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**DERMATITE ATOPICA:  
MECCANISMI  
IMMUNOLOGICI**

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# DERMATITE ATOPICA

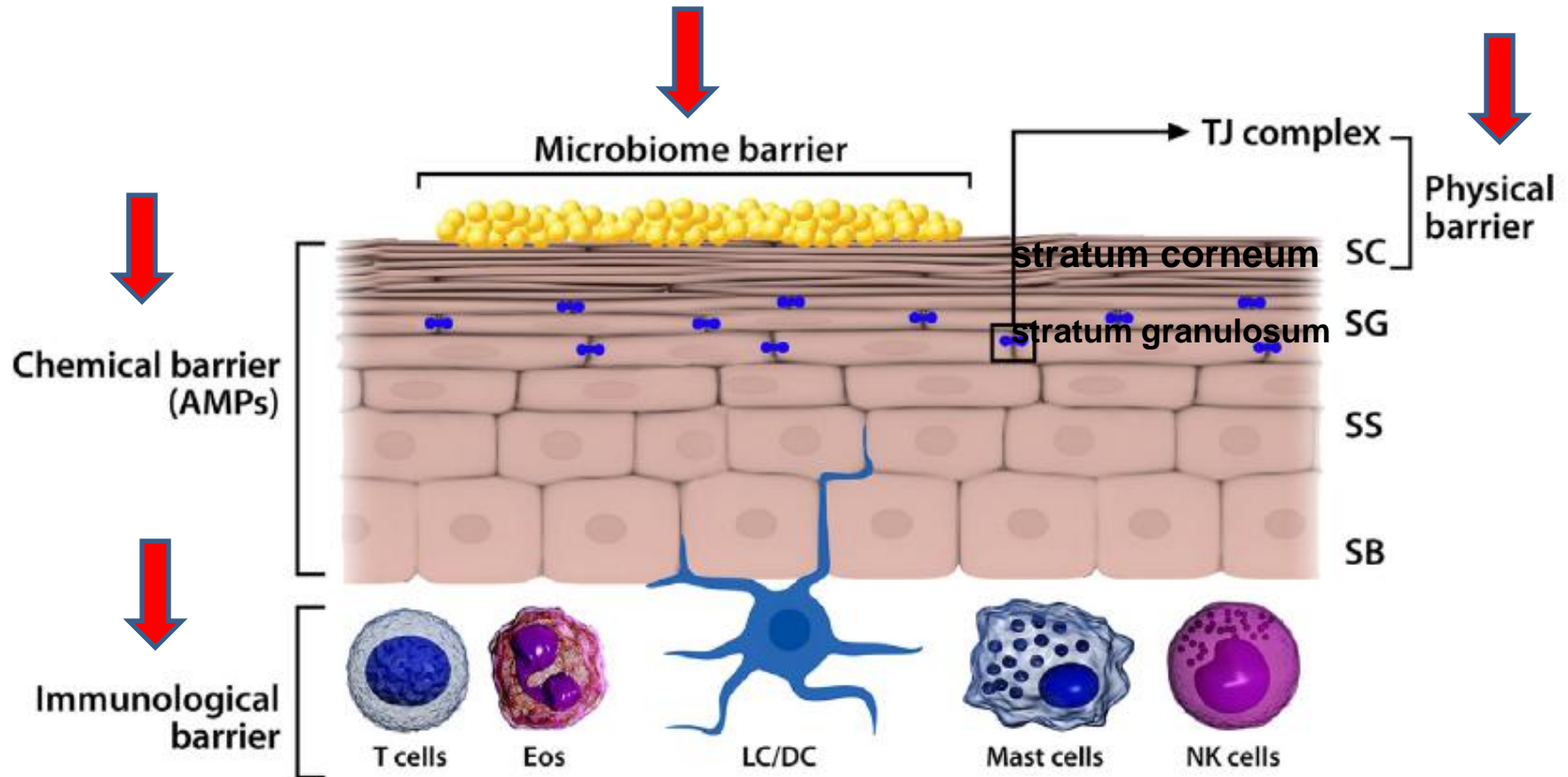


**Immune  
Response**



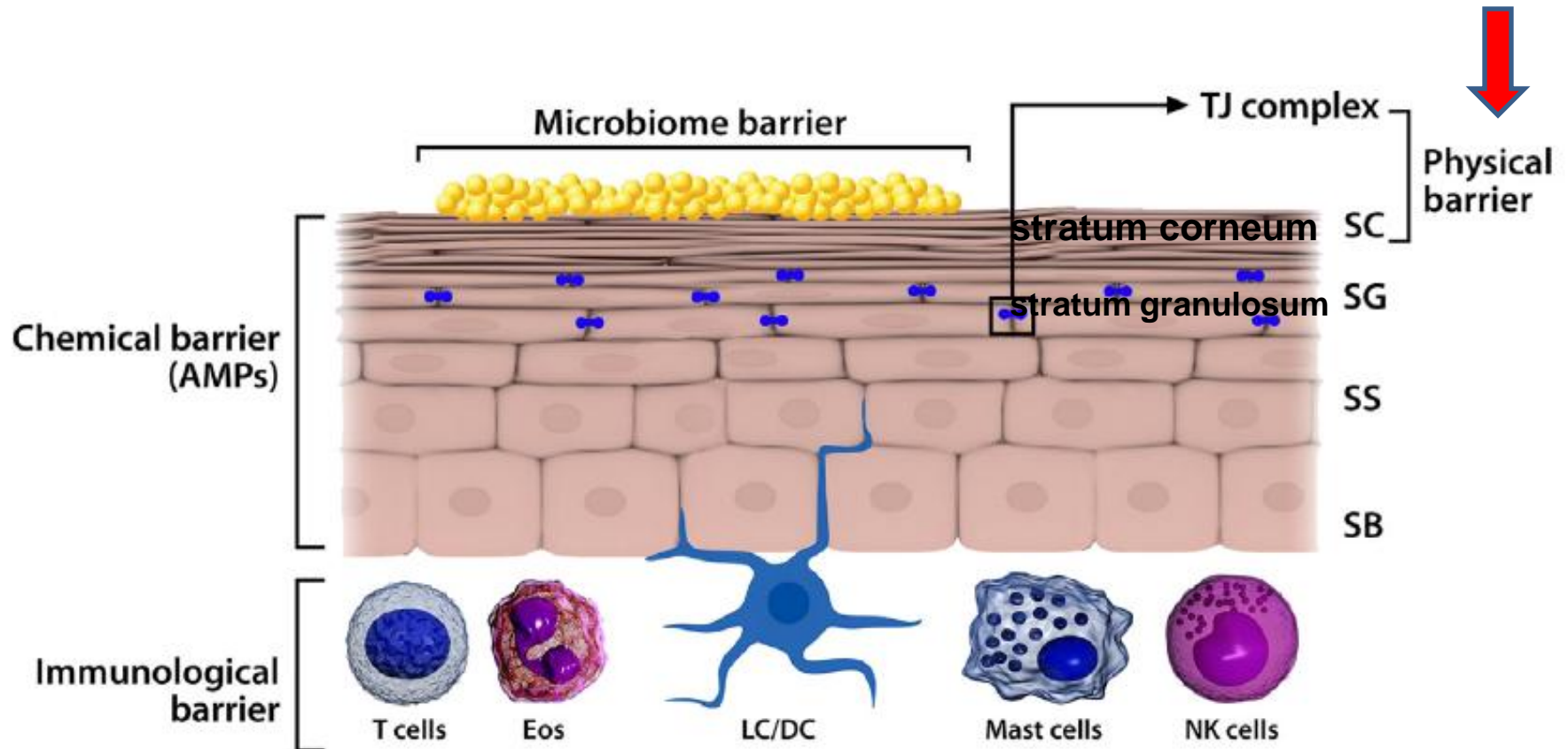
**Skin  
Barrier**

# LE BARRIERE DELLA CUTE

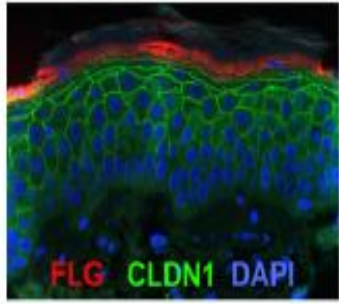




# LE BARRIERE DELLA CUTE



# PROTEINE CUTANEE



## Stratum Corneum

↓FLG, ↓LOR, ↓INV; Lipid defects;  
 ↑Proteases, ↓Protease inhibitors;  
 trauma from itch-scratch cycle

- Microbes
- Irritants
- Allergens
- Pollutants
- Nanoparticles

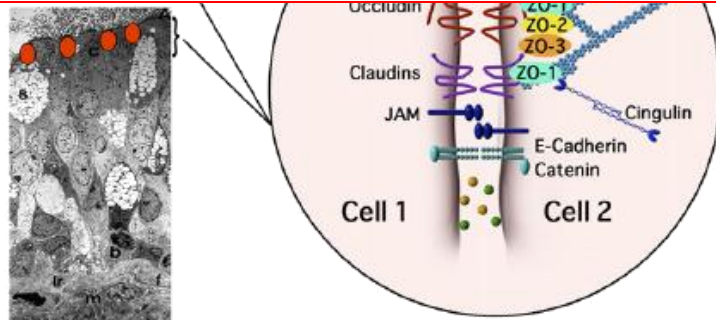


**Table 1**

Skin barrier-related genes associated with AD/AD-like dermatitis

Gene symbol	Gene name	Functions
<b>Filaggrin system</b>		
<i>FLG</i>	Filaggrin	Major constituent of keratohyalin granules; bundling keratin filament to form keratin pattern; degradation products are reported to have skin-moisturizing activity
<b>Desquamation</b>		
<i>SPINK5</i>	Serine peptidase inhibitor, Kazal type 5	pH-dependent inhibition of KLK5 and KLK7
<i>KLK7<sup>B</sup></i>	Kallikrein-related peptidase 7	Digestion of corneodesmosin
<i>CDSN</i>	Corneodesmosin	Structural protein of corneodesmosomes
<b>Others</b>		
<i>CSTA</i>	Cystatin A	Cysteine protease inhibitor of house dust mite protease
<i>CLDN1<sup>D</sup></i>	Claudin 1	Integral transmembrane protein of TJs

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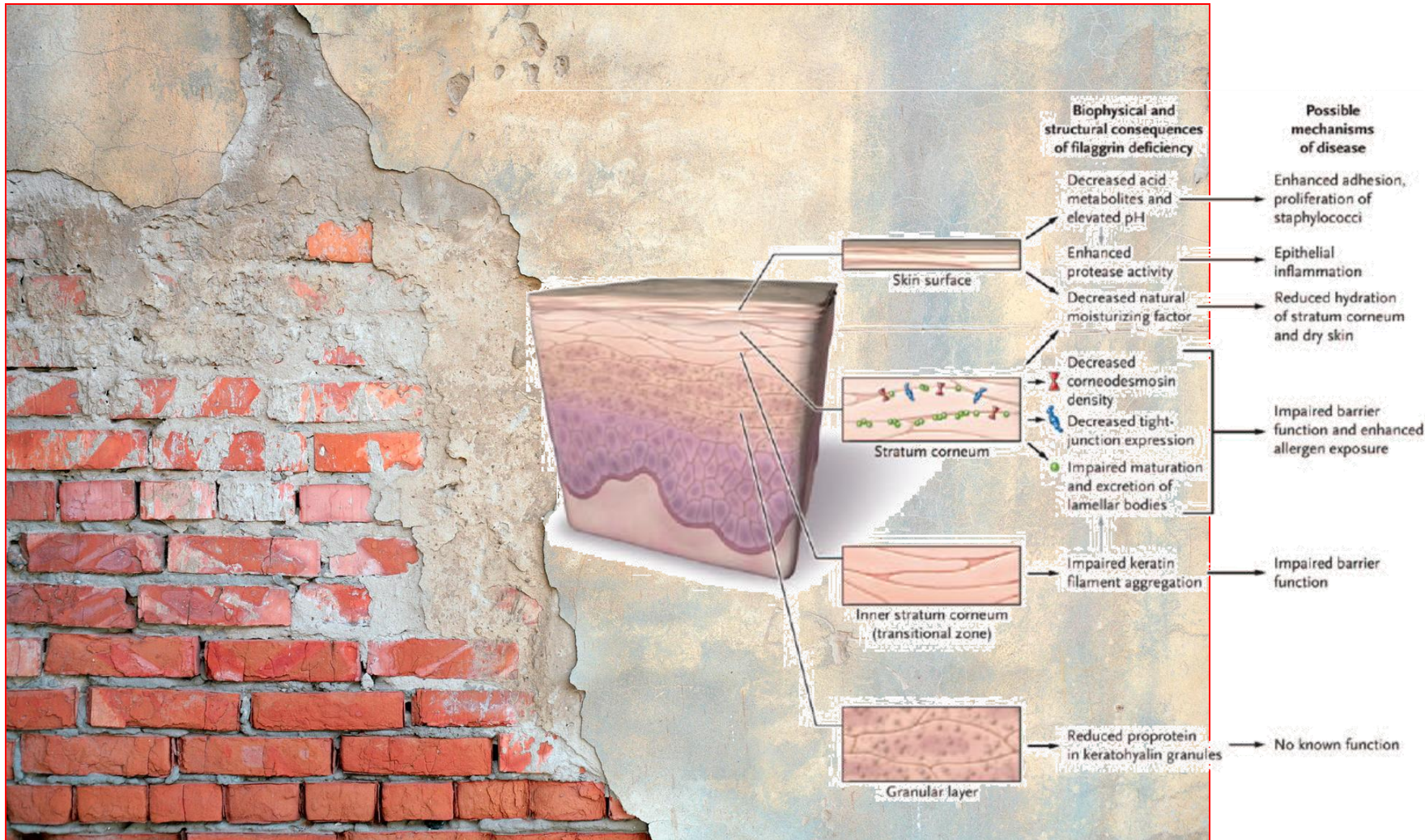


□ adapter proteins (catenin, ZO 1-3) to the cytoskeleton (actin and cingulin).



# LE BARRIERE DELLA CUTE

## BARRIERIA FISICA



**TABLE I.** Comparison of clinical and biophysical features of patients with AD with ( $AD_{FLG}$ ) and without ( $AD_{NON-FLG}$ ) filaggrin mutations\*

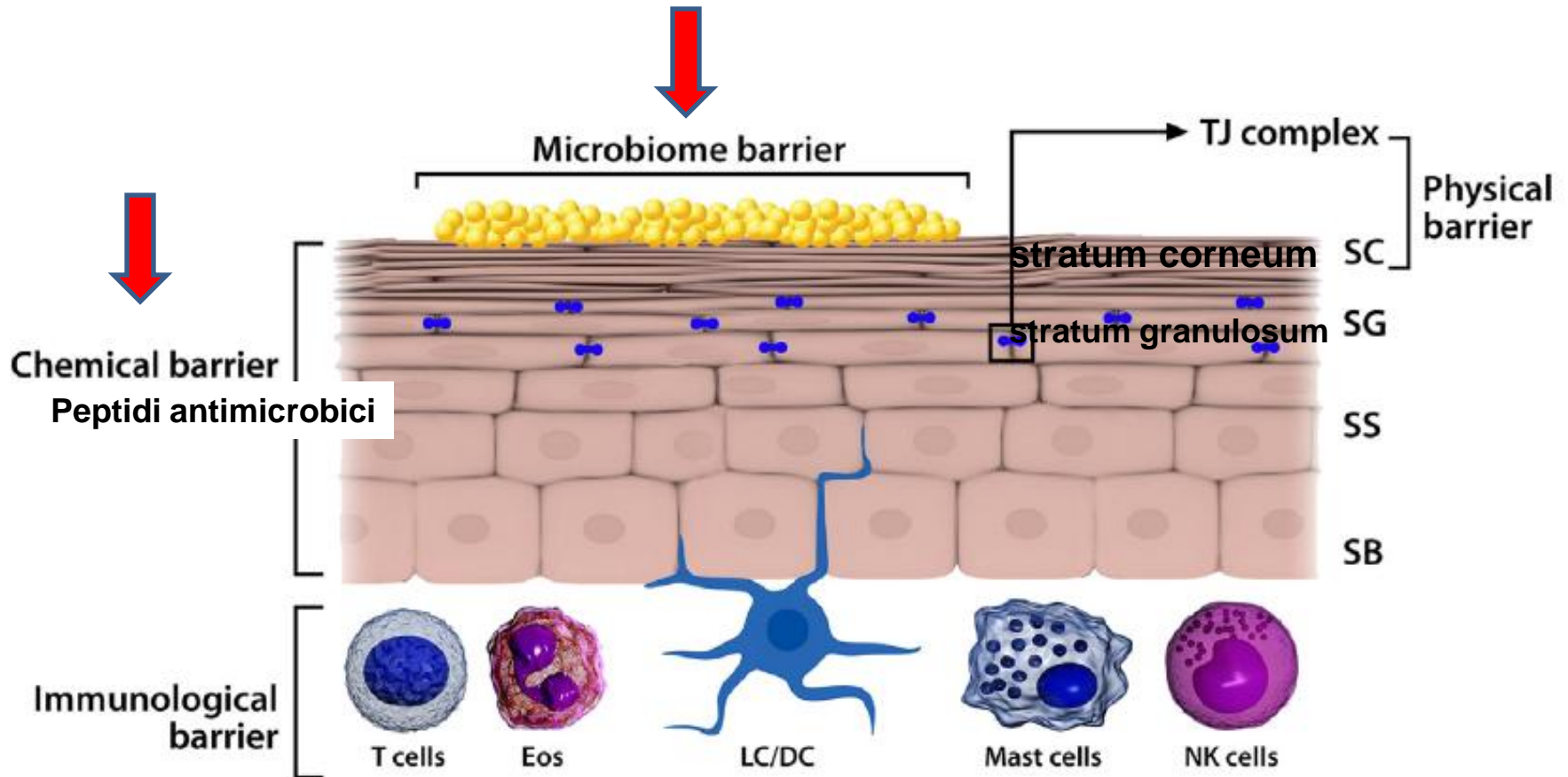
	Clinical features	Biophysical features
$AD_{FLG}$	Palmar hyperlinearity	Severe decrease in NMF
	More persistent	pH
	↑ Allergic sensitization	IL-1 $\beta$
	↑ Risk of asthma	Type 1 interferon-mediated stress response
	↑ Severity of AD ↑ Eczema herpeticum	
$AD_{NON-FLG}$	No palmar hyperlinearity	Mild decrease in NMF
	Less persistent	pH lower compared with patients with $AD_{FLG}$
	Less allergic sensitization	IL-1 $\beta$ low compared with patients with $AD_{FLG}$
	Lower risk of asthma	Dysregulation of lipid metabolic processes

*NMF*, Natural moisturizing factor.

\*Modified with permission from McAleer and Irvine.<sup>28</sup>

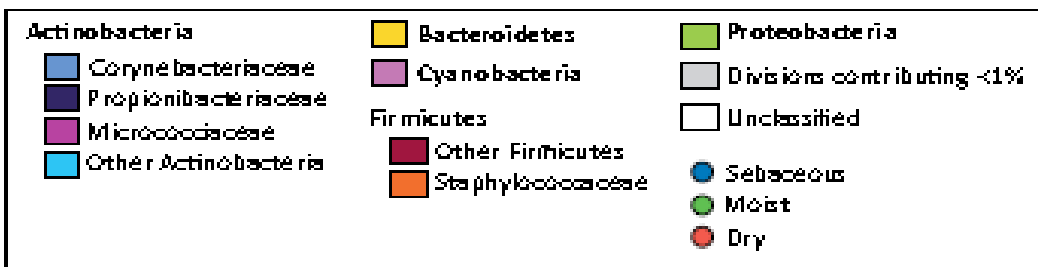
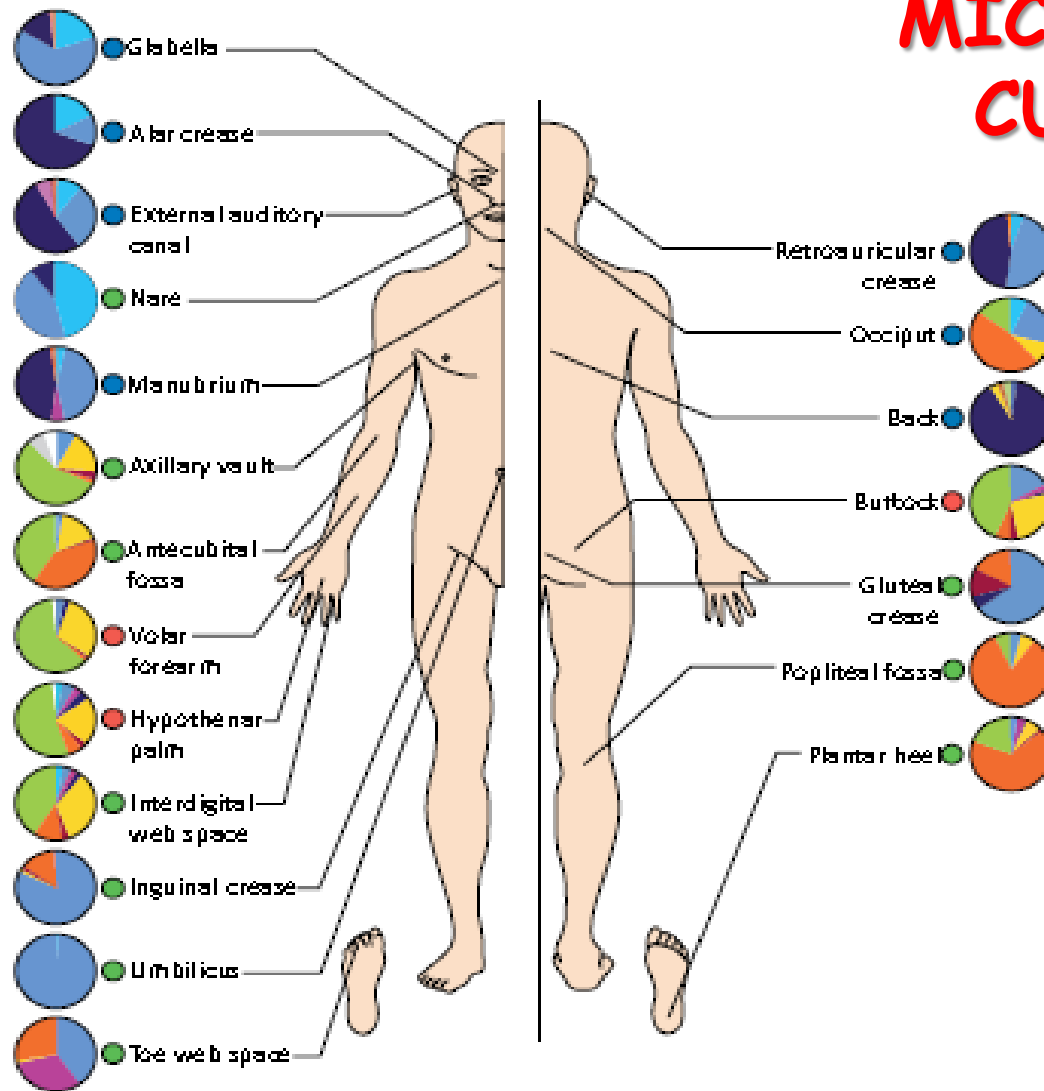


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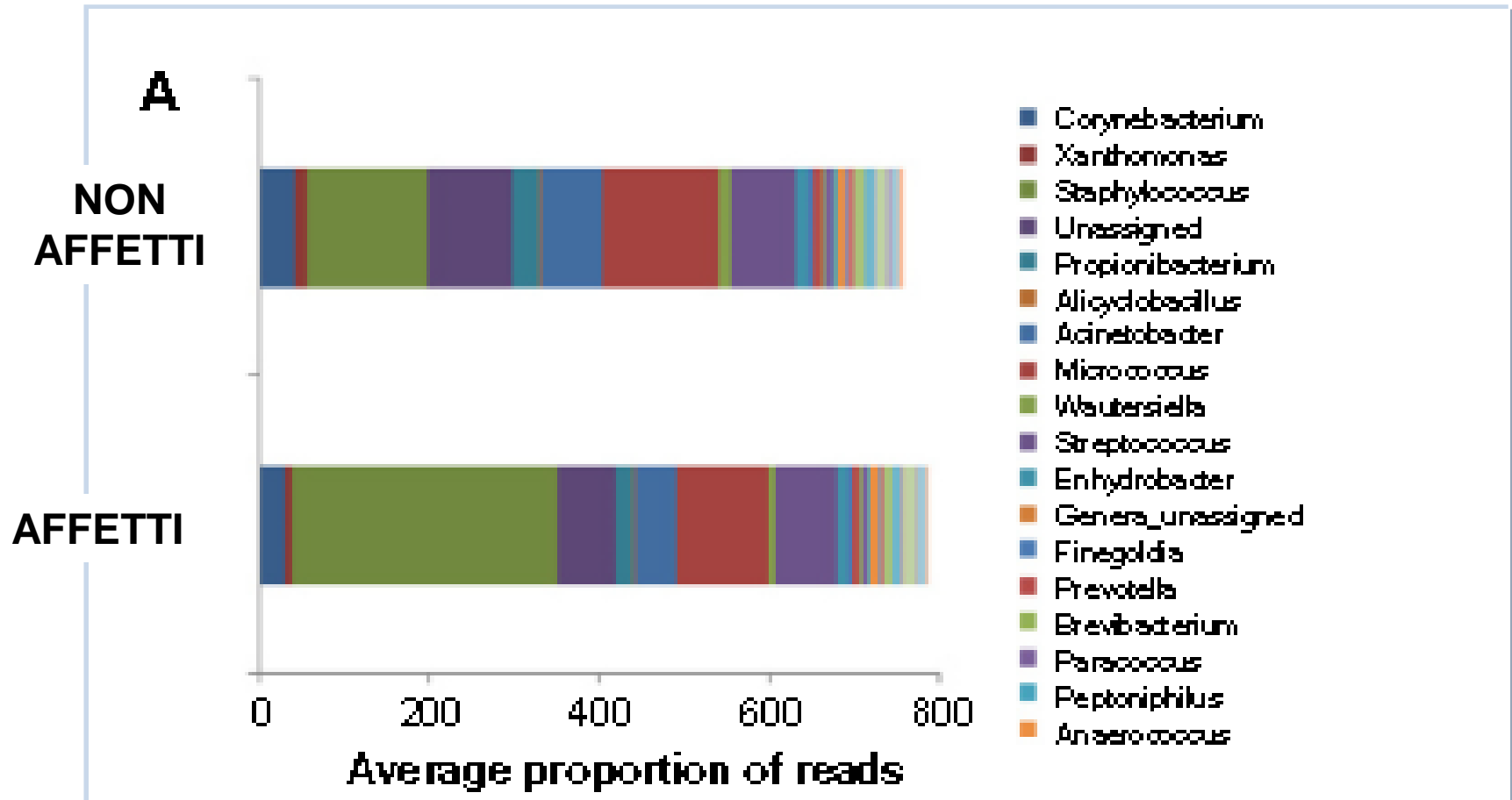




# MICROBIOMA CUTANEO



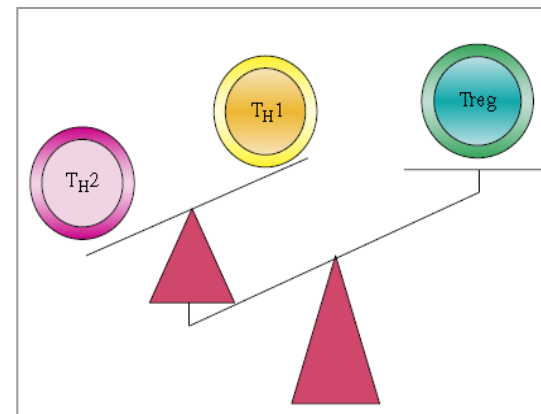
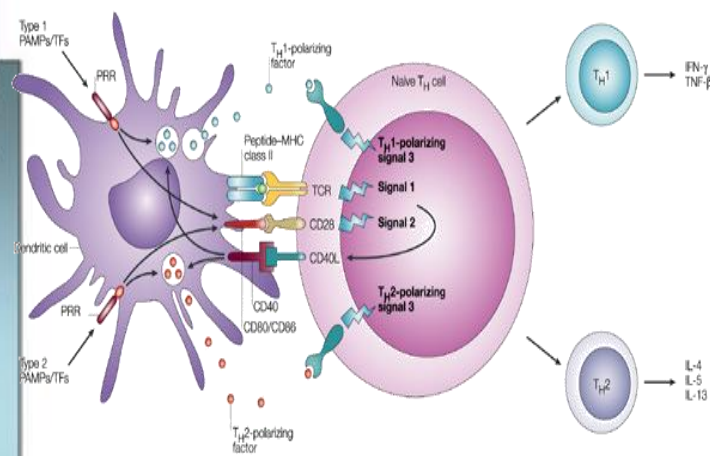
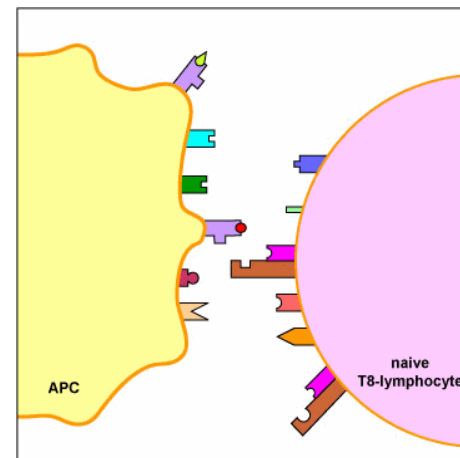
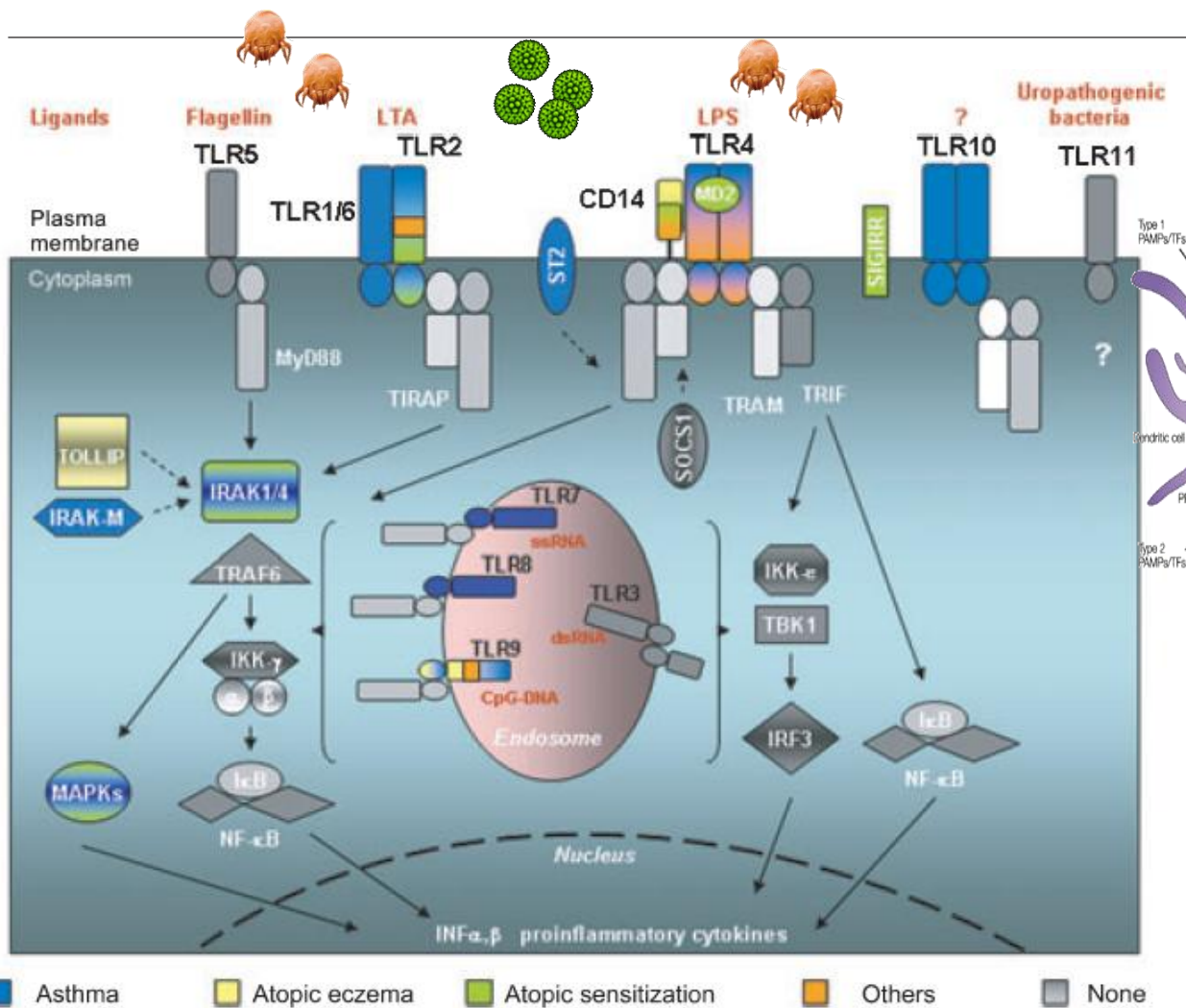
# MICROBIOMA CUTANEO



# Genetic variations in toll-like receptor pathway genes influence asthma and atopy

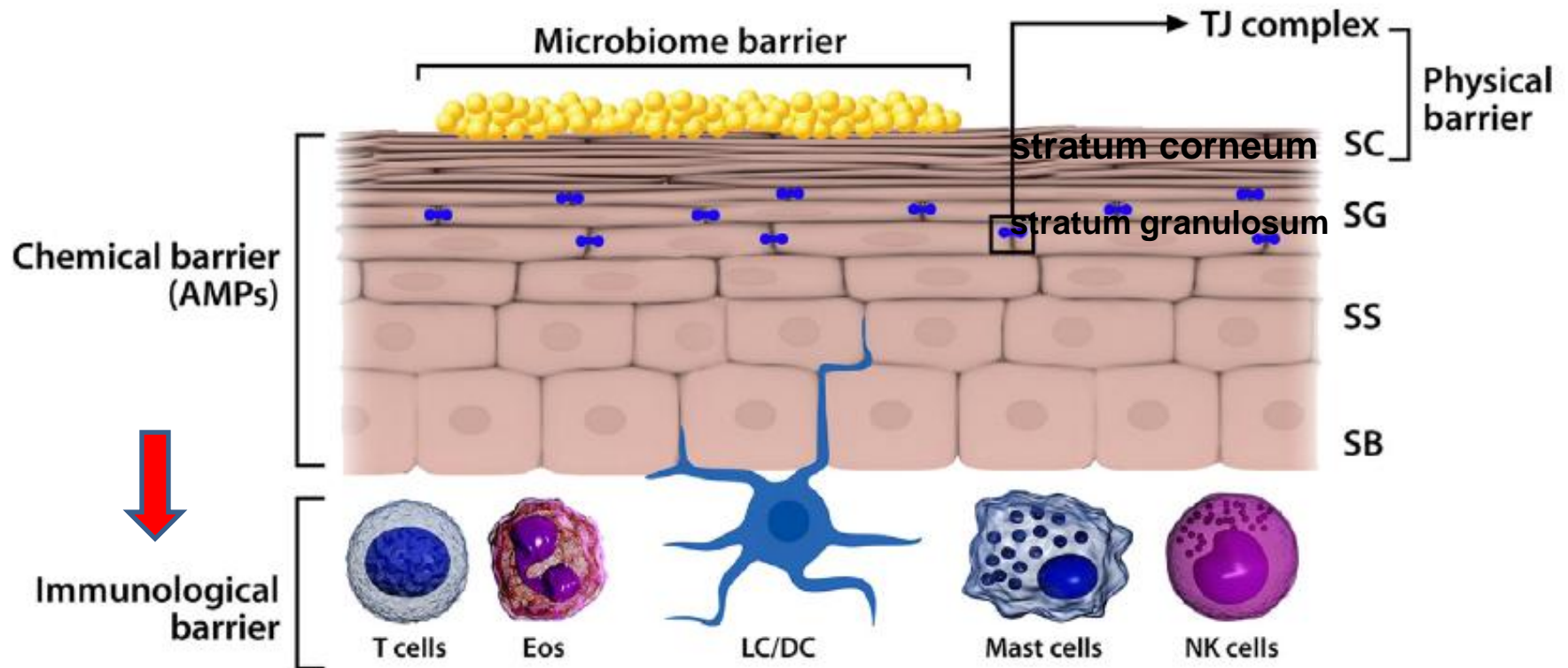
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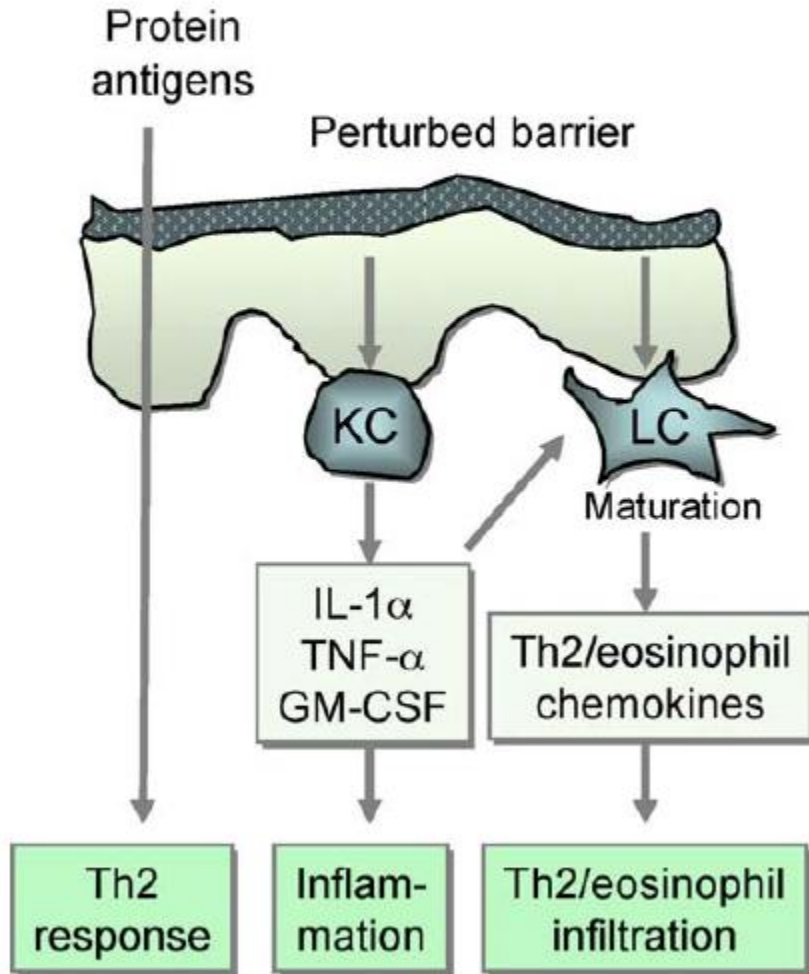
# LE BARRIERE DELLA CUTE



## Extrinsic AD

elevation of total serum IgE

80%

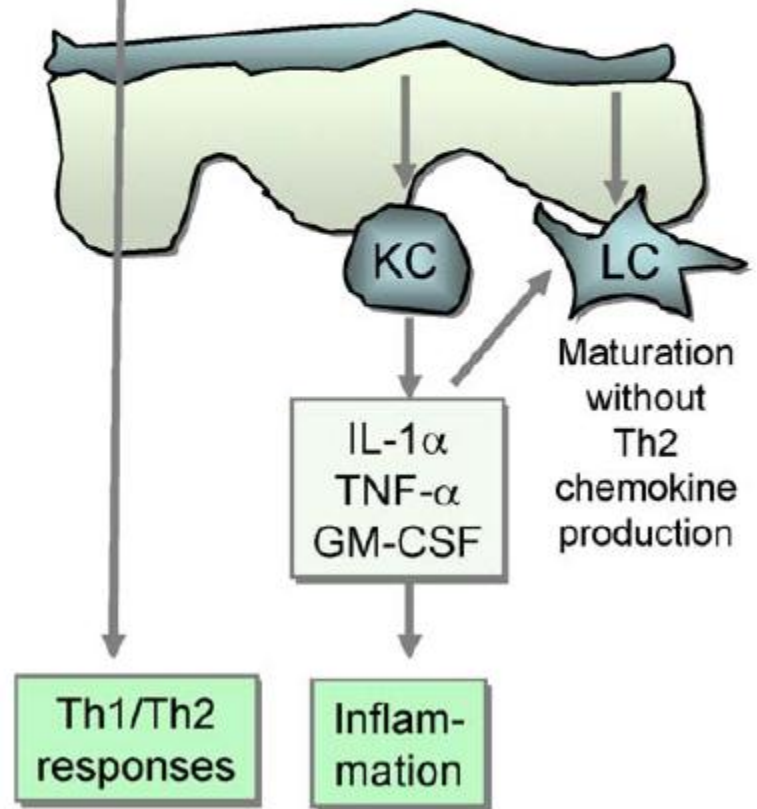


IL-4, IL-5, IL-13  
eosinophil counts

## Intrinsic AD

Non-protein antigens

Normal barrier



# ATOPIC ECZEMA/DERMATITIS SYNDROME

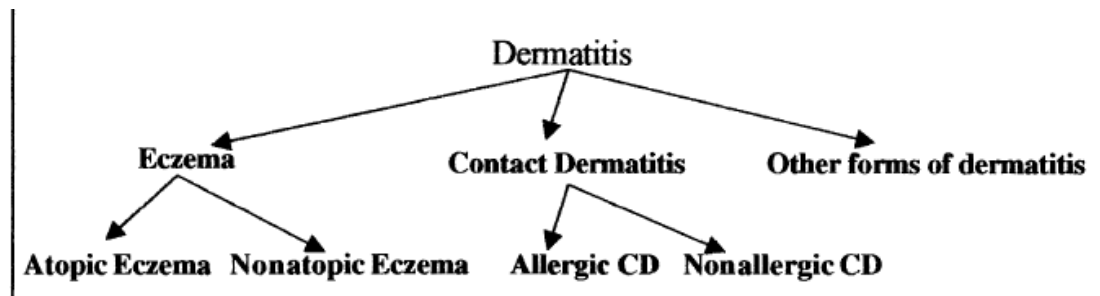


FIG 2. Under the umbrella *dermatitis*, *eczema* is now the agreed term to replace the transitional term atopic eczema/dermatitis syndrome (AEDS). Atopic eczema is eczema in a person of the atopic constitution.

the intrinsic type is termed **non-allergic AEDS**, which shows

- normal IgE levels,
- No specific IgE,
- no association with respiratory diseases (bronchial asthma or allergic rhinitis),
- negative skin-prick tests to common aeroallergens or food allergens

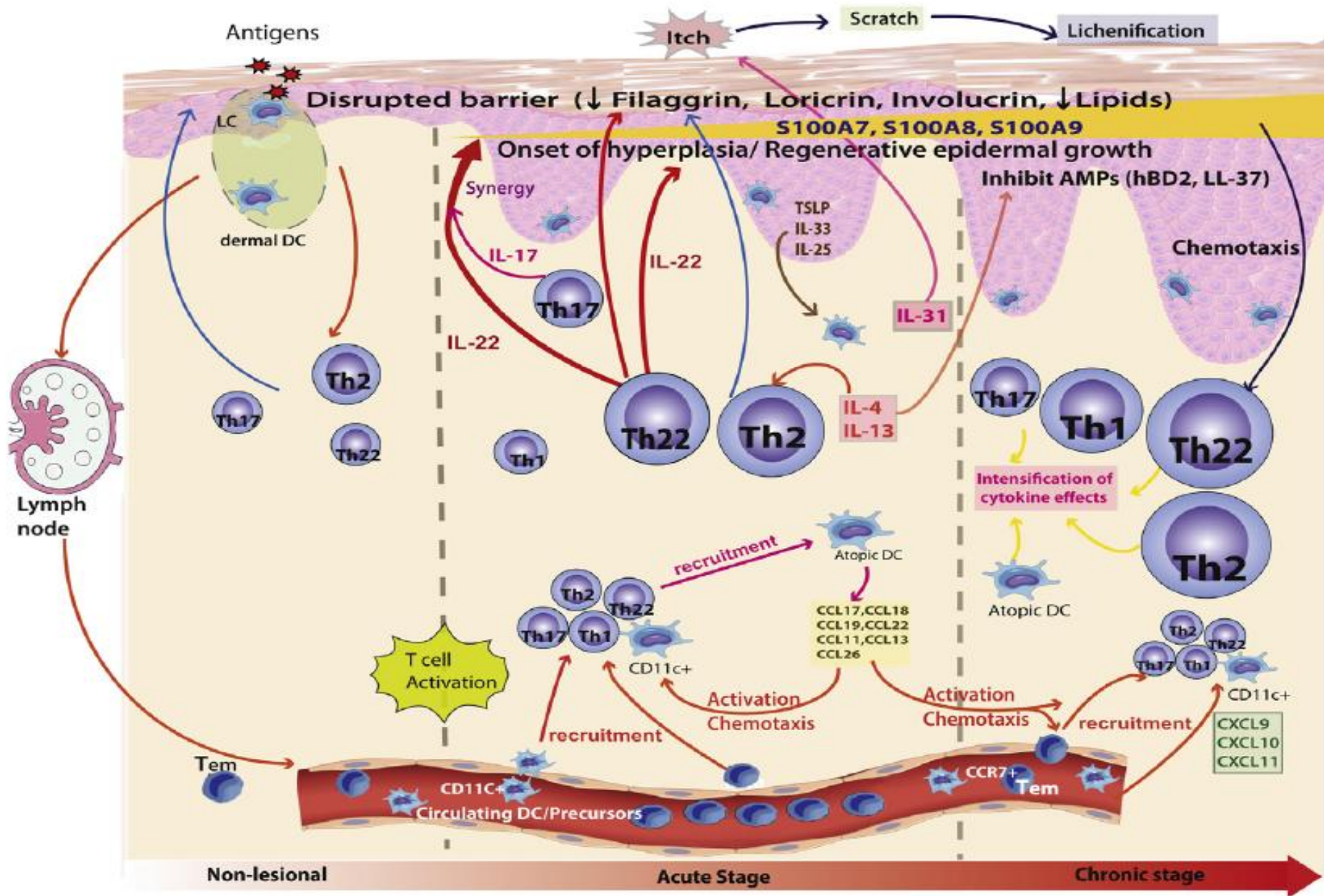


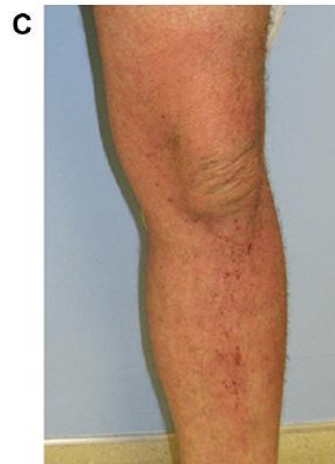
**Table 2**

Subsets of CD4T cells associated with skin.

Subset	Inducing cytokine	Master regulator	Effector cytokine	Inhibitors	Function	Host defense	Pathology
Th1	IFN- $\gamma$ , IL-12	T-bet	INF- $\gamma$	IL-4	Activation of MF, Ig class switch to IgG1/G3 (human) or IgG2a/G3 (mouse)	Intracellular pathogens	Granulomatous disease
Th2	IL-4	GATA3	IL-4, -5, -10, -13	IFN- $\gamma$	Activation of MC, Bas, Eos, M2MF, barrier function, Ig class switch to IgE	Helminths	AD
Non-pathogenic Th17	IL-6, TGF- $\beta$	ROR $\gamma$ t	IL-17, IL-10	IL-2, -4, IFN- $\gamma$ , Foxp3, T-bet	Recruitment of neutrophils (?)	Undefined	Undefined
Pathogenic Th17	IL-6, IL-23, IL-1 $\beta$ , TGF- $\beta$ 3	ROR $\gamma$ t, T-bet	IL-17, IL-22, IFN- $\gamma$ , GM-CSF	Ditto and TGF- $\beta$ 1(?)	Recruitment of neutrophils	Extracellular bacteria and fungi	Psoriasis, RA, MS, AD
Th22	IL-6, TNF- $\alpha$	Undefined	IL-22	TGF- $\beta$ 1	Induction of defensins	<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	Psoriasis, AD, chloracne
Th9	IL-4, TGF- $\beta$	PU.1, IRF4	IL-9	Undefined	Activation of skin-tropic T cells to produce IFN- $\gamma$ , IL-9, -13, and -17	<i>Candida albicans</i>	Allergy, psoriasis
Treg	IL-2, TGF- $\beta$	Foxp3	TGF- $\beta$ , IL-10, IL-35	IL-6, ROR $\gamma$ t, HIF1a	Peripheral tolerance, tuning of immune response	Tuning of inflammation	Cancer, chronic infection
Tr1	IL-27, TGF- $\beta$	c-Maf	IL-10	Undefined	Ditto	Ditto	Undefined
Th3	Undefined	Undefined	TGF- $\beta$	Undefined	Ditto	Ditto	Undefined
LAG3 Treg	Undefined	Undefined	IL-10	Undefined	Ditto	Ditto	Undefined

MF, macrophages; M2MF, M2 macrophage; MC, mast cells; Bas, basophils; Eos, eosinophils; AD, atopic dermatitis; Ig, immunoglobulin; RA, rheumatoid arthritis; MS, multiple sclerosis; Ditto, same as above.





**TABLE III.** Summary of cytokine effects on the epidermis in patients with AD

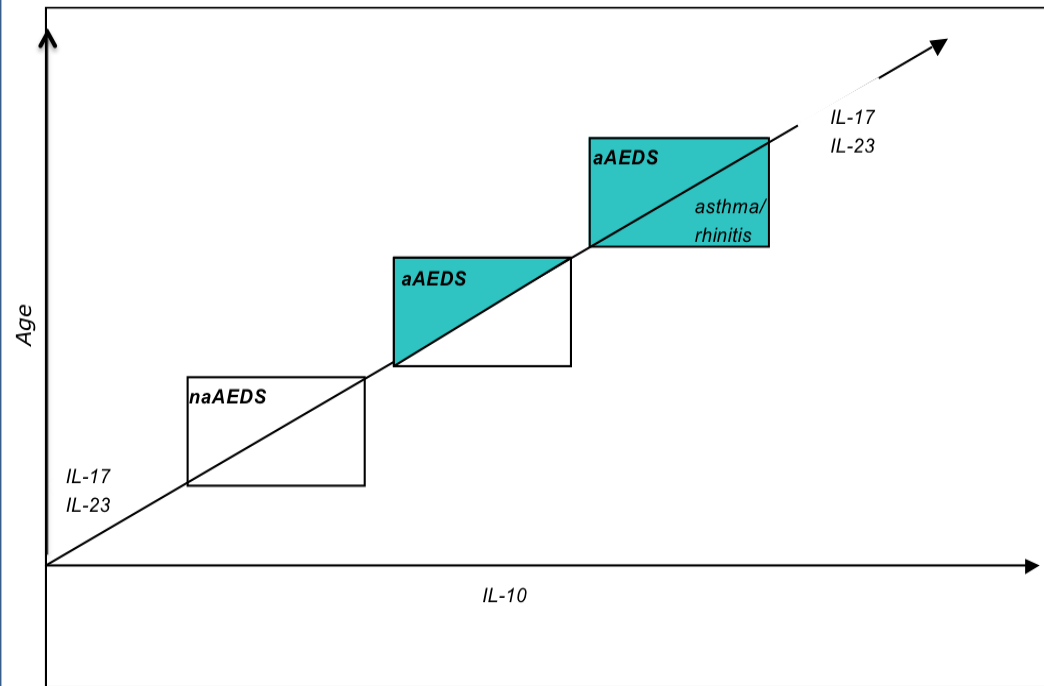
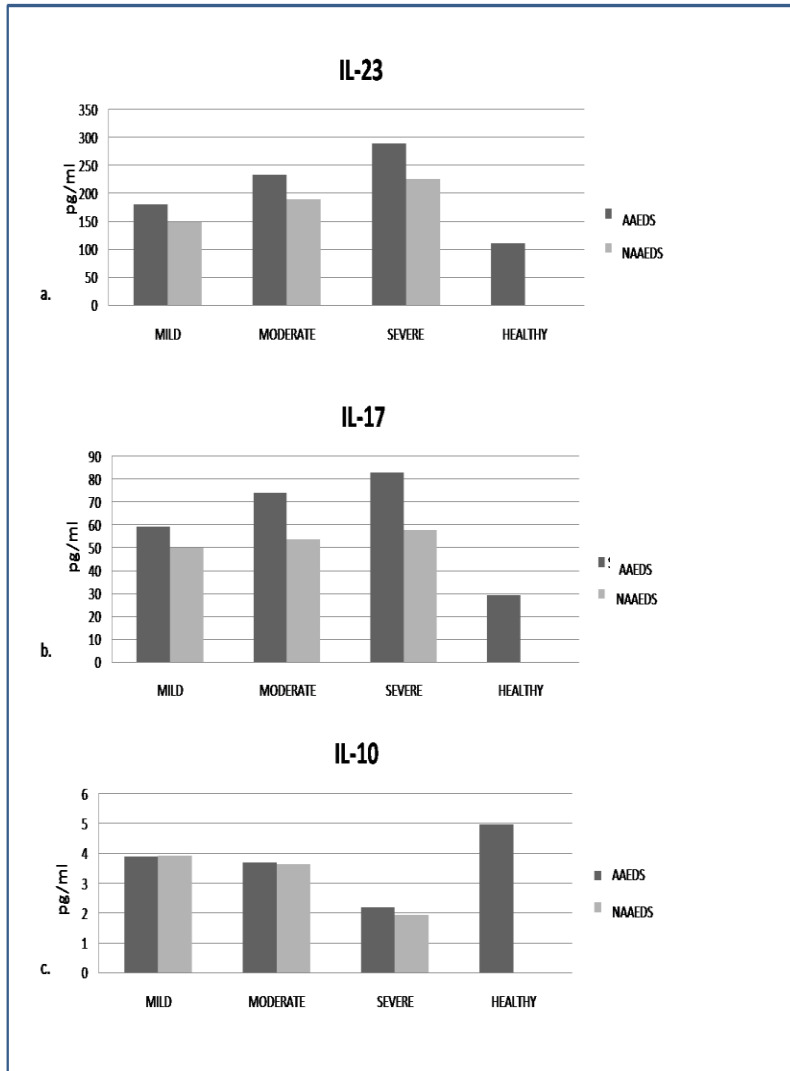
- Induce epidermal hyperplasia (IL-22)
- Induce spongiosis ( $T_H2$  cytokines IL-4/IL-13 and TNF)
- Inhibit keratinocyte terminal differentiation (IL-4, IL-13, IL-31, IL-25/ $T_H2$ , IL-22/ $T_H22$ , and TNF) with potential for feedback hyperplasia
- Inhibit synthesis of AMPs ( $T_H2$  cytokines IL-4, IL-13, and IL-33)
- Inhibit lipid synthesis ( $T_H2$  cytokines IL-4/IL-13, IL-31, and TNF)
- Increase expression of S100A7, S100A8, and S100A9 (IL-22 plus IL-17)
- Induce TSLP production in KCs (IL-4/IL-13 and TNF)
- Promote itch (IL-31 and TSLP)
- Promote antiviral responses (IFN- $\gamma$ , IFN- $\alpha$ , and IL-29)

KCs, Keratinocytes; TSLP, thymic stromal lymphopoietin.

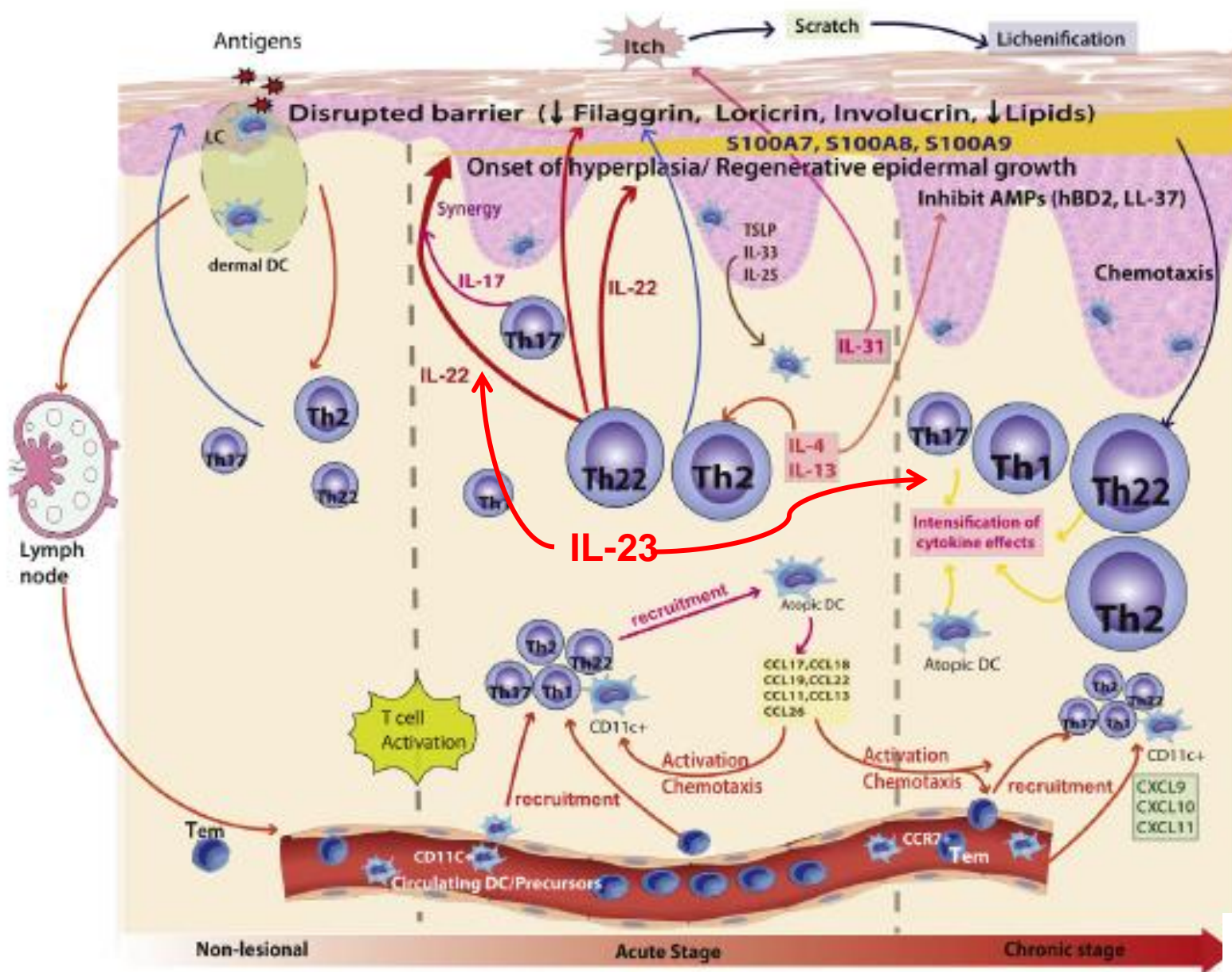


# Interleukin-17, interleukin-23, and interleukin-10 serum levels in children with AEDS and their relationship with clinical severity

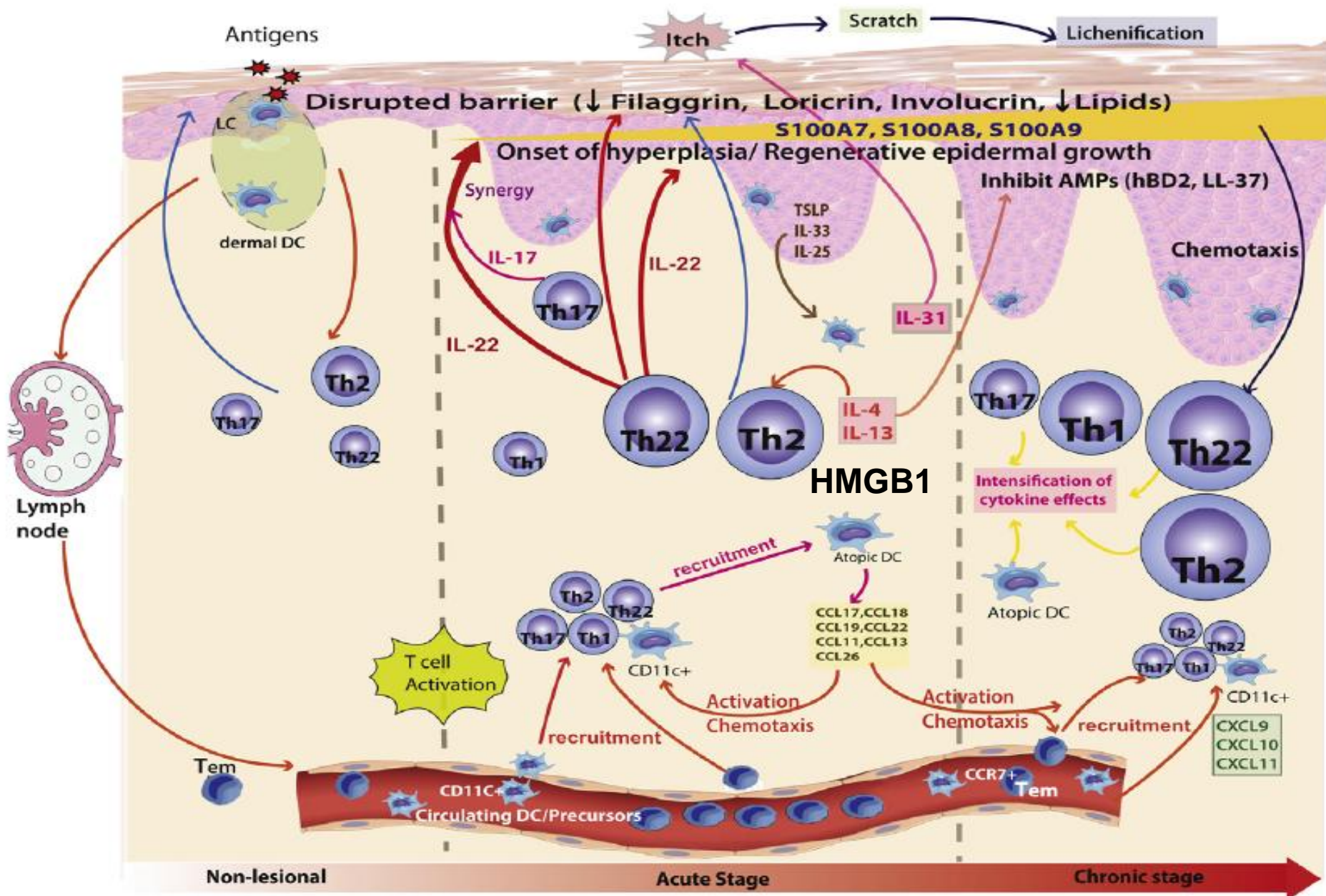
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# PROFILI GENETICI ED IMMUNOLOGICI E FENOTIPI DI DA



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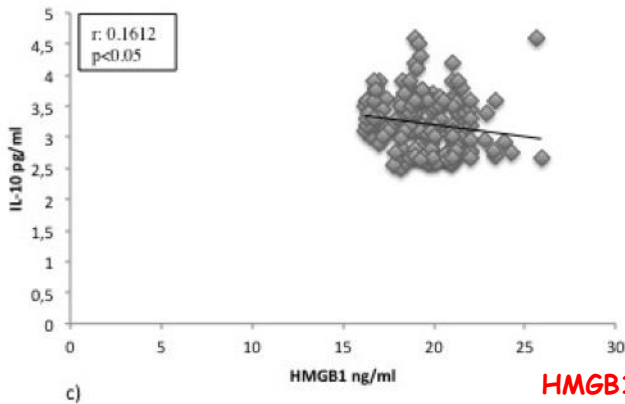
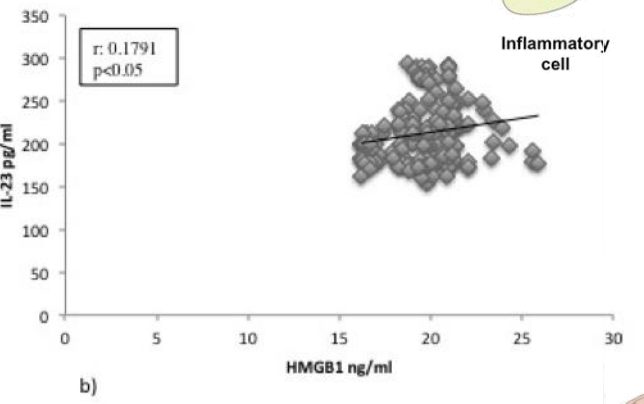
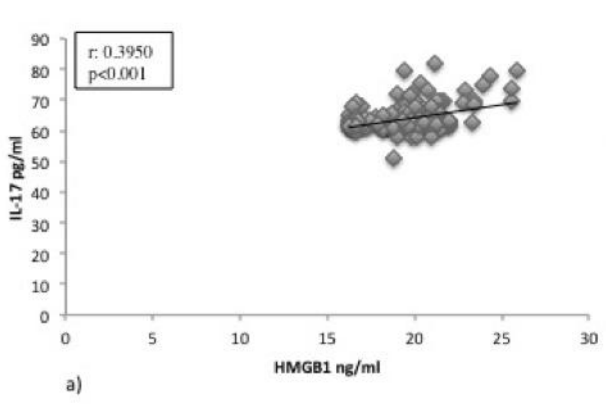
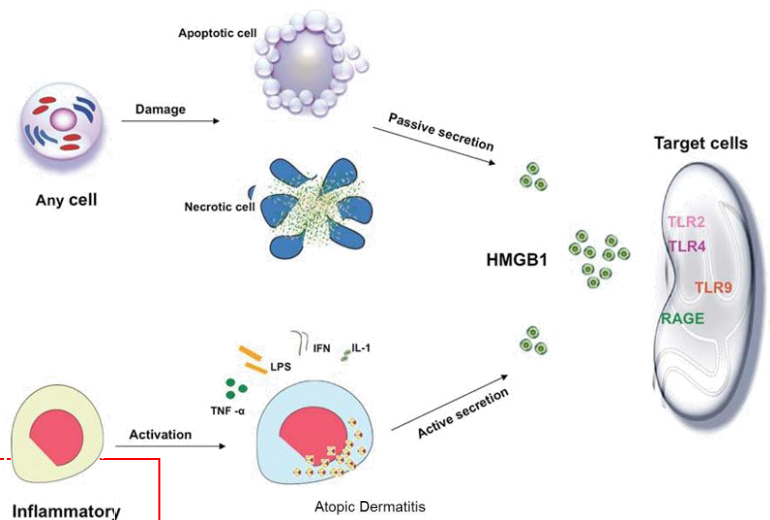




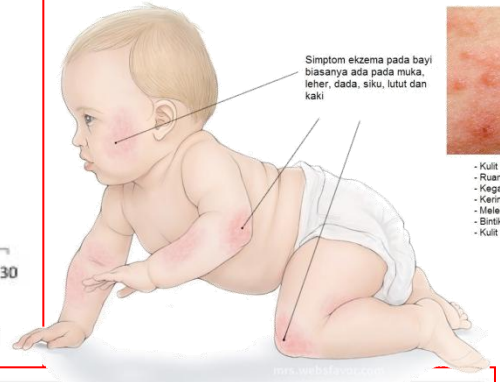
# HMGB1 levels in children with atopic eczema/dermatitis syndrome (AEDS)

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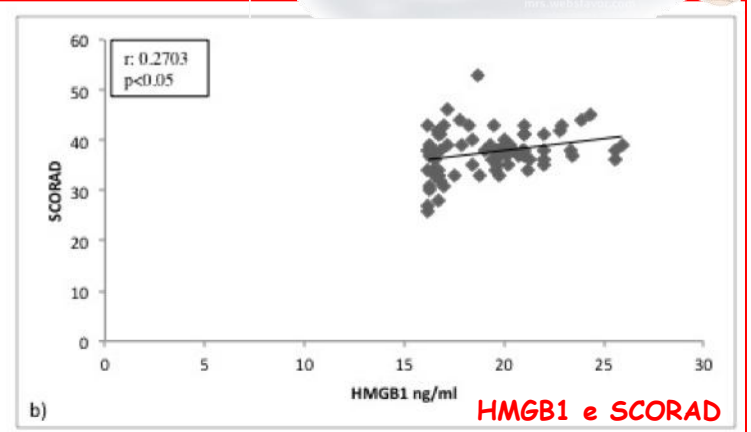
## Pediatric Allergy and Immunology



HMGB1 e IL-17/IL-23/IL-10



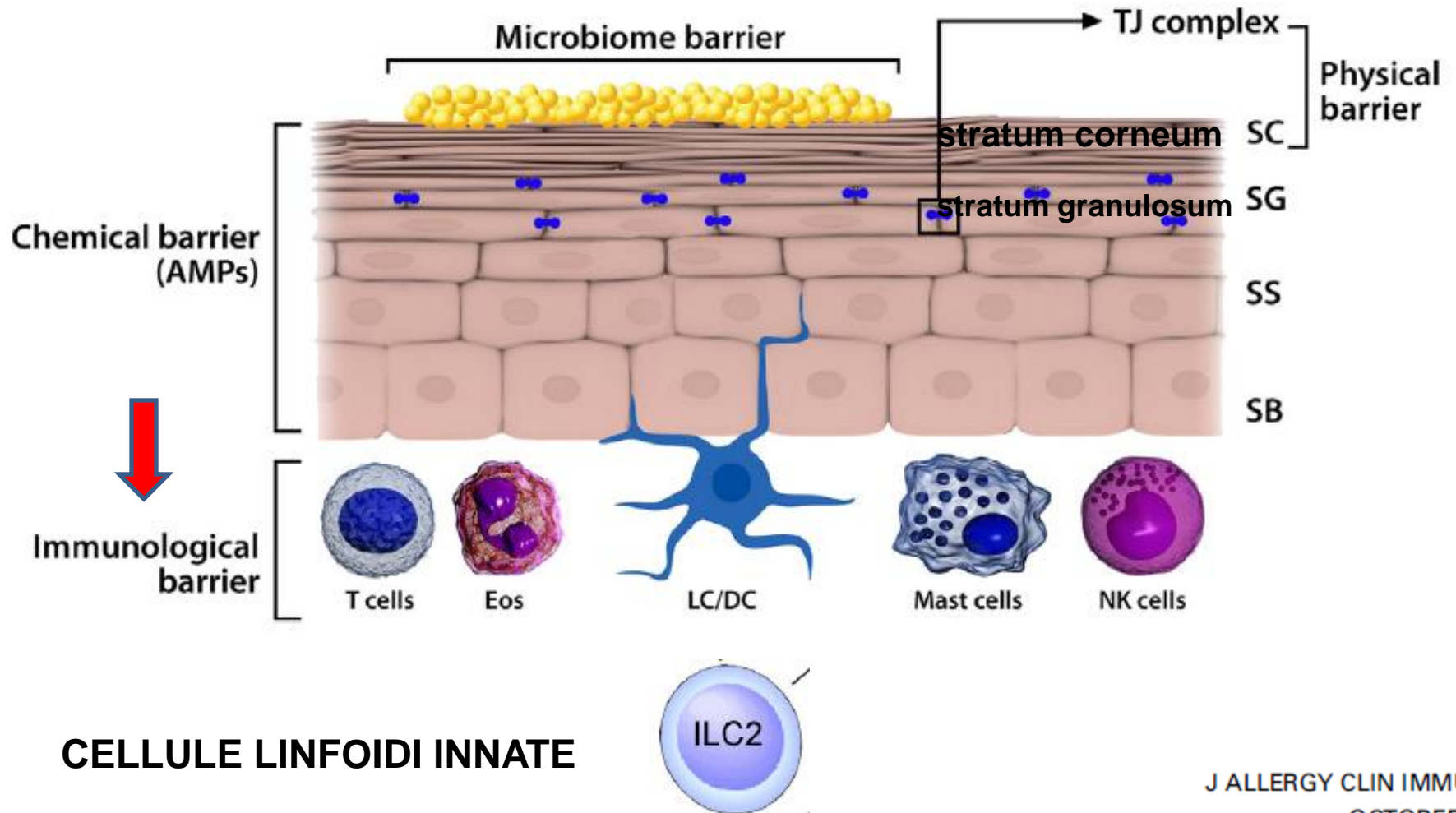
- Kulit melepuh kemerah-merahan
- Ruam
- Kegatalan
- Kering dan mengelupas
- Melecat
- Bintik-bintik kecil yang berair
- Kulit menggerutu dan keras



HMGB1 e SCORAD

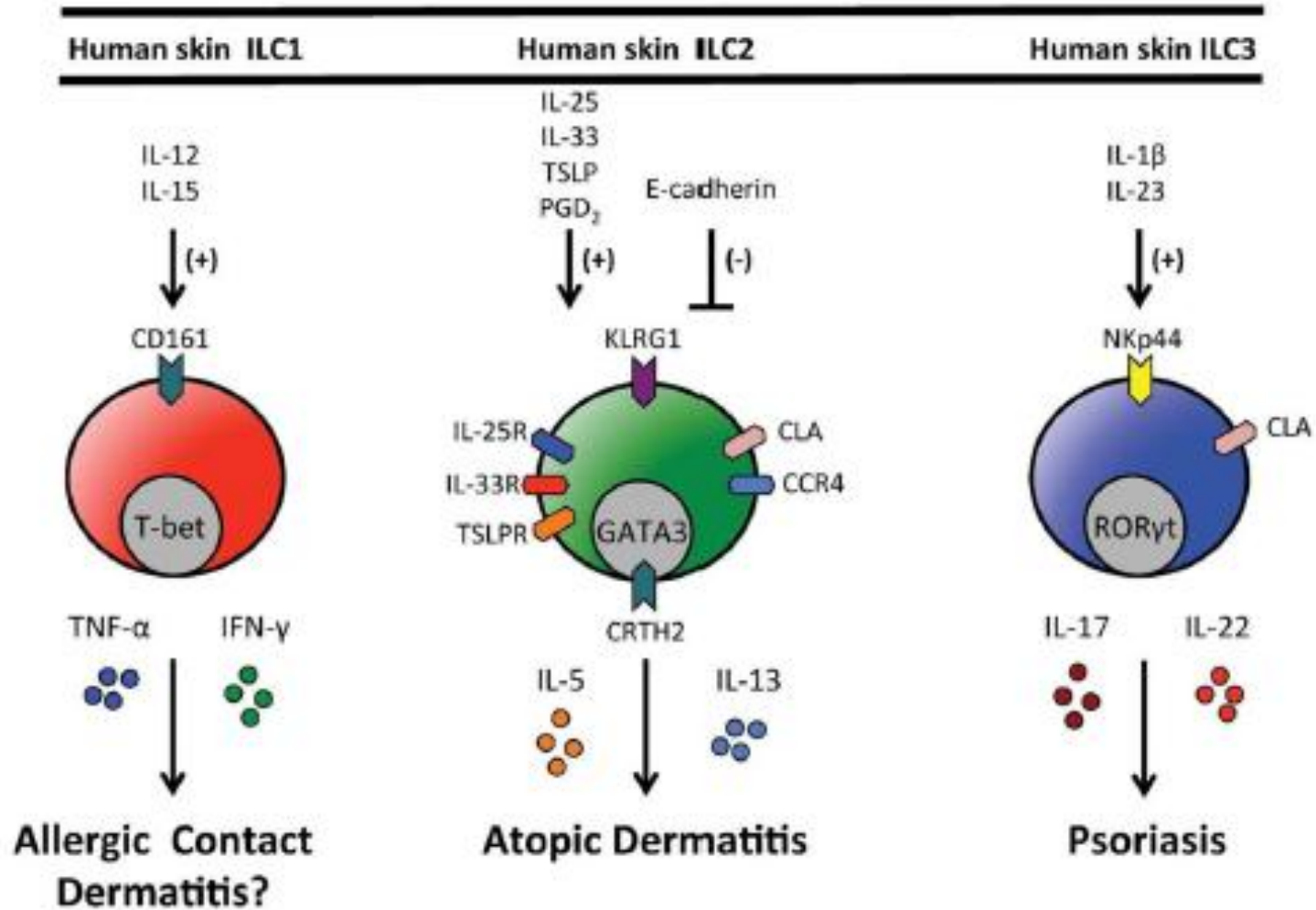


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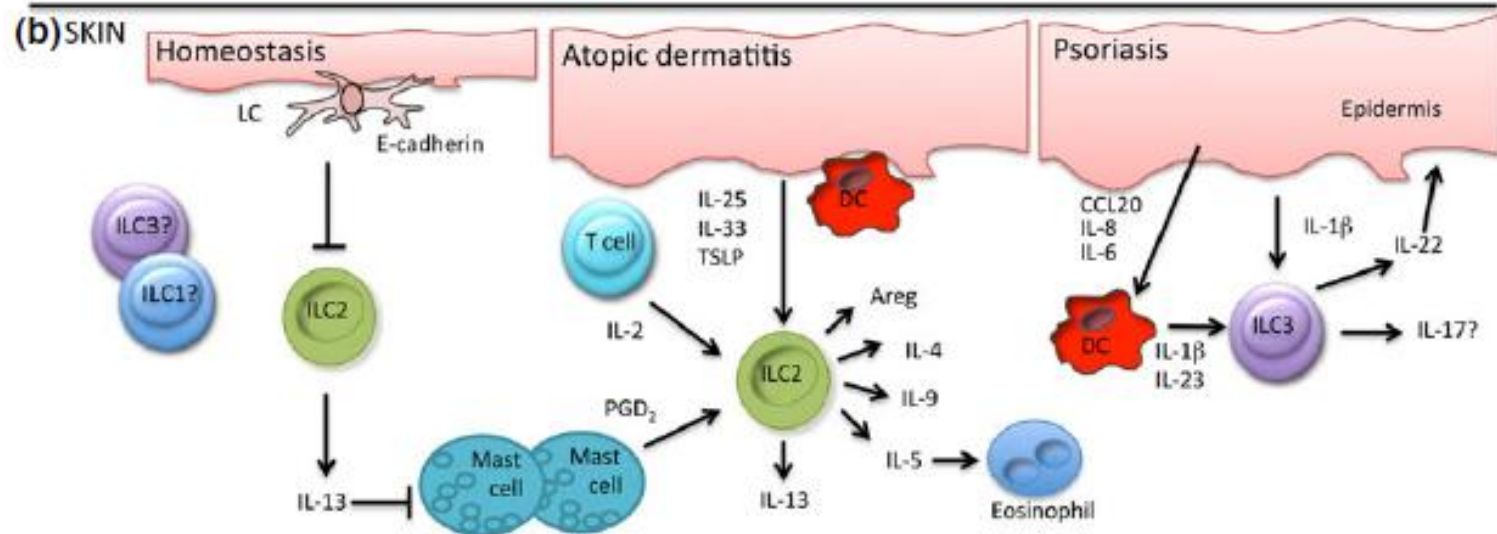
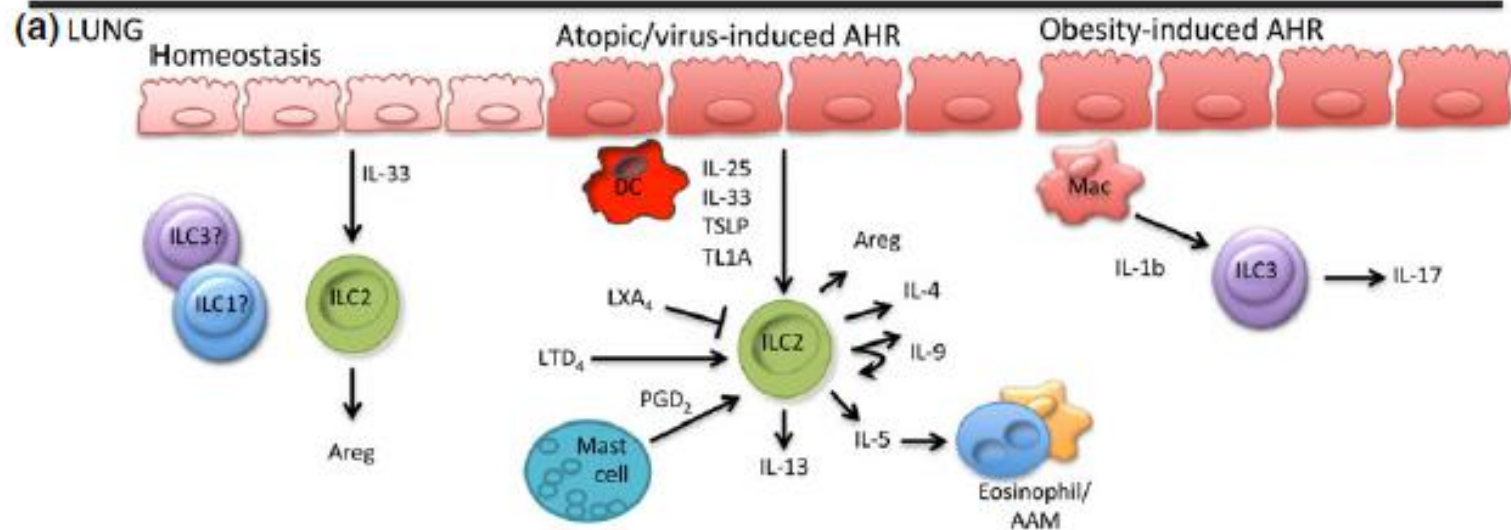


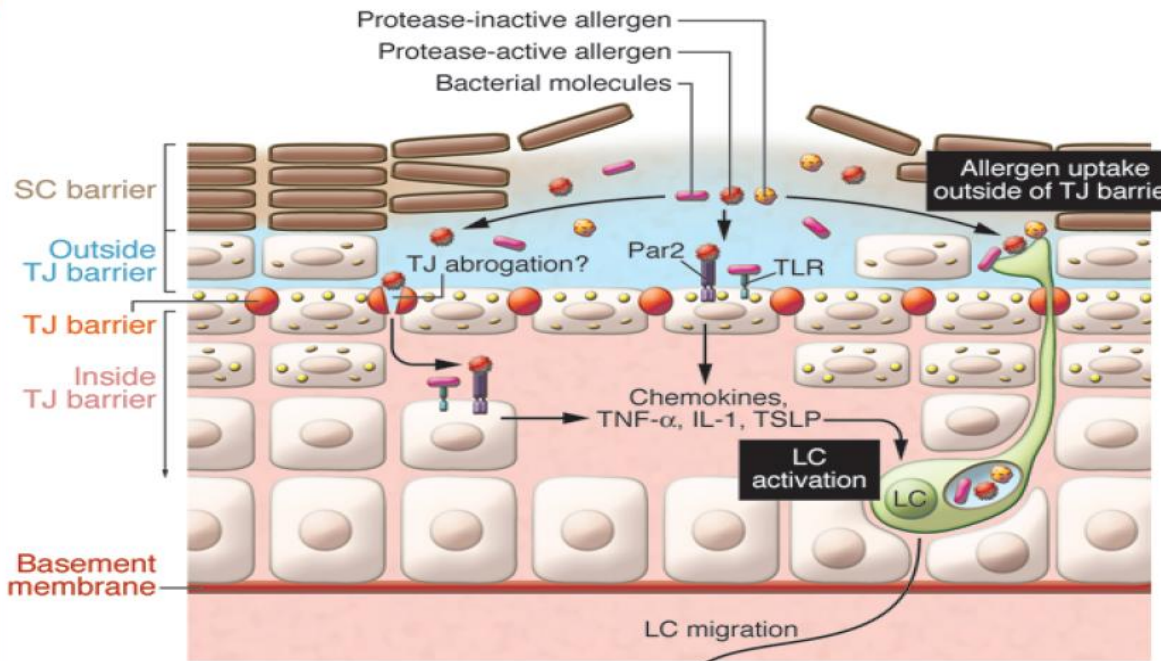
**CELLULE LINFODI INNATE**

# Regulation and function of human skin ILC responses



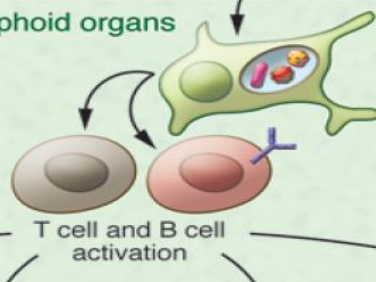
# CELLULE LINFOIDI INNATE (ILC)





**MALT: TESSUTO LINFOIDE ASSOCIATO A MUCOSE E CUTE**

Lymphoid organs



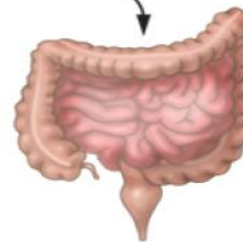
**Skin**  
Atopic dermatitis  
Contact allergy



**Lung**  
Asthma



**Nasal cavity**  
Allergic rhinitis

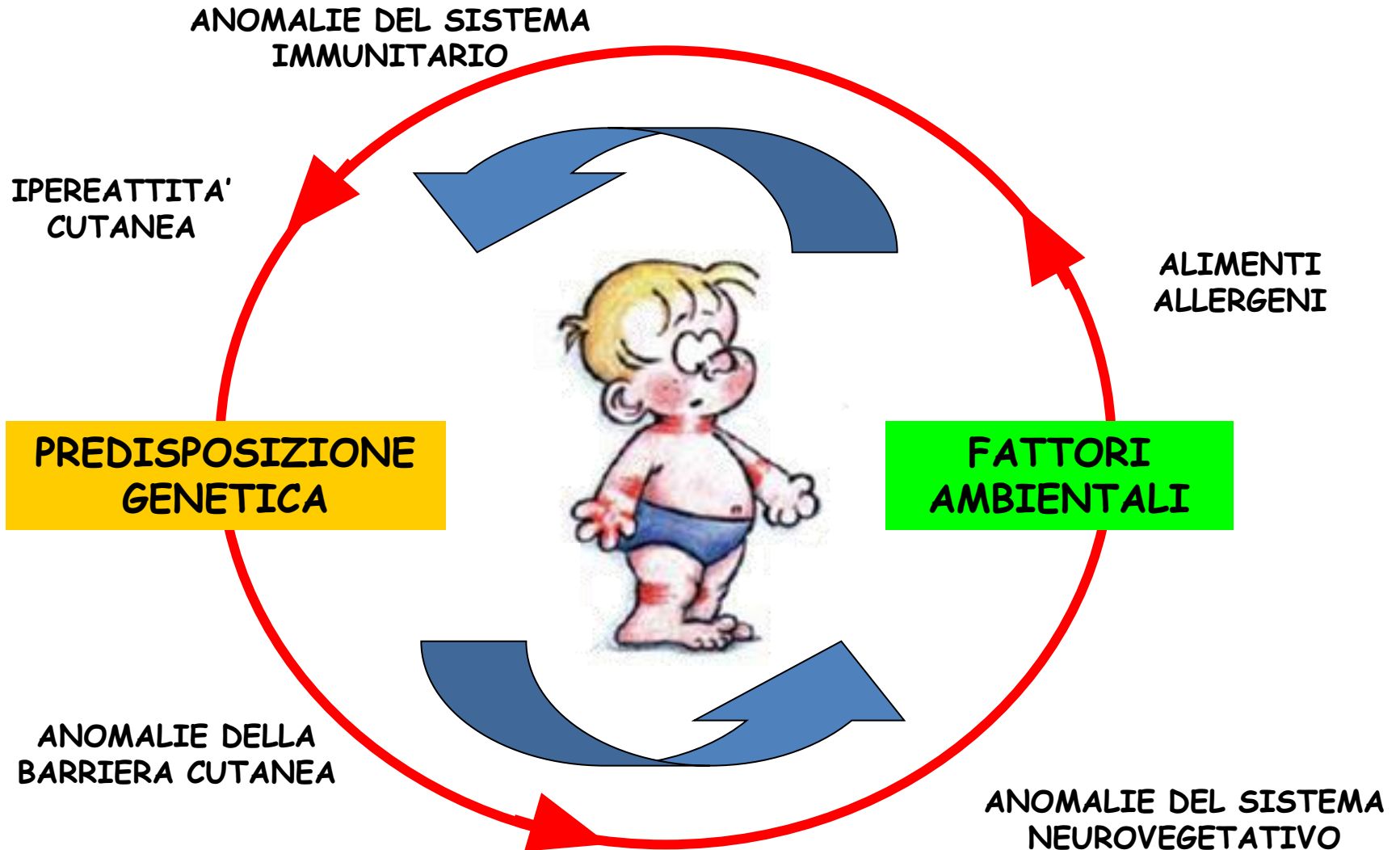


**GI tract**  
Food allergy

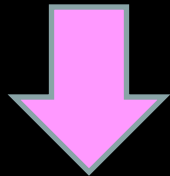
A model of barrier disruption and consequences of percutaneous sensitization. SC barrier damages induce danger signals in the epidermis. After SC barrier abrogation, protease-active allergens and uncontrolled intrinsic proteases, as well as bacterial molecules such as lipoteichoic acid of gram-positive bacteria, might agonize Par2 and TLRs on keratinocytes, respectively. Keratinocytes then produce TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-1, and thymic stromal lymphopoietin (TSLP) in response to which LCs become activated. Alternatively, protease-active allergens might directly obscure the TJ barrier and then penetrate the epidermis, where they directly or indirectly activate LCs. Upon SC perturbation, dendrites of activated LCs penetrate the TJs to take up protease-active or -inactive antigens from the extra-TJ environment.



# DERMATITE ATOPICA: TRA GENI ED AMBIENTE



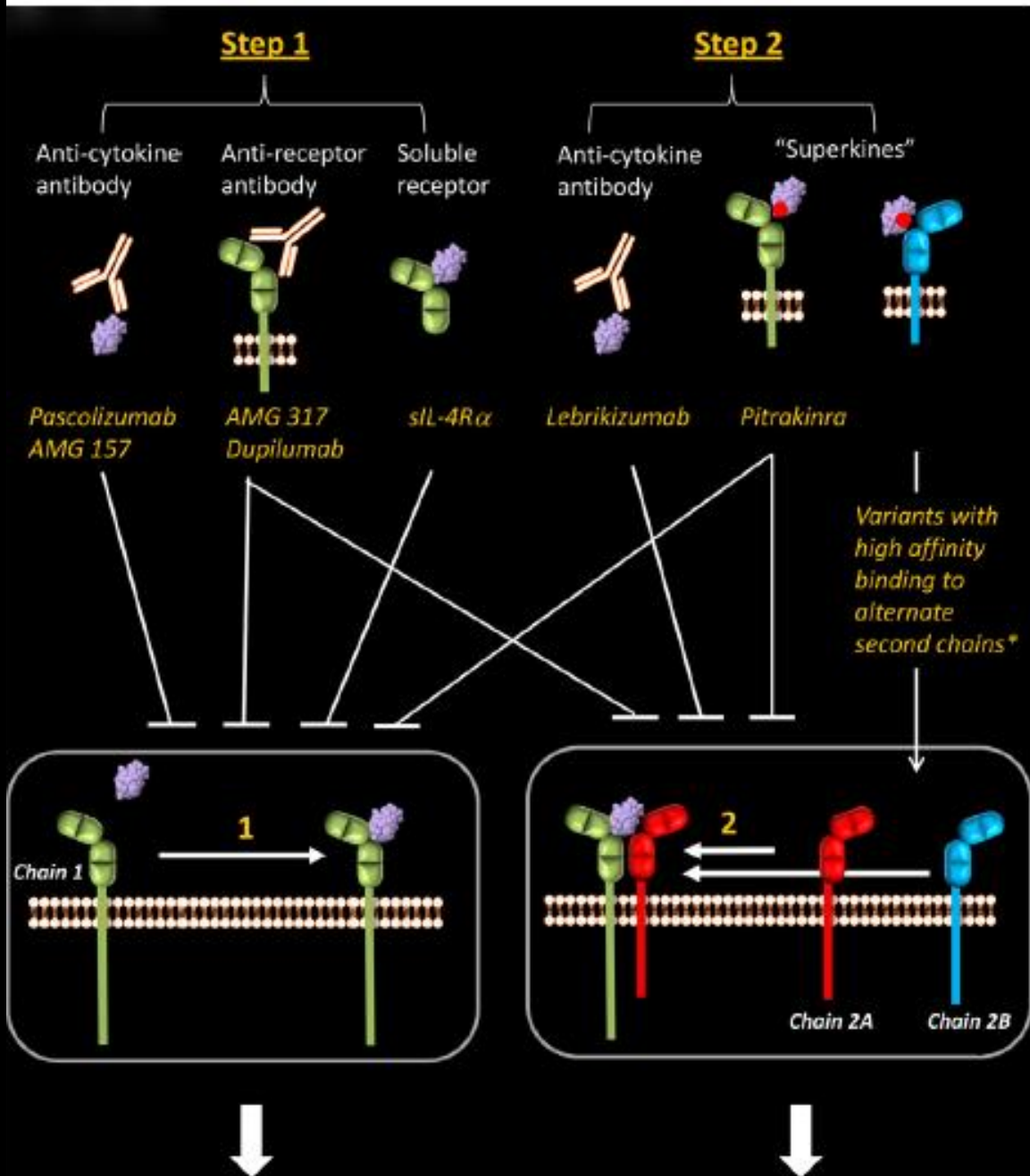
# COSTITUZIONE IMMUNOGENETICA



FENOTIPO



# TERAPIA PERSONALIZZATA







- Inhibits interaction between cytokine and chain 1 ("driver") of receptor complex.

- Inhibits recruitment of chain 2 ("trigger").
- Favors recruitment of alternate chain 2 to form a different complex.



**Eczema management algorithm** adapted from NICE<sup>5</sup>

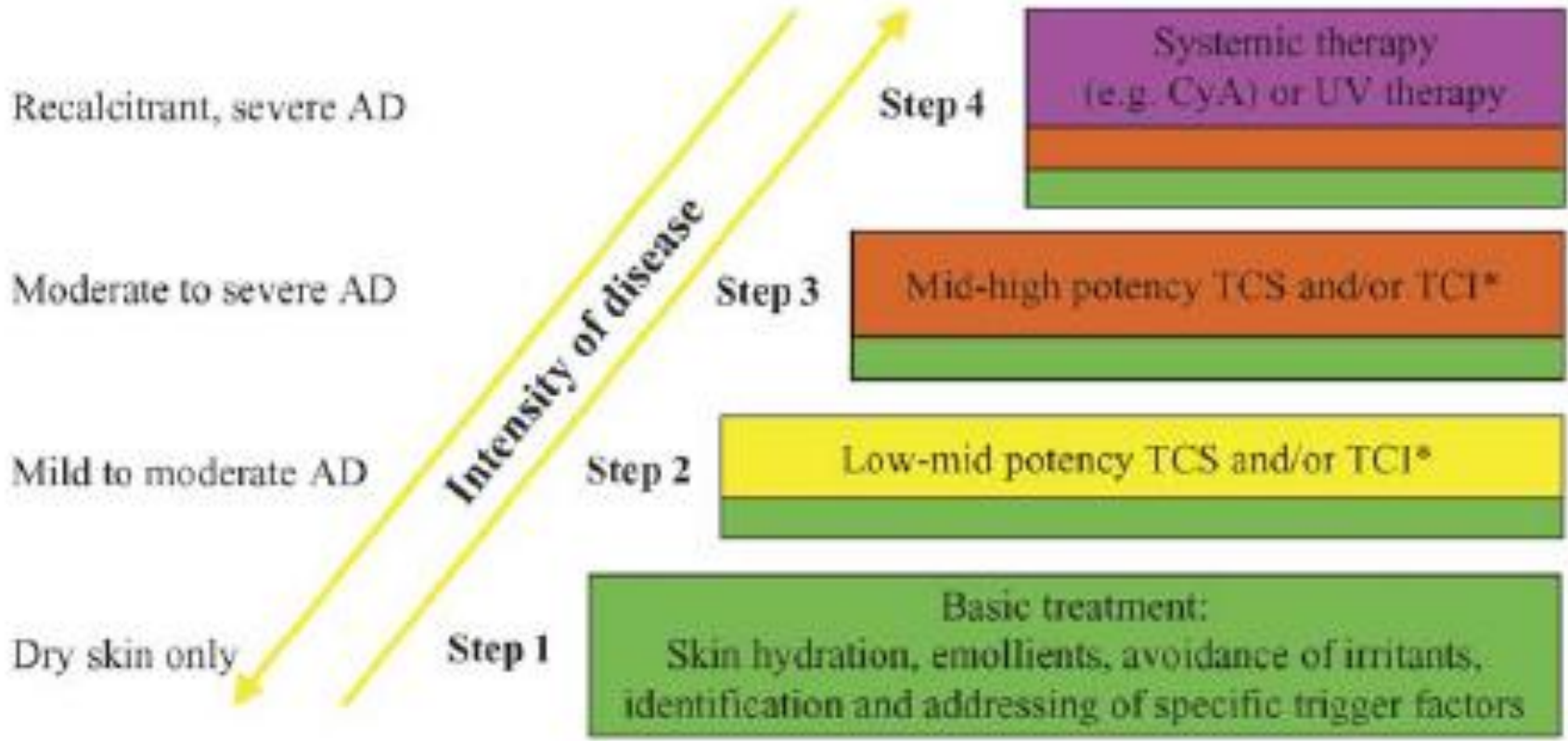
Clear:	Mild:	Moderate:	Severe:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Normal skin</li> <li>■ No evidence of active eczema</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Areas of dry skin</li> <li>■ Infrequent itching (with or without small areas of redness)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Areas of dry skin</li> <li>■ Frequent itching</li> <li>■ Redness (with or without excoriation and localised skin thickening)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Widespread areas of dry skin</li> <li>■ Incessant itching</li> <li>■ Redness (with or without excoriation, extensive skin thickening, bleeding, oozing, cracking and alteration of skin pigment)</li> </ul>
			
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			<div style="background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 100%;">Consider <b>wet wraps</b> (see page 30) and referral for systemic therapies</div>

\* Avoid use on face, neck, genitals or axillae for longer than 7-14 days

\*\* Avoid use on face, neck, genitals or axillae

# STEPWISE MANAGEMENT OF PATIENT WITH DA

## STRATEGIE TERAPEUTICHE



TCS = Topical corticosteroids, TCI = Topical calcineurin inhibitors, CyA = Cyclosporine A  
\* Over the age of 2 years

*Diagnosis and treatment of atopic dermatitis in children and adults: European Academy of Allergology and Clinical Immunology/American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology/PRACTALL Consensus Report J Allergy Clin Immunol 2006;118:152-69*



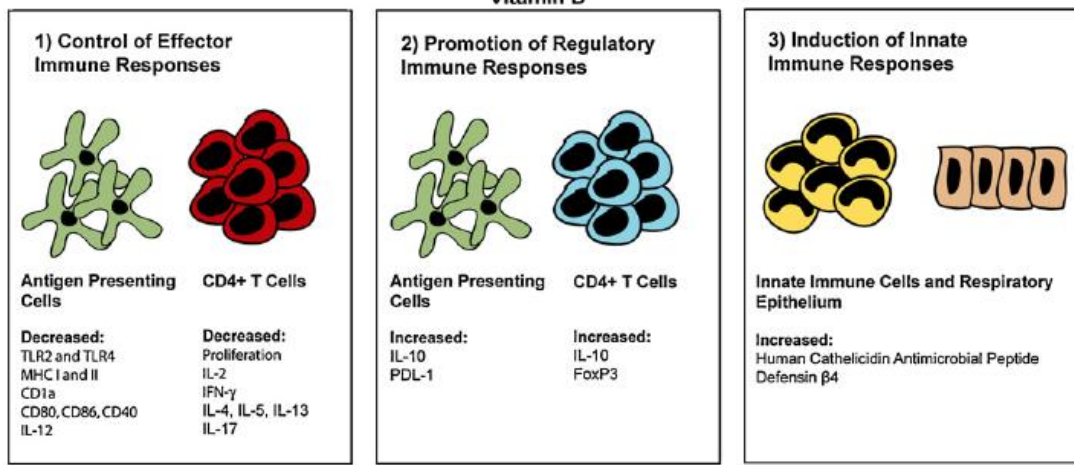
**Table 1.** Recent randomized clinical trials on the efficacy of probiotics in the treatment of pediatric atopic dermatitis yield mixed results

First author	Study population	Probiotic	Results	Country
Yang <sup>51</sup>	n 100, ages 2-9	<i>Lactobacillus</i> and <i>Bifidobacterium</i>	Cytokine levels not significantly different at week 6 (IL-4, <i>P</i> 0.50; <i>P</i> 0.58; TNF- $\alpha$ , <i>P</i> 0.82). Improved clinical severity in both intervention and placebo groups at 6 weeks.	Korea
Wickens <sup>46</sup>	n 425, maternal supplementation 35 weeks gestation to 6 weeks, infant supplementation for first 2 years	<i>Lactobacillus rhamnosus</i> or <i>Bifidobacterium animalis</i>	Decreased cumulative prevalence of dermatitis by 4 years, hazard ratio 0.57 (95% CI 0.39-0.83) with <i>L. rhamnosus</i> . Non-significant reductions in SCORAD scores >10 (HR 0.74 [95% CI 0.52-1.05]).	New Zealand
Han <sup>52</sup>	n 118, ages 12 months to 13 years	<i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i> CJLP133	SCORAD at week 14 was lower in the probiotic group than placebo ( <i>P</i> 0.044). Eosinophil count, IFN- $\gamma$ and IL-4 significantly decreased from baseline in intervention group.	Korea
Gore <sup>53</sup>	n 208, ages 3-6 months	<i>Bifidobacterium lactis</i> or <i>Lactobacillus paracasei</i>	No significant difference between SCORAD in placebo and each probiotic group.	UK
Wu <sup>54</sup>	n 60, ages 2-14 years, moderate to severe	<i>Lactobacillus salivarius</i>	At 8 and 10 weeks, treatment (synbiotic) group SCORAD scores (27.4 $\pm$ 12.7) were significantly lower than controls (prebiotic) (36.3 $\pm$ 14.9). ( <i>P</i> 0.022)	Taiwan
van der Aa <sup>55</sup>	n 90, ages <7 months	<i>Bifidobacterium breve</i>	No significant differences between the symbiotic and the placebo groups in cytokine production and circulating regulator T-cell percentage.	Netherlands

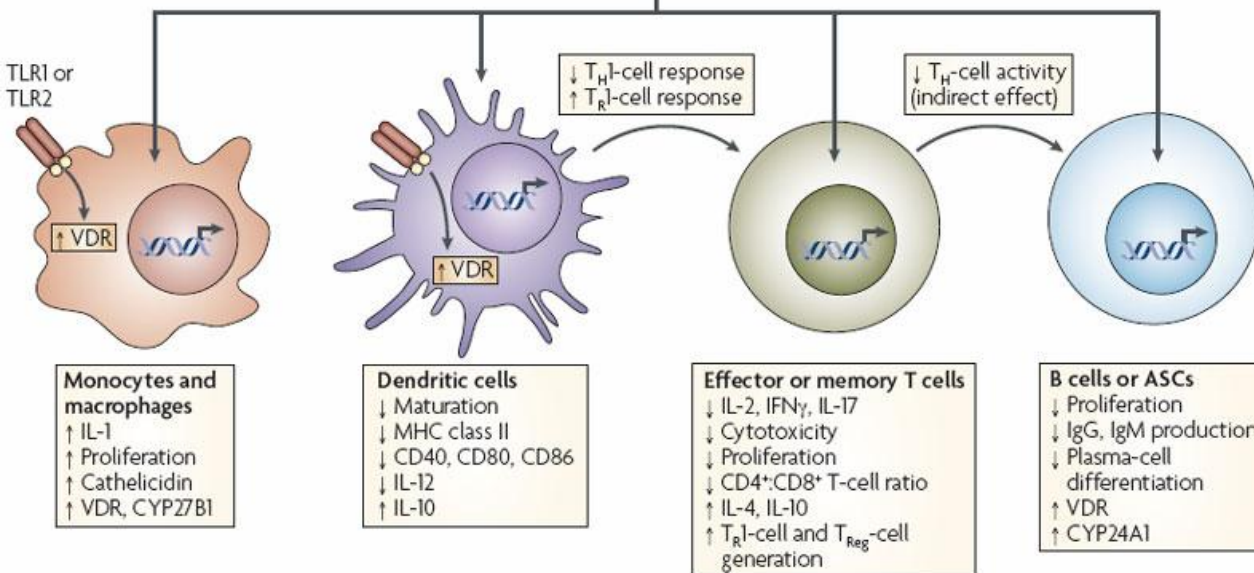
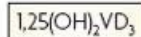
CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; IFN, interferon; IL, interleukin; SCORAD, Scoring Atopic Dermatitis severity score; TNF, tumor necrosis factor.

# SISTEMA IMMUNITARIO E

## VITAMINA D



Maintenance of Pulmonary Health



**Table 2.** Present and future of immunomodulatory therapy for atopic dermatitis

Present	Future
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Transient symptomatic treatment</li><li>· Pharmacological therapy</li><li>· Non-specific immune suppression</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Long-term clinical remission</li><li>· Biological therapy</li><li>· Induction of immune tolerance. Correction of immune dysfunction and hypersensitivity.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Monotherapy with single immunomodulatory modality</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Combinations of multiple antigen-specific and non-specific immunomodulatory modalities</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Treatment of patients with atopic dermatitis</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Prevention of development of atopic dermatitis in high risk subjects</li></ul>



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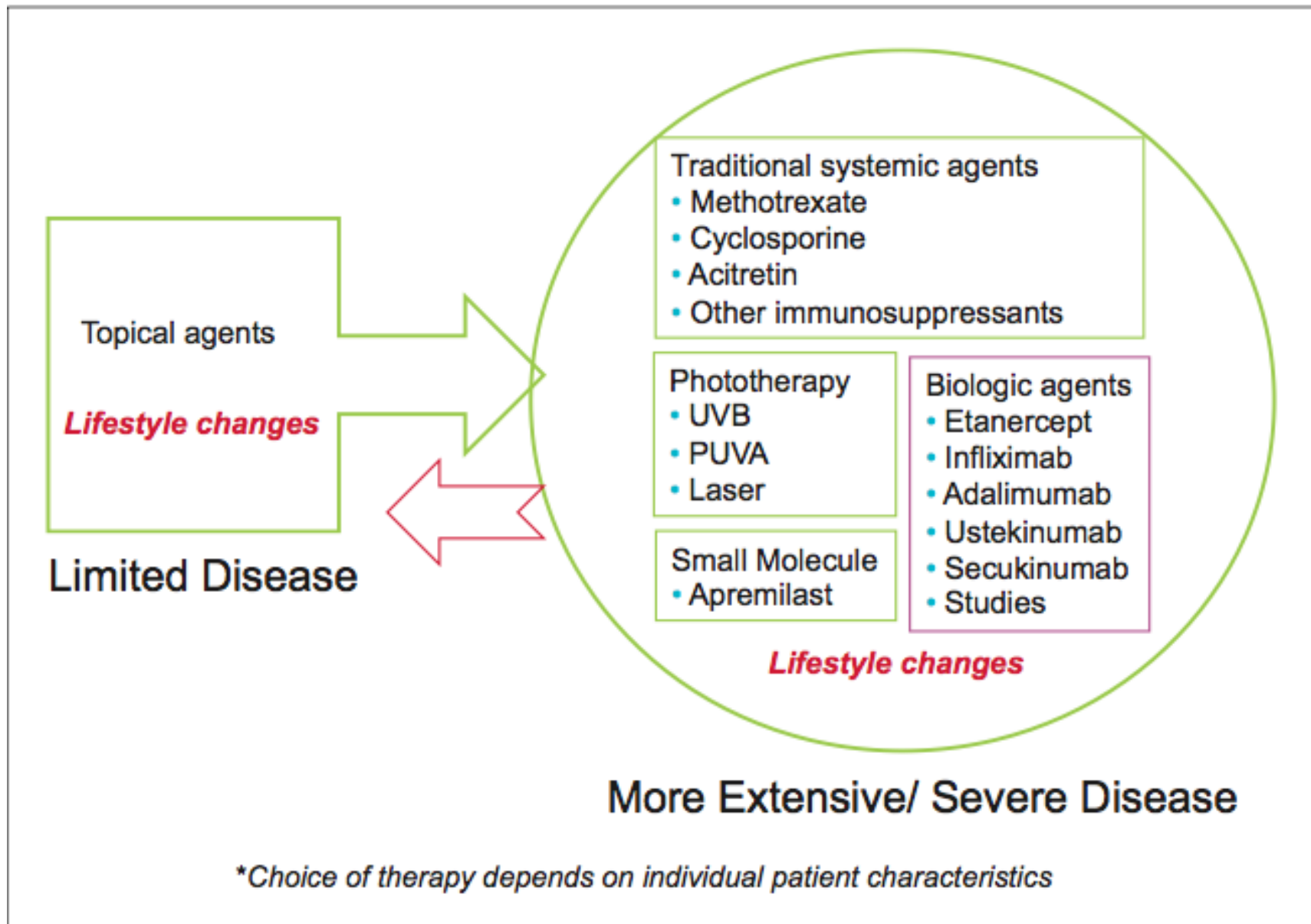


Figure 1. Not all treatment options work for every patient.

**TABLE 1: EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR ATOPIC DERMATITIS**

Therapy	Mechanism of Action	Phase of Drug Development
Biologics		
CIM331	Antibody against IL-31 receptor	2
ILV-094	Antibody against IL-22	2
Tralokinumab	Antibody against IL-13	2
Ustekinumab	Antibody against IL-12 & IL-23	2
Dupilumab	Antibody against IL-4 receptor	3
Anti-pruritics		
CT327	Tropomyosin receptor kinase A kinase inhibitor	2
VLY-686	Neurokinin 1 receptor antagonist	2
Adapted from the National Eczema Association's "Eczema Drugs in Development" chart. <sup>20</sup>		

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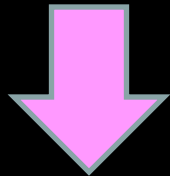
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## **Interleukin (IL)-33: New Therapeutic Target for Atopic Diseases**

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**Abstract.** Interleukin (IL)-33, a member of the IL-1 family of cytokines, is produced when epithelial and endothelial cells are exposed to stimuli. Hematopoietic cells such as macrophages also produce IL-33. IL-33 is considered to function as an ‘alarmin’, activating various immune cells through its receptor ST2, which leads to the production of various molecules. The IL-33-induced production of pro-inflammatory cytokines is a critical event that aggravates atopic diseases such as asthma, atopic dermatitis, and pollenosis and suggests that IL-33-blocking agents could represent new therapeutic drugs. The anti-IL-33 antibody was effective in allergic models,

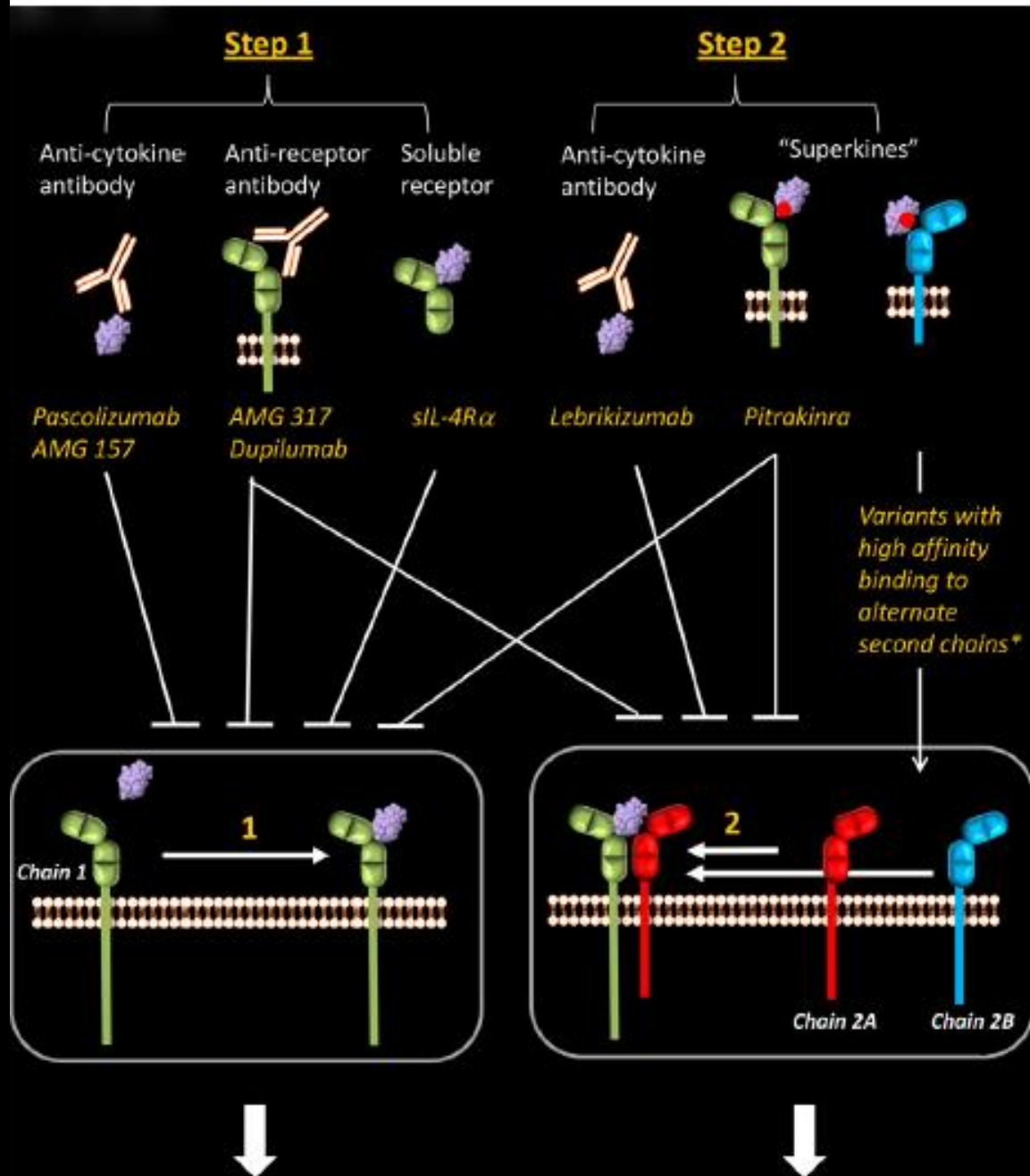
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- Inhibits interaction between cytokine and chain 1 ("driver") of receptor complex.

- Inhibits recruitment of chain 2 ("trigger").
- Favors recruitment of alternate chain 2 to form a different complex.