiotropic cytokine expressed at high levels in the early phases of multiple acquired immune responses.

Zhu J et al. Annu Rev Immunol. 2010

- Largely known for its capacity to initiate T<sub>H</sub>2 cell differentiation, when acting directly on T cells.

Paul WE et al. Nat Rev Immunol. 2010



<http://en.wikipedia.org>

## First success: Dupilumab

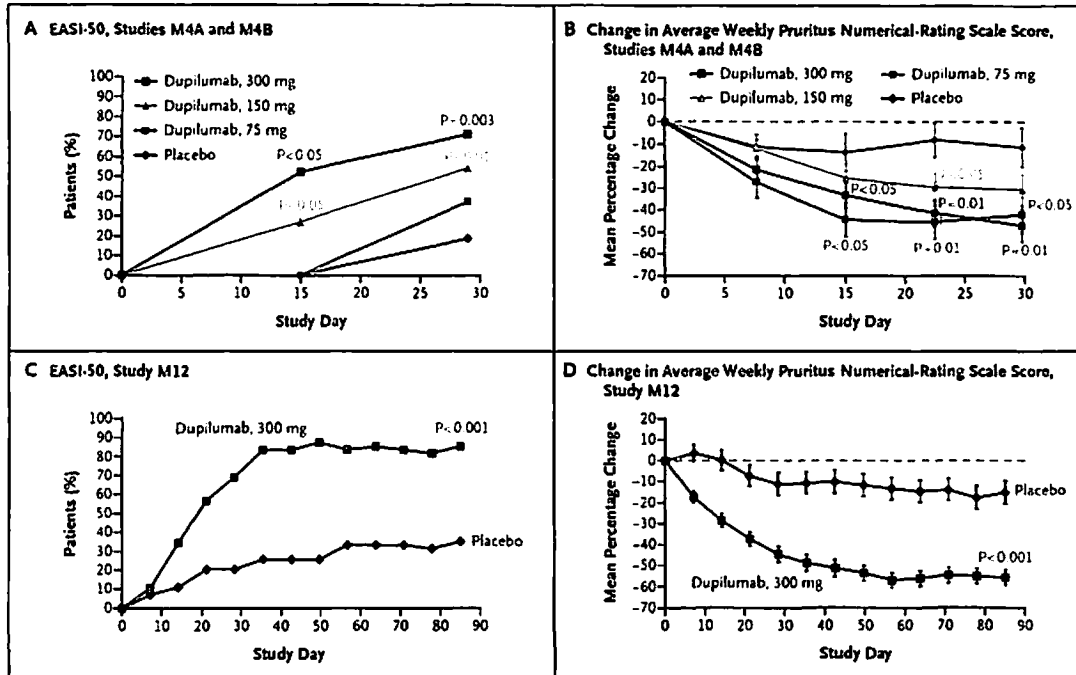
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Dupilumab Treatment in Adults with Moderate-to-Severe Atopic Dermatitis

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Beck LA et al, N Engl J Med 2014

## What's in the pipeline?

Target	Biological	Level of evidence	Key outcome/Reference
<b>Th2 Immunity</b>			
IL-4Ra	Dupilumab (further substances: AMG-317, Pitrakinra)	Phase III	EASI 50: 47/55
IL-5	Mepolizumab	Stopped after phase II	EASI 50: 0/18
IgE	Omalizumab (further substances: MEDI4212, QGE031)	Stopped after proof-of-concept	Heterogeneous reports ranging from EASI or SCORAD 50 0/20 to 21/21
CD20	Rituximab	Case series	EASI 50: 6/6, long-term: 0/2
IL-3	BMS-981164	Phase I ongoing	
IL-31R	CIM331	Phase II ongoing	
TSLP	AMG-157	Phase I completed	unpublished
CRTH2	QAW039	Phase II completed	unpublished
<b>non-Th2 Immunity</b>			
IL-1R1	Anakinra	Phase I completed	unpublished
IL-6	Tocilizumab	Case series	EASI 50: 3/3
IL-22	ILV-094	Phase II ongoing	
IL-23p40	Ustekinumab	Case series; phase II ongoing	Heterogeneous reports: successful versus non-effective
TNFR2	Etanercept	Case series	EASI 50: 0/2
IFN-γ		Phase III	EASI 50: 18/40



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## Provocation in drug hypersensitivity: potential and limitations

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## Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs):

➤ **Affect:**

- 8% of the general population
- 17%-25% in outpatient patients
- 15 % in hospitalized patients



6.7% serious  
0.32% fatality



## Mortality for ADRs

ADRs is the IV<sup>o</sup> cause of death USA

- Toxic epidermal necrolysis
- **Anaphylactic Shock**
- Stevens- Johnson syndrome
- Drug Induced hypersensitivity Syndrome
- Other (vasculitis, kidney diseases, hepatotoxicity etc.)

JAMA 1998; 279: 1200-05

## Adverse Drug Reactions:

### 1) Type A: Augmented

- Antihistamines: sleepiness      ble.      80%
- NSAIDs: heartburn      pharmacological
- adrenergic: tremors
- antibiotics : diarrhea
- calcium antagonists : ankle edema

### 2) Type B: Bizarre

- dose-independent
- unpredictable

15%



**Revised nomenclature for allergy for global use:  
Report of the Nomenclature Review Committee  
of the World Allergy Organization, October 2003**

## Drug Hypersensitivity Reactions

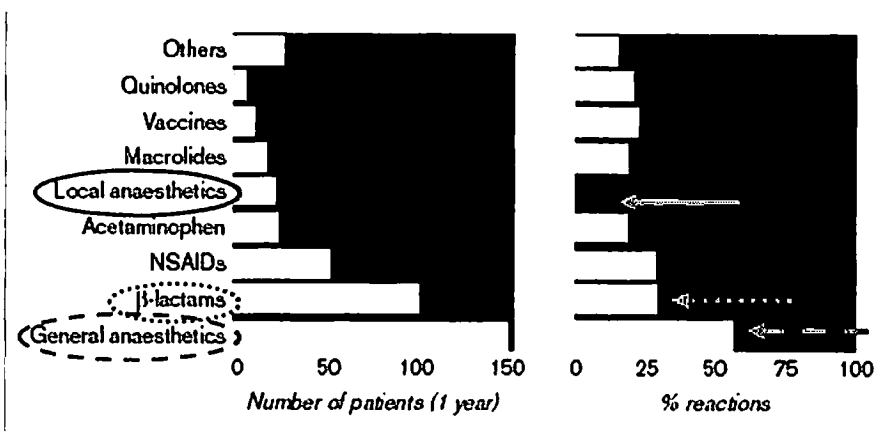
**Drug Allergy**

**IgE-mediated drug allergy**

**Non-IgE-mediated drug allergy**

**Non Allergic  
Drug  
Hypersensitivity**

*P. Demoly, Et al. ACI International 1999*

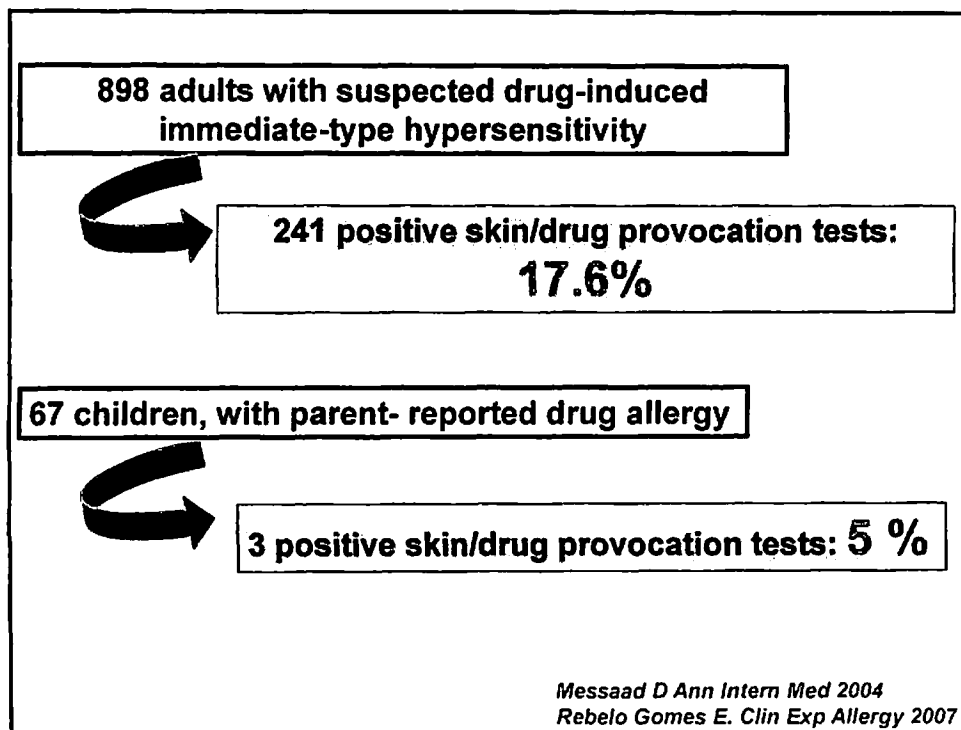


442 subjects with history of ADR

↳ Underwent to skin test and provocation tests

**40% YES DHR**

**60% NO DHR**



## Diagnosis of Drug Hypersensitivity Reactions

### History:



- symptomatology
- chronology of the symptoms
- all drug taken + cofactors
- the medical background of the patient
- ENDA questionnaire

### Skin tests:



- Immediate DHR: Skin prick test and/ or Intradermal test
- Non immediate DHR Patch test and /or late reading IDT