

# WAO VIEW ON IMMUNOTHERAPY

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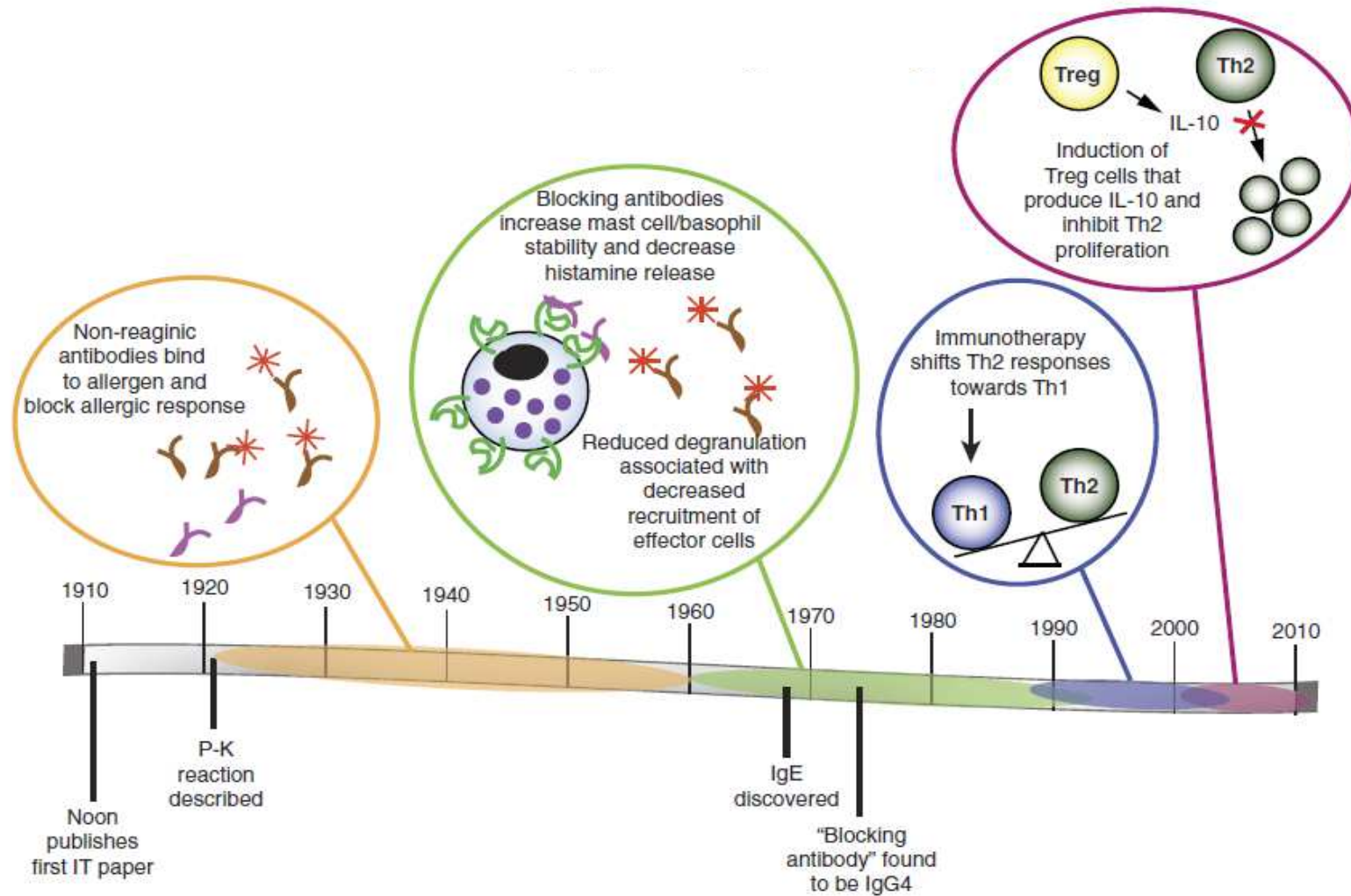
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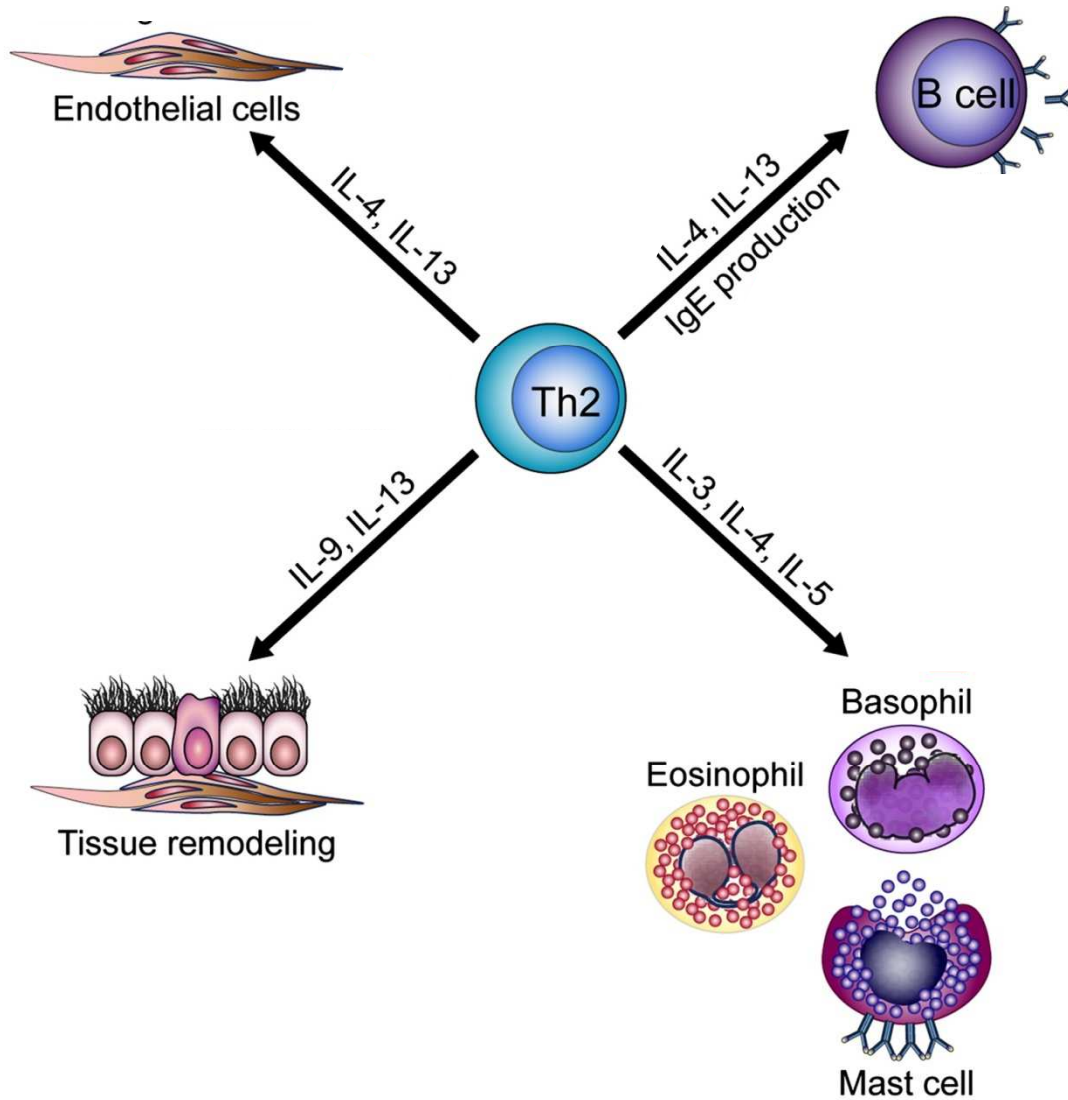
# AIT Definition

- Allergen immunotherapy is the administration of gradually increasing quantities of an allergen vaccine to an allergic subject, reaching a dose which is effective in ameliorating the symptoms associated with subsequent exposure to the causative allergen.

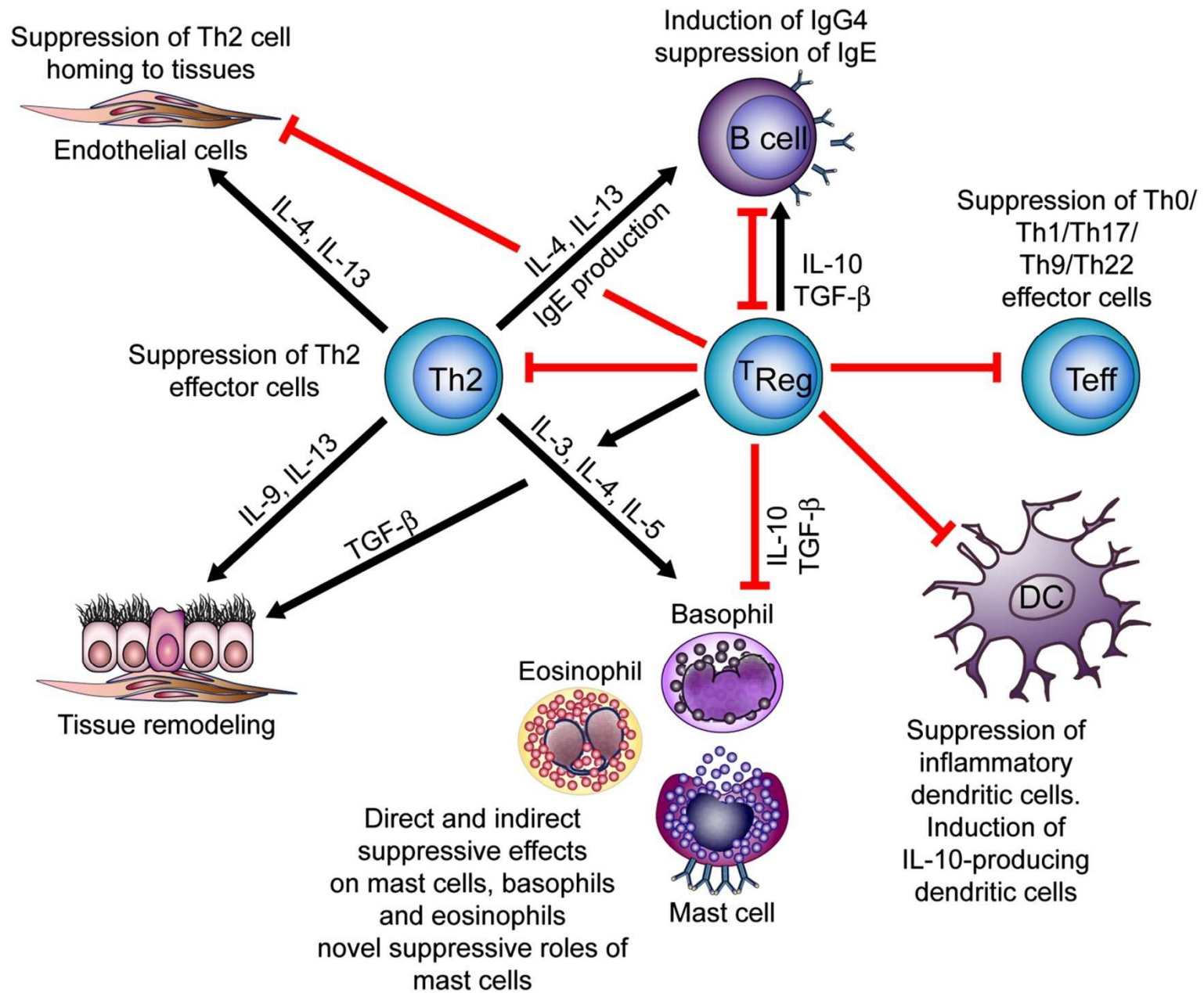
*WHO Position Paper 1998*

# Mechanisms of action of AIT

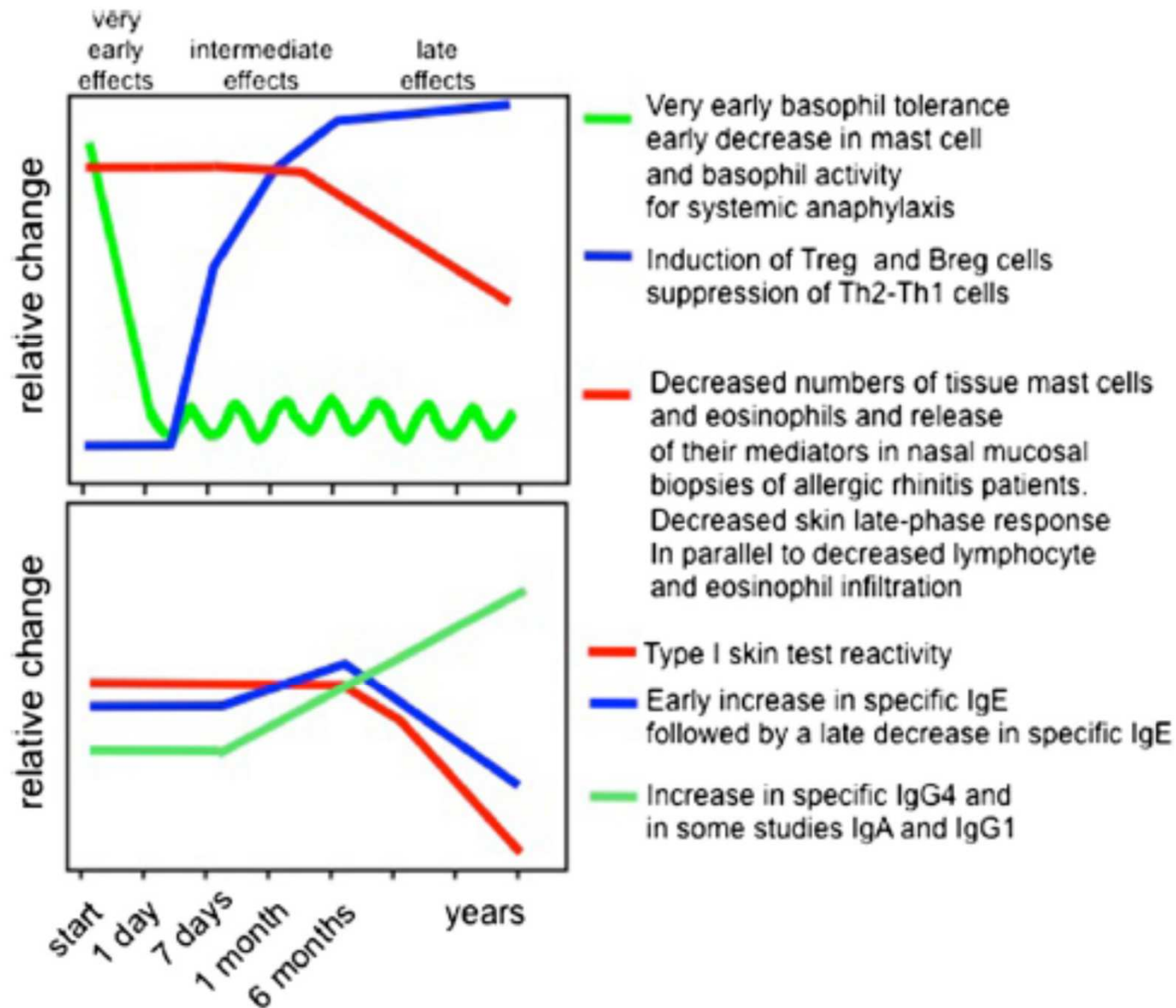




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## Immunologic changes during the course of AIT



# Future scenario in Allergy & Asthma treatment

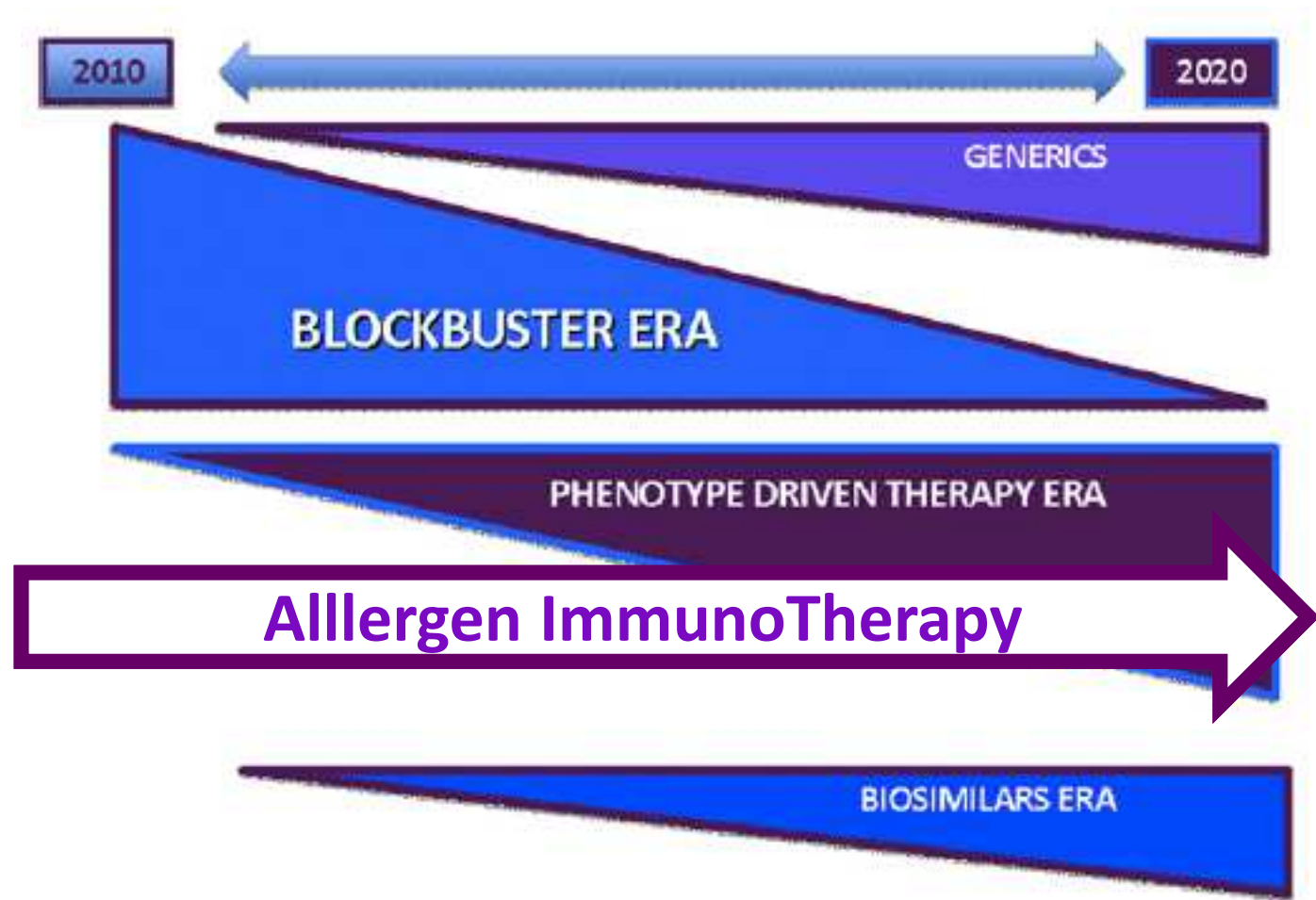
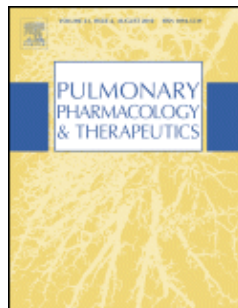


Fig. 1. Future scenario in allergy and asthma treatment.

*Braido, Holgate, Canonica. Pulm.Pharm.Ther. 2012*



# Allergy Immunotherapy

1911	1960	1970	1986	1998	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2014
SCIT	First RCT SCIT	SLIT	First RCT SLIT	WHO	ARIA	First Meta SLIT	Large RCT SCIT	First Meta SCIT	Large RCT SLIT	EBM

Clinical Experience



Clinical Evidence





## Review

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## Personalized Medicine in Allergy

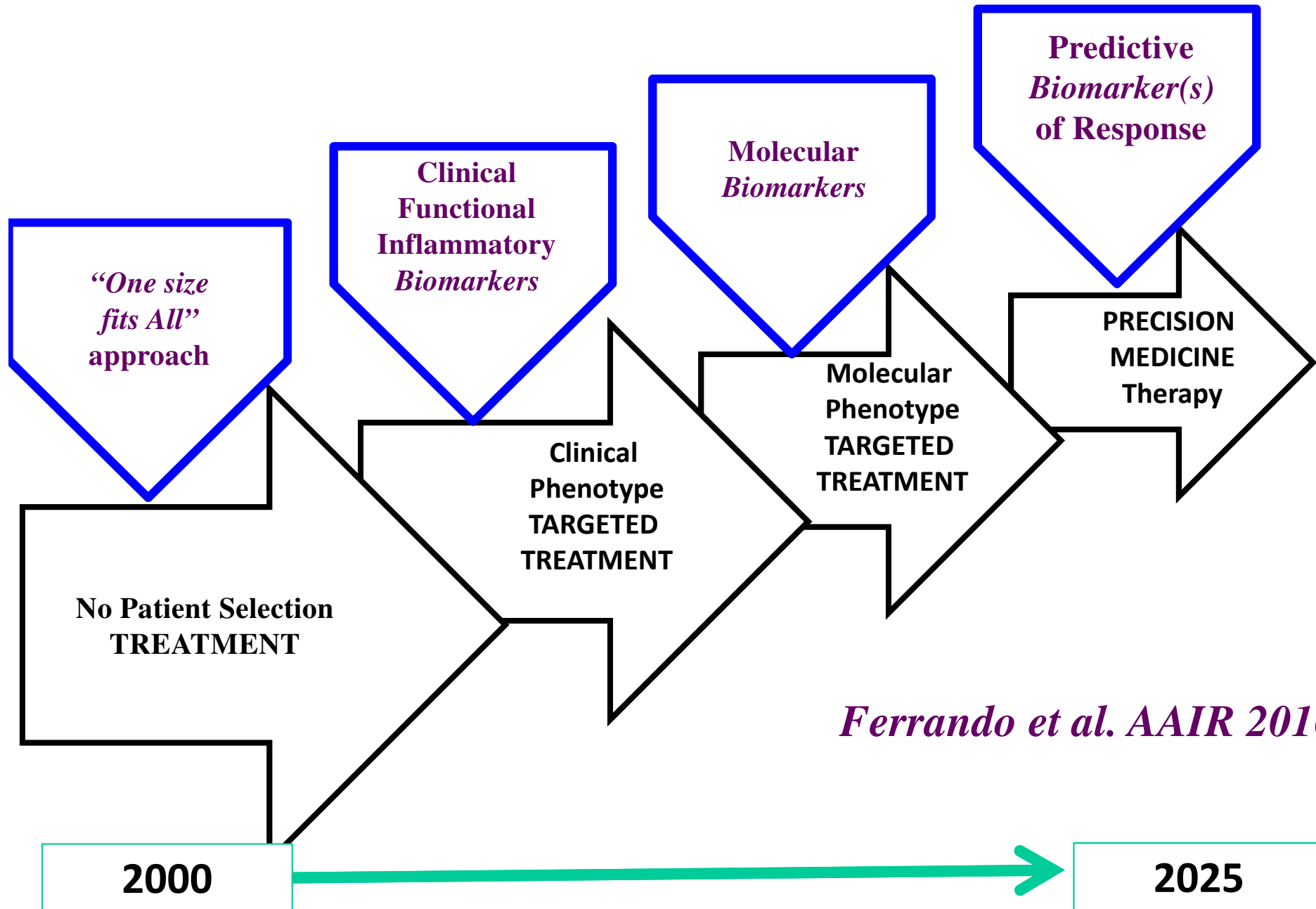
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*Ferrando et al. AAIR 2016*

# TREATMENT APPROACH EVOLUTION



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## *Collins & Varmus NEJM 2015*

“Tonight, I’m launching a new Precision Medicine Initiative to bring us closer to curing diseases like cancer and diabetes — and to give all of us access to the personalized information we need to keep ourselves and our families healthier.”

— President Barack Obama, State of the Union Address, January 20, 2015

### **A New Initiative on Precision Medicine**

Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., and Harold Varmus, M.D.



# Perspective

## The 21st Century Cures Act — A View from the NIH

Kathy L. Hudson, Ph.D., and Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D.

**NEJM 2017**

# PRECISION MEDICINE FUNDING

Funding for NIH Innovative Research Initiatives under the Cures Act.*				
Fiscal Year	BRAIN	PMI	Cancer Moonshot	Regenerative Medicine
	<i>millions of \$</i>			
2017	10	40	300	2
2018	86	100	300	10
2019	115	186	400	10
2020	140	149	195	8
2021	100	109	195	
2022	152	150	194	
2023	450	419	216	
2024	172	235		
2025	91	36		
2026	195	31		
10-Yr total	1,511	1,455	1,800	30

\* BRAIN denotes Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies, and PMI Precision Medicine Initiative.

**NEJM 2017**



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**REVIEW**

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# Allergen Immunotherapy (AIT): a prototype of Precision Medicine



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***Canonica et al WAO J. 2015***



# AIT as PERSONALIZED THERAPY

*Hamburg & Collins, NEJM 2010 [22]*

**Identification of Molecular Mechanism of disease**

**Diagnostic Tool for the Molecular Mechanism**

**Treatment Blocking the Molecular Mechanism**

*Canonica et al. WAO J.2015 [18]  
Passalacqua & Canonica, CMA 2015 [23]*

**Molecular mechanism:**  
IgE, arming effector cells, binds allergen/component  
:mediator release & symptoms

**Diagnostic Tool:**  
IgE to causal allergen/component detection

**Treatment Blocking the Molecular Mechanism**  
AIT- Allergen Immunotherapy (SCIT-SLIT)

*Canonica et al. Curr..Opin.Pulm.Med. 2015*

# CLINICAL AND MOLECULAR ALLERGY

Passalacqua and Canonica *Clin Mol Allergy* (2015) 13:24  
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MOLECULAR ALLERGY

COMMENTARY

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## AIT (allergen immunotherapy): a model for the “precision medicine”

Giovanni Passalacqua\* and Giorgio Walter Canonica

*Passalacqua & Canonica CMA 2015*



CLINICAL AND  
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Passalacqua & Canonica  
*Clin Mol.Allergy* 2015

**MASS TARGET THERAPY**



**Respiratory Allergy**

**Persistent  
Respiratory Allergy**

**HDM  
Persistent  
Respiratory Allergy**

**Molecular  
HDM Persistent  
Respiratory  
Allergy**

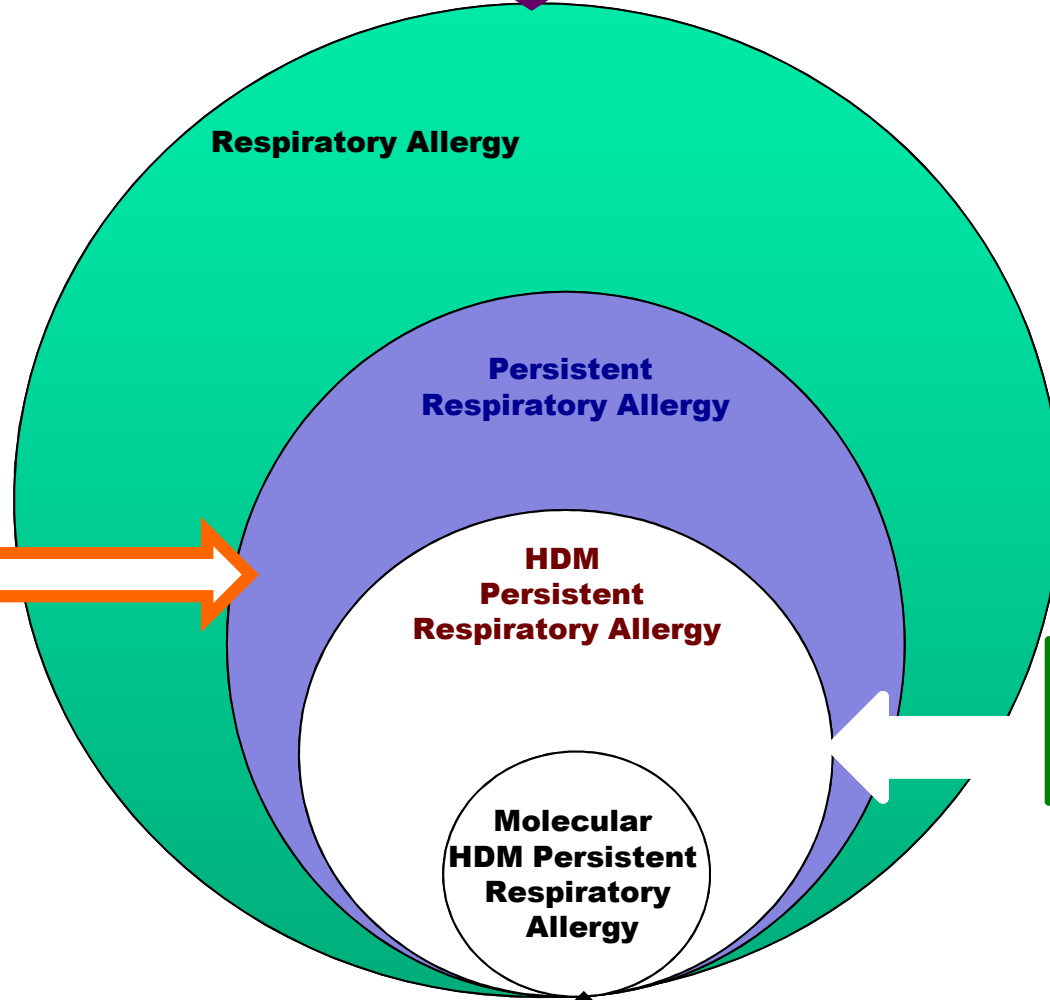
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THERAPY  
(clinical phenotypes)  
1 level**



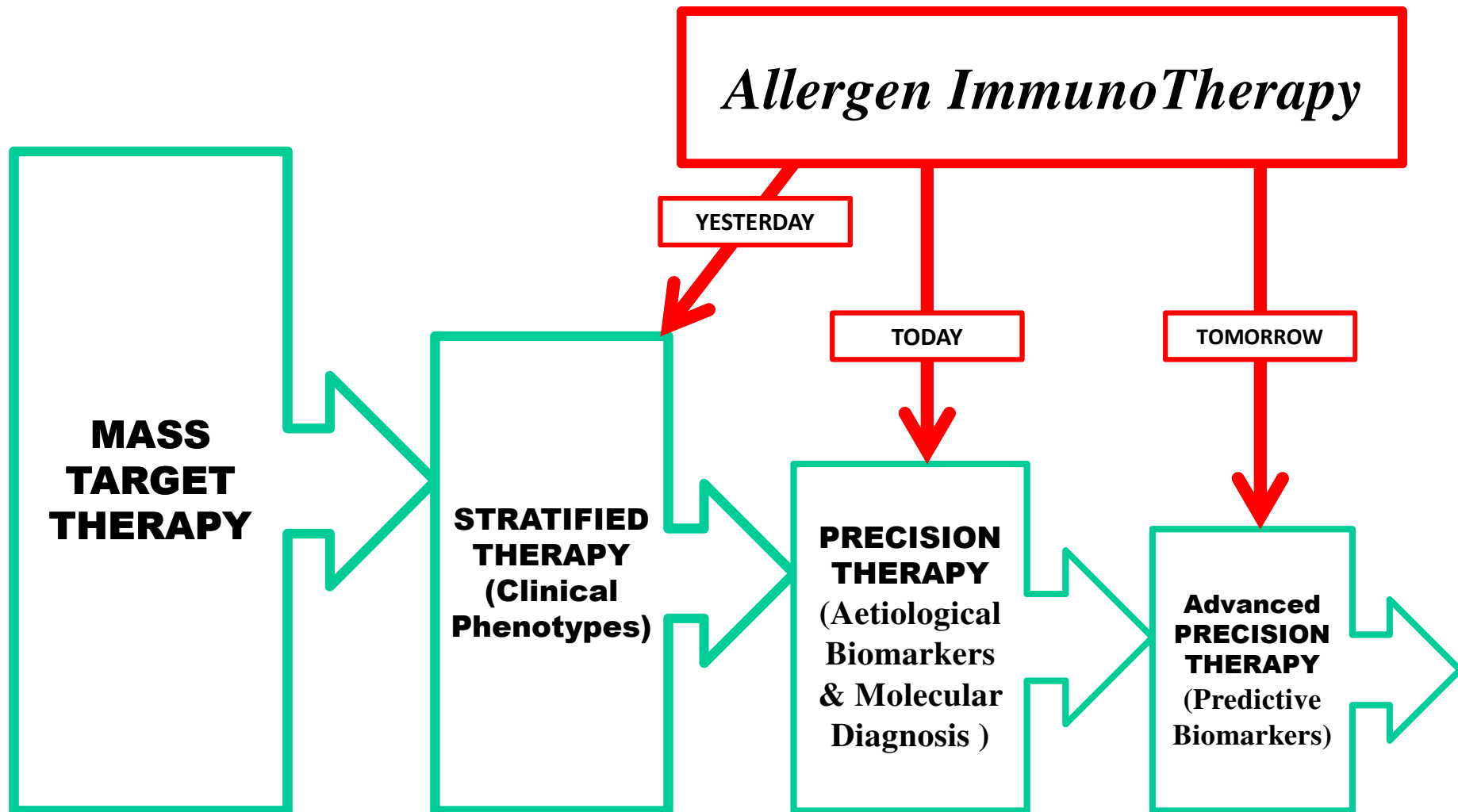
**AIT STRATIFIED  
THERAPY  
(Advanced diagnosis)  
2 level**



**AIT PRECISION THERAPY**



# *Allergen ImmunoTherapy:* The Path to Precision Medicine



**Possibly, in the past, the concept of AIT as Precision Treatment was not properly considered or emphasized, but AIT was and still is upfront in this context**

## **CONCLUSION**

According to the current knowledge of mechanistic aspects, to the detailed identification of aetiological agents, and the not negligible longstanding experience,

***AIT,***

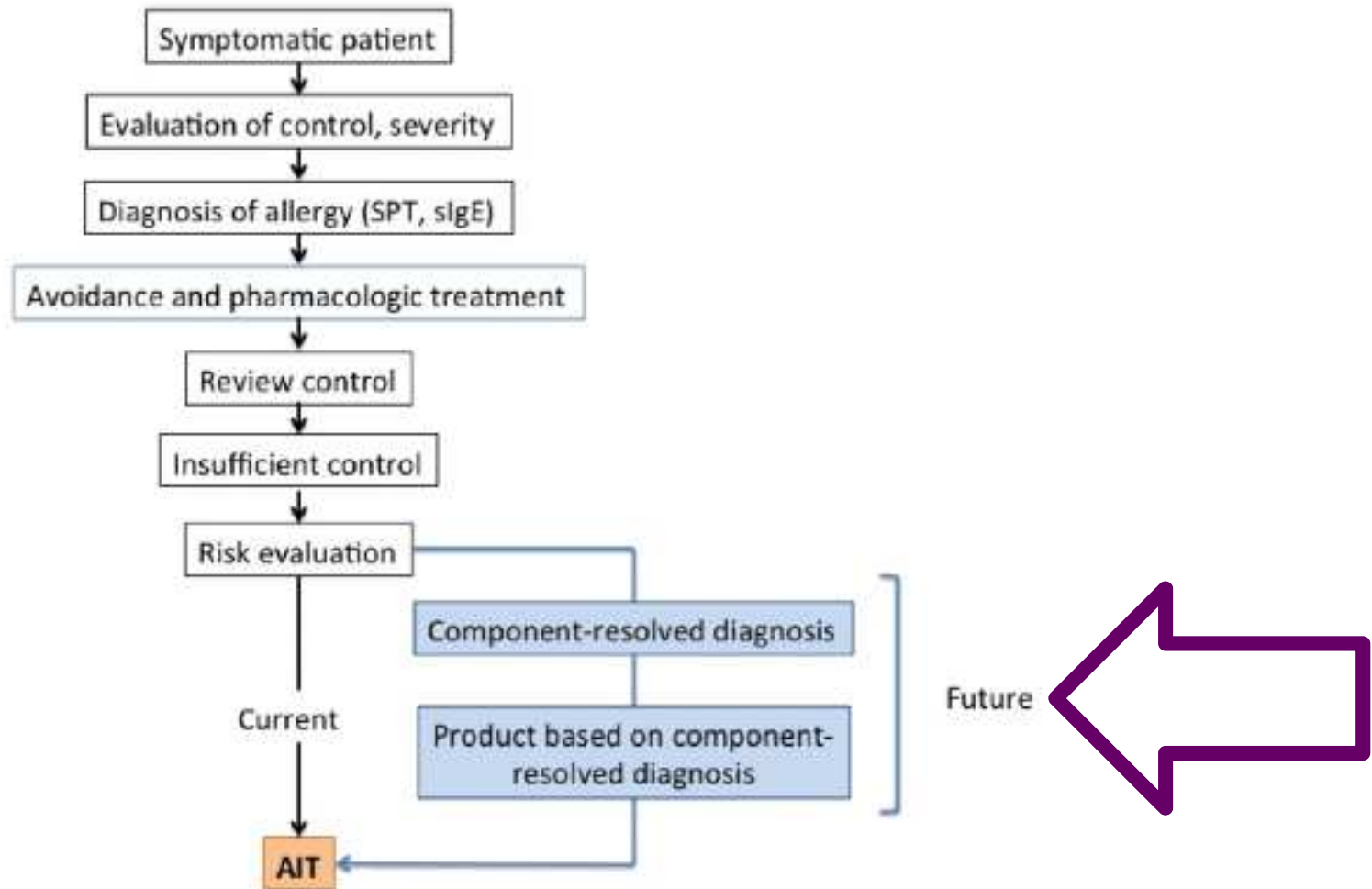
***in the context of the other available therapies for respiratory allergy, is the most “personalized” treatment***



# Allergen Immunotherapy (AIT): a prototype of precision medicine

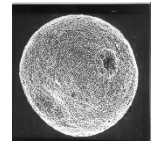
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







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**Fig. 4** Flow of precision medicine approach in allergic disease

## Allergenic molecules of *Phleum pratense*



	Structure*	Molecular weight (kD) <sup>°</sup>	Biological Function <sup>^</sup>	IgE positivity among Europeans sensitized to grass pollen (%) <sup>^</sup>
Phl p 1		33-36	Expansin	68 - 96
Phl p 4		55-60	Berberine Bridge Enzyme	70 - 88
Phl p 5		29-38	Ribonuclease	50 - 100
Phl p 2		11-12	Unknown	28 - 68
Phl p 6		13	Unknown	44 - 68
Phl p 11		20	Trypsin inhibitor	35 - 53
Phl p 12		14	Profilin	10 - 15,2
Phl p 7		6	Calcium binding protein	5 - 8

\*[www.proteinmodelportal.org](http://www.proteinmodelportal.org) (June 2012)

<sup>°</sup>Andersson K, Lidholm J. IAAI 2003

<sup>^</sup>[www.allergome.com](http://www.allergome.com) (June 2012)

APCS code	pt 8 0.35	rPhi p 1	rPhi p 2	rPhi p 4	rPhi p 5	rPhi p 6	rPhi p 7	rPhi p 11	rPhi p 12	n pos. mol.	n	%	cum. %
128	10000000	●								1	36	20,8	21
248	11111000	●	●	●	●	●				5	21	12,1	33
160	10100000	●		●						2	10	5,8	39
184	10111000	●		●	●	●				4	8	4,6	43
186	10111010	●		●	●	●		●		5	8	4,6	48
251	11111011	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	7	8	4,6	53
192	11000000	●	●							2	7	4,0	57
216	11011000	●	●		●	●				4	7	4,0	61
249	11111001	●	●	●	●	●			●	6	7	4,0	65
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32	100000			●						1	5	2,9	72
224	11100000	●	●	●						3	5	2,9	75
152	10011000	●			●	●				3	4	2,3	77
185	10111001	●		●	●	●			●	5	4	2,3	79
208	11010000	●	●		●					3	3	1,7	81
218	11011010	●	●		●	●		●		5	3	1,7	83
48	110000			●	●					2	2	1,2	84
64	1000000		●							1	2	1,2	85
144	10010000	●			●					2	2	1,2	86
162	10100010	●		●				●		3	2	1,2	87
187	10111011	●		●	●	●		●	●	6	2	1,2	88
193	11000001	●	●						●	3	2	1,2	90
217	11011001	●	●		●	●			●	5	2	1,2	91
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34	100010			●				●		2	1	0,6	93
58	111010			●	●	●		●		4	1	0,6	94
96	1100000		●	●						2	1	0,6	94
129	10000001	●							●	2	1	0,6	95
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## “APCS” Allergen Profile Codification System

analysing profiles  
at local level (Rome)  
in «only» 176 children:

high heterogeneity  
39 profiles

15 profiles to represent  
80% of the population

+  
co-sensitization  
to other pollens!!  
=  
is each patient  
«unique»



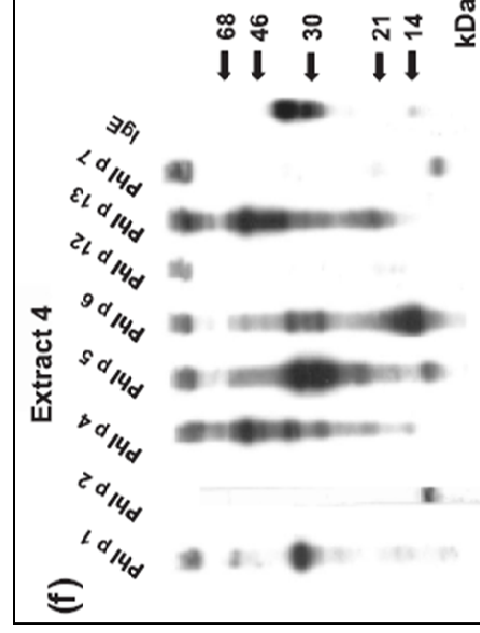
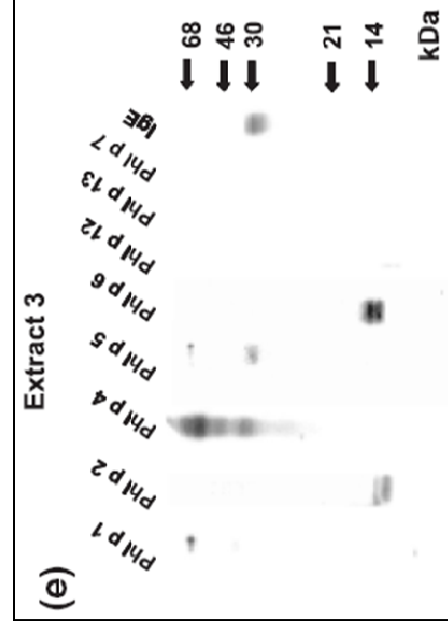
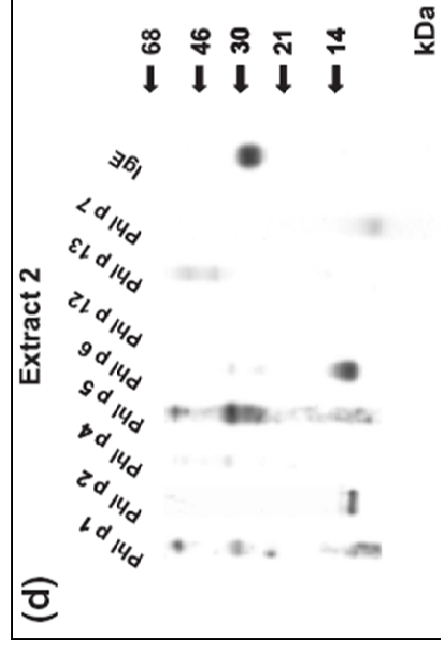
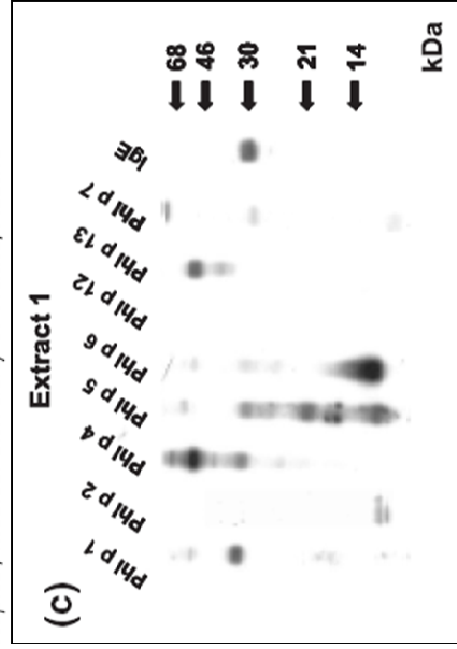
Pilot project on  
patients in Rome

Tripodi et al. JACI 2012

## Heterogeneity of commercial timothy grass pollen extracts

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	ng/mL extract					Total protein	Percentage weight/ total protein				
	Phl p 1	Phl p 2	Phl p 5	Phl p 1	Phl p 2	Phl p 5	Phl p 1	Phl p 2	Phl p 5		
Extract 1	114.2	5618.3	40	77.9	0.15	7.21	0.05				
Extract 2	97.9	2802.3	356	28.0	0.35	10.01	1.27				
Extract 3	32.5	1128.3	391	24.1	0.13	4.68	1.62				
Extract 4	384.4	6530.9	793	197.7	0.19	3.30	0.40				

Table 2. Summary of skin prick test results mean weal areas in mm<sup>2</sup>

Extract	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9	P10
1	14	96	80	13	52	156	25	26	78	184
2	26	20	92	70	30	86	22	14	68	110
3	32	40	62	36	46	143	17	13	56	90
4	27	89	175	40	15	191	26	39	75	130
Histamine	31	33	69	39	17	17	16	15	30	21

# Characterization and comparison of commercially available mite extracts for *in vivo* diagnosis

B. Brunetto<sup>1</sup>, R. Tinghino<sup>1</sup>, M. C. Braschi<sup>2</sup>, L. Antonicelli<sup>2</sup>, C. Pini<sup>1</sup> & P. Iacovacci<sup>1</sup>

Allergy 2010; 65: 184–190



**Table 2** Der p 1, Der f 1 and Mite group 2 analysis by ELISA in *Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus* and *D. farinae* extracts for *in vivo* diagnosis from various manufacturers

Manufacturers	Der p 1 <i>D. pteronyssinus</i>	Der f 1 <i>D. farinae</i>	Mite group 2 <i>D. pteronyssinus</i>	Mite group 2 <i>D. farinae</i>
	Mean* (±SD)	Mean* (±SD)	Mean* (±SD)	Mean* (±SD)
1	36.2 (±5.7)	122.9 (±17.3)	31.7 (±7.6)	3.3 (±0.7)
2	9.6 (±1.7)	36.5 (±3.8)	8.5 (±1.0)	3.6 (±0.2)
3	n.a.	196.1 (±7.7)	6.1 (±0.01)	1.3 (±0.2)
4	11.1 (±1.5)	115.7 (±26.9)	1.3 (±0.1)	2.4 (±0.5)
5	21.7 (±1.6)	190.4 (±26.5)	23.4 (±1.0)	10.4 (±2.1)
6	20.4 (±2.8)	59.1 (±1.7)	0.7 (±0.1)	1.5 (±0.2)
7	12.8 (±2.2)	114.0 (±11.1)	2.4 (±0.7)	2.0 (±0.06)
8	15.7 (±2.1)	26.5 (±6.8)	2.6 (±0.3)	4.0 (±0.4)



# Update on immunotherapy for the treatment of asthma

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*Giorgio W. Canonica, Diego Bagnasco, Giovanna Ferrantino, Matteo Ferrando, and Giovanni Passalacqua*

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***Canonica et al. Curr..Opin.Pulm.Med. 2015***

# ALLERGEN IMMUNOTHERAPY AND EVIDENCE-BASED MEDICINE: CRITICISM AND AUTOCRITICISM

**PERSONAL**

*G.W.Canonica*

**AUTOCRITICISM about AIT**

- *Metanalysis Studies*
  - *Correct studies*
- **WRONG CONCLUSIONS**

*Canonica et al. Curr..Opin.Pulm.Med. 2015*




*Canonica et al. Curr..Opin.Pulm.Med. 2015*

## ALLERGEN IMMUNOTHERAPY AND EVIDENCE-BASED MEDICINE: CRITICISM AND AUTOCRITICISM

The systematic reviews and meta-analyses invariably concluded that AIT is effective and well tolerated in allergic rhinitis, asthma, or both [4–11].

**Table 1.** EBM evidences for allergen immunotherapy in asthma

Efficacy EBM documented on a global basis (all allergens-class effect) 
(Abramson <i>et al. Cochrane</i> 2010 [8] – Erekosima <i>et al. Laryngoscope</i> 2013 [9] – Calamita <i>et al. Allergy</i> 2006 [10] – Penagos <i>et al. Chest</i> 2008 [11])
Efficacy EBM documented for mites
(Compalati <i>et al. Allergy</i> 2009 [12] – Abramson <i>et al. Cochrane</i> 2010 [8])
Efficacy EBM documented for pollens
(Abramson <i>et al. Cochrane</i> 2010 [8])
SLIT efficacy documented by GRADE system
(Lin <i>et al. JAMA</i> 2013 [13])

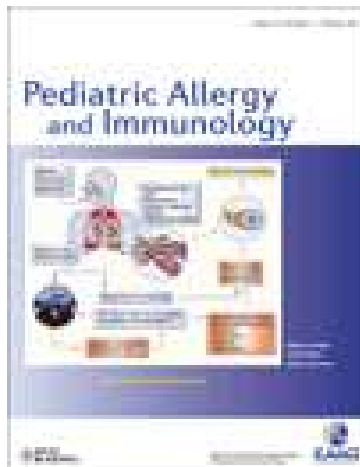
SLIT, sublingual immunotherapy.

## WHY Correct studies???

- All the published studies were included in the analysis.....studies in which just *Some Products* were investigated.

# WHY WRONG CONCLUSIONS ???

- **The conclusion was AIT is Effective & Safe**
- **This conclusion offered the possibility of taking advantage also by Allergens/Products NEVER tested in any study**



## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# **Sublingual immunotherapy not effective in house dust mite-allergic children in primary care**

Cindy M. A. de Bot<sup>1</sup>, Heleen Moed<sup>1</sup>, Marjolein Y. Berger<sup>1,2</sup>, Esther Röder<sup>3</sup>, Wim C. J. Hop<sup>4</sup>, Hans de Groot<sup>5</sup>, Johan C. de Jongste<sup>6</sup>, Roy Gerth van Wijk<sup>3</sup>, Patrick J. E. Bindels<sup>1</sup> & Johannes C. van der Wouden<sup>1</sup>

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***de Bot et al PAI 2011***





## **SIGN 141 • British guideline on the management of asthma**

*A national clinical guideline*

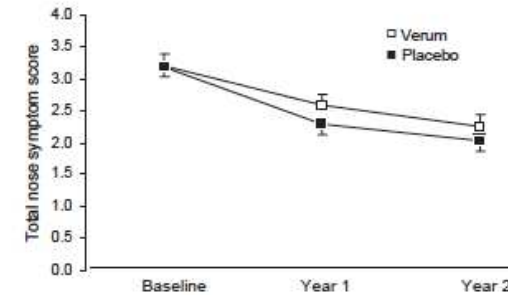
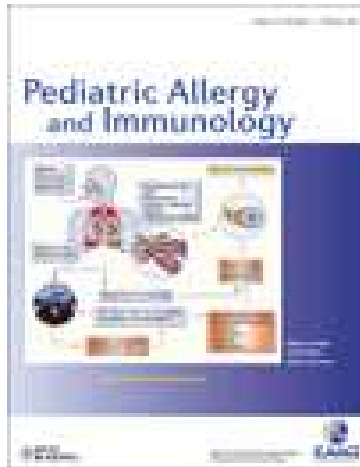
October 2014



**The use of subcutaneous immunotherapy is not recommended for the treatment of asthma in adults or children.**



**Sublingual immunotherapy cannot currently be recommended for the treatment of asthma in routine practice in children or adults.**



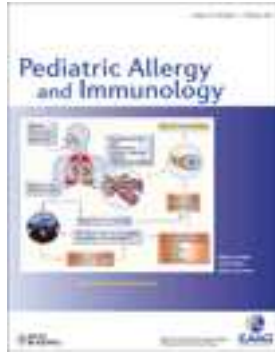
**Figure 2** Mean daily total nose symptom score. Data shown are raw data. Error bars represent standard error of mean. The intensity of nose symptoms (rhinorrhea, blocked nose, sneezing, and itching) was subjectively assessed according to a grading scale: 0 = no complaints, 1 = minor complaints, 2 = moderate complaints, and 3 = serious complaints; the maximum score was 12.

In the currently marketed Oralgen<sup>®</sup> House Dust Mite (Oralgen Mijten<sup>®</sup>, Artu Biologicals, Lelystad, The Netherlands),

## Conclusion

HDM-SLIT with a relatively low dosage was not effective in this primary care population of children with allergic rhinitis. SLIT was in general safe and well tolerated.

*de Bot et al PAI 2011*



**2012**

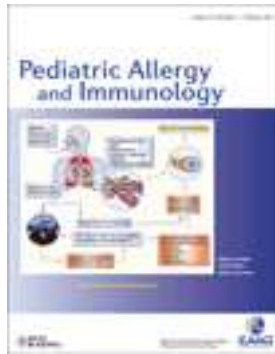
*Letter to the Editor*  
by  
**Bachert C., Canonica G.W., Bufe A.**

Pediatric Allergy and Immunology

CORRESPONDENCE

**SIT: efficacy depends on product, not on route of application**





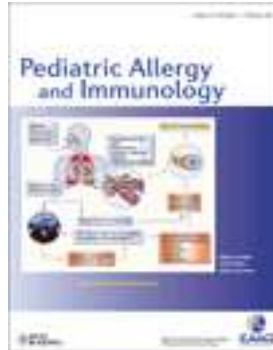
## Bachert C., Canonica G.W., Bufe A., PAI 2012

**2012**

Dear Editor,

We here refer to a recent publication 'Sublingual immunotherapy not effective in house dust mite-allergic children in primary care' by de Bot et al. (1); we believe that this title may be misleading for the following reasons:

1. The title suggests that sublingual immunotherapy for house dust mite 'in general' is not effective, but should clearly state that SLIT for HDM with a specific product is not effective.
2. The title also suggests that SLIT (eventually with this product) might be effective in the hands of specialists; to our knowledge, however, there is not a single published study to demonstrate efficacy of this product in any patient population.



**2012**

## **Bachert C., Canonica G.W., Bufe A., PAI 2012**

Studies to demonstrate evidence for SIT are only available for some marketed products; however, because of a lack of differentiation between products, this evidence often is taken 'granted' for all SIT products in the general discussion, even including claims of long-term effects or efficacy and safety in children for SIT products that never have been studied adequately. On the other hand, studies with a noneffective product are misunderstood as representative for all products using a specific application route (SLIT vs. SCIT). These generalizations are not scientific and should therefore be avoided.

**We therefore suggest to specify the SIT product in the title of the publication, and to avoid unjustified general statements on application routes or patient groups.**

Yours faithfully,  
*Claus Bachert, G. Walter Canonica, Albrecht Bufe*



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**POSITION ARTICLE AND GUIDELINES**

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# Allergen immunotherapy on the way to product-based evaluation—a WAO statement



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**Table 2** Criteria for a recommendable product for SIT

Minimum expectations for a SIT product to be used in adults:

At least one successful state-of-the-art DBPCR trial in adults for the first year of treatment, best preceded by a dose-response study (nasal provocation testing or allergen exposure chambers may be used for the dose finding)

Additional claims can be justified as follows:

Claims on sustained effects of a product should be based on a successful DBPCR study, based on appropriate sample size calculation, over 3 years of treatment

Claims on disease modifying effects: such studies need be followed up blindly for at least two consecutive years without treatment while maintaining monitoring symptoms

Claims for efficacy in asthmatics should be based on an appropriate successful DBPCR study in the appropriate patient group. For claims on tolerability in asthmatics only, the study can also be performed in allergic rhinitis subjects with comorbid asthma.

Minimum expectations for a SIT product to be used in children:

At least one state-of-the-art DBPCR confirmatory trial in children for the first year of treatment

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Claims on disease modifying effects: such studies have to be followed up at least two consecutive years without treatment while maintaining monitoring symptoms

The AIM is to declare:

**PRODUCT X.....**

**.....due to its features, meets the  
international requirements**



# EMA regulation



European Medicines Agency  
*Pre-Authorisation Evaluation of Medicines for Human Use*

London, 20 November 2008  
Doc. Ref. CHMP/EWP/18504/2006

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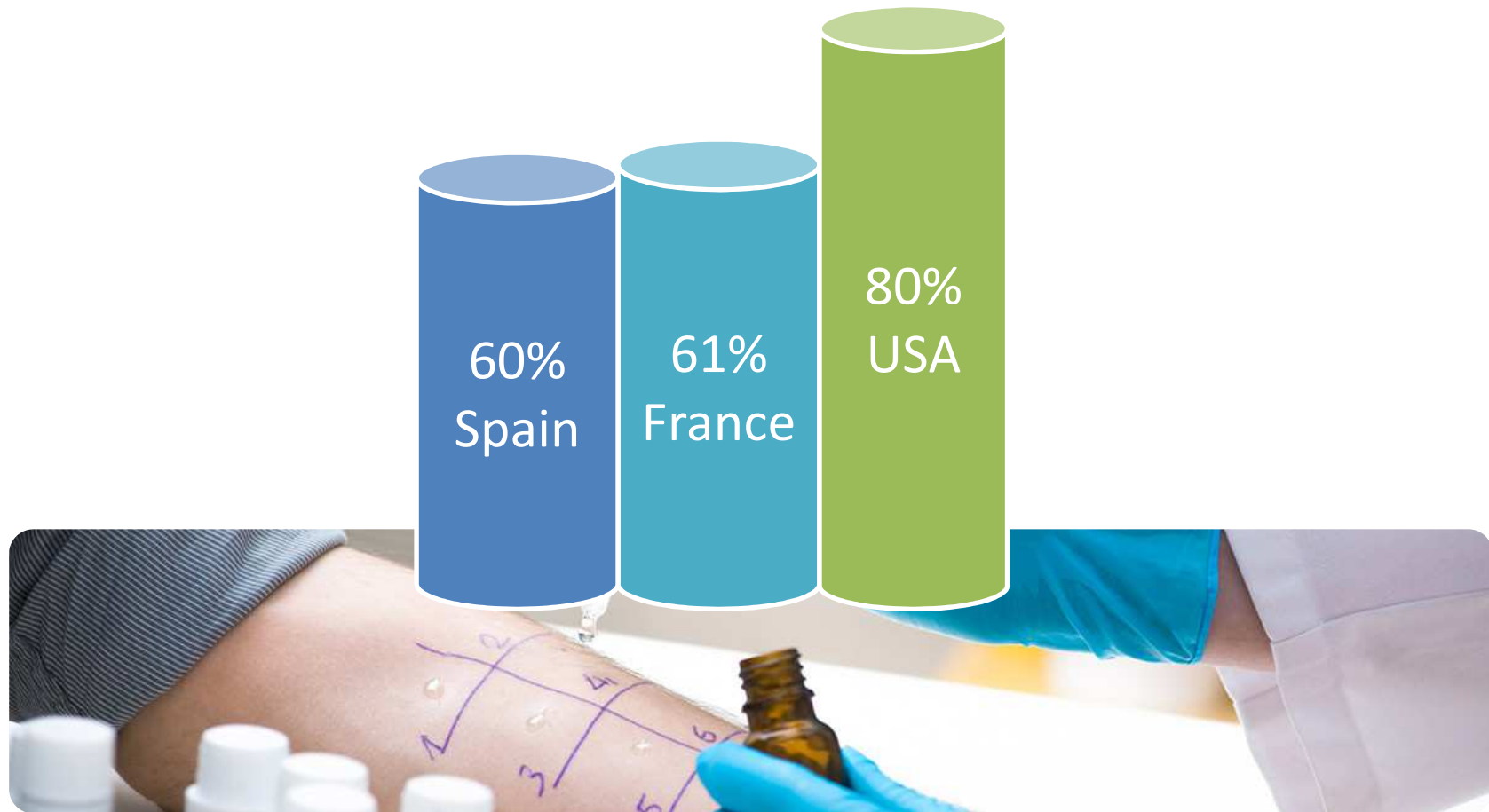
**GUIDELINE ON THE CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT OF  
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**EMA/PDCO Standard Paediatric Investigation Plan for  
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Revision 4\*

# Polysensitization, a reality

Among patients consulting for allergy...



1. Orovitg et al. JACI 2011
2. Didier et al. Rev. Fr. Allergol 2010
3. Craig et al. JACI 2008

# Polysensitization, a reality

- polysensitization is more commonly associated with asthma and rhinitis comorbidity
- prevalence of diagnosed asthma increases with increasing numbers of positive SPT
- rhinitis is usually associated with mono- or polysensitization, whereas asthma is more often associated with polysensitization and multimorbidities

Boulet LP et al. Clin Exp Allergy 1997  
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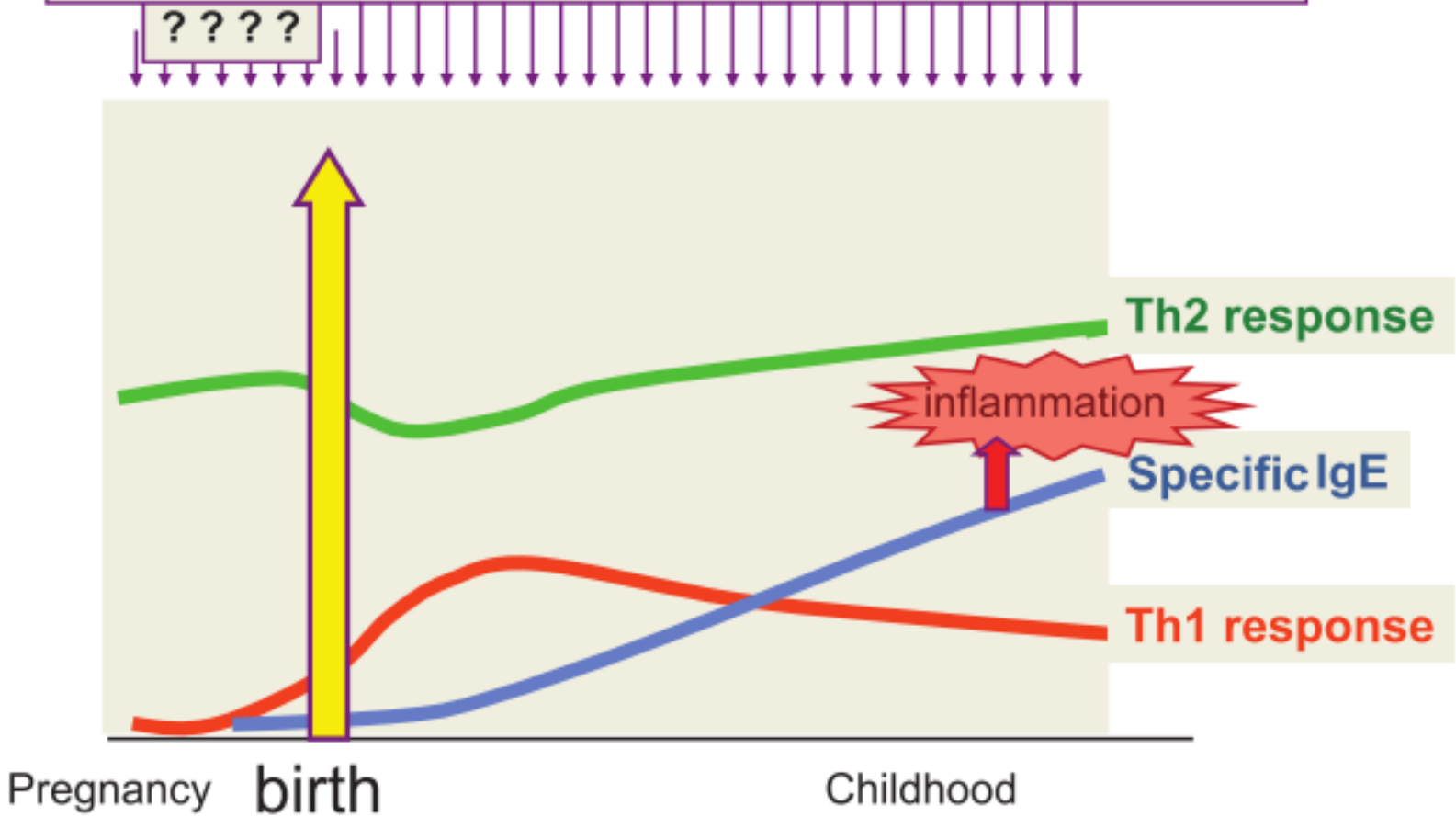
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Burte E et al. PLoS One. 2015  
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2015

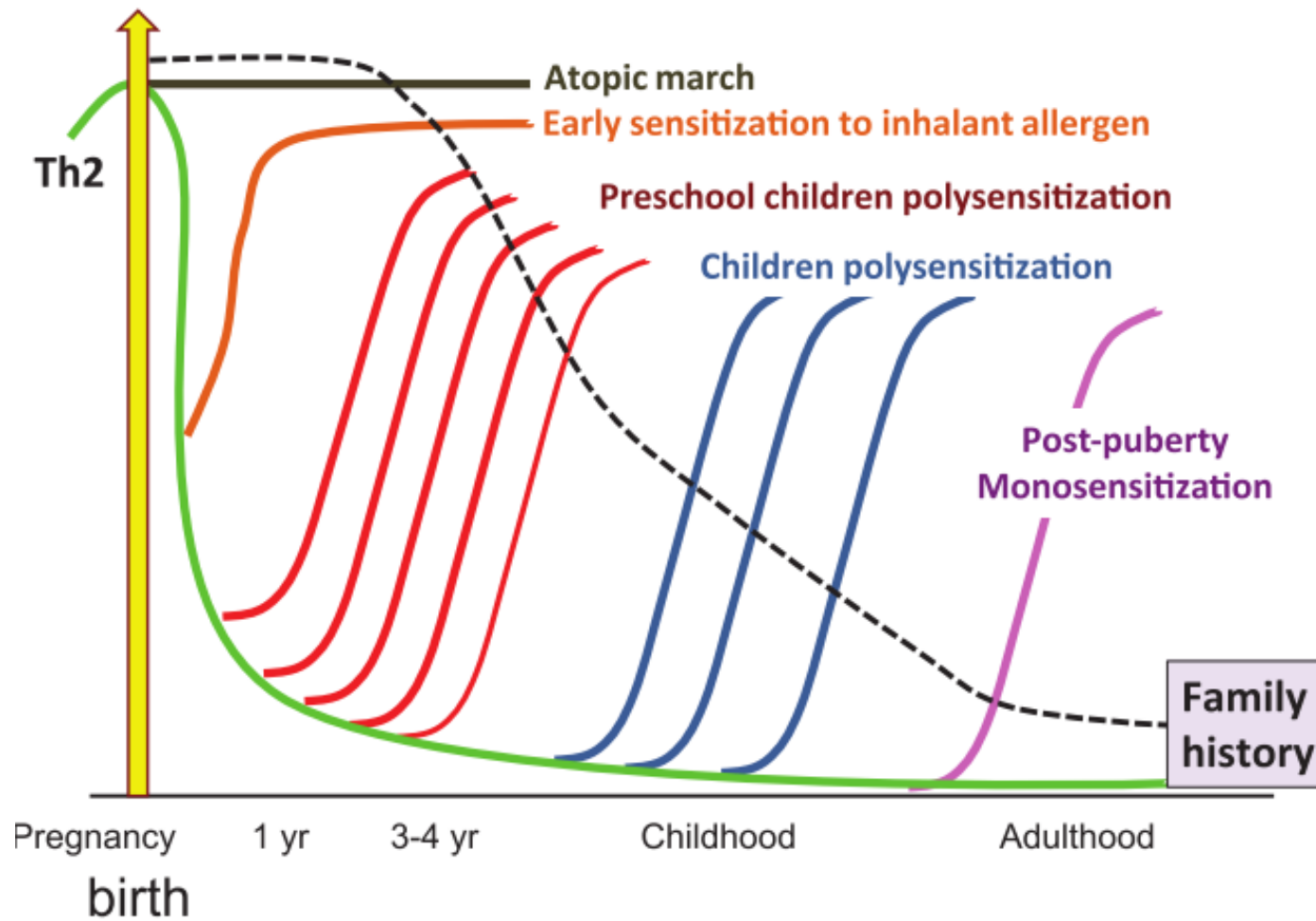
POSITION PAPER

## **Are allergic multimorbidities and IgE polysensitization associated with the persistence or re-occurrence of foetal type 2 signalling? The MeDALL hypothesis**

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# Allergens and other environmental exposure





Polysensitization is different from polyallergy

## Polysensitization

Genuine  
polysensitization  
to different  
sources

Panallergen  
sensitization

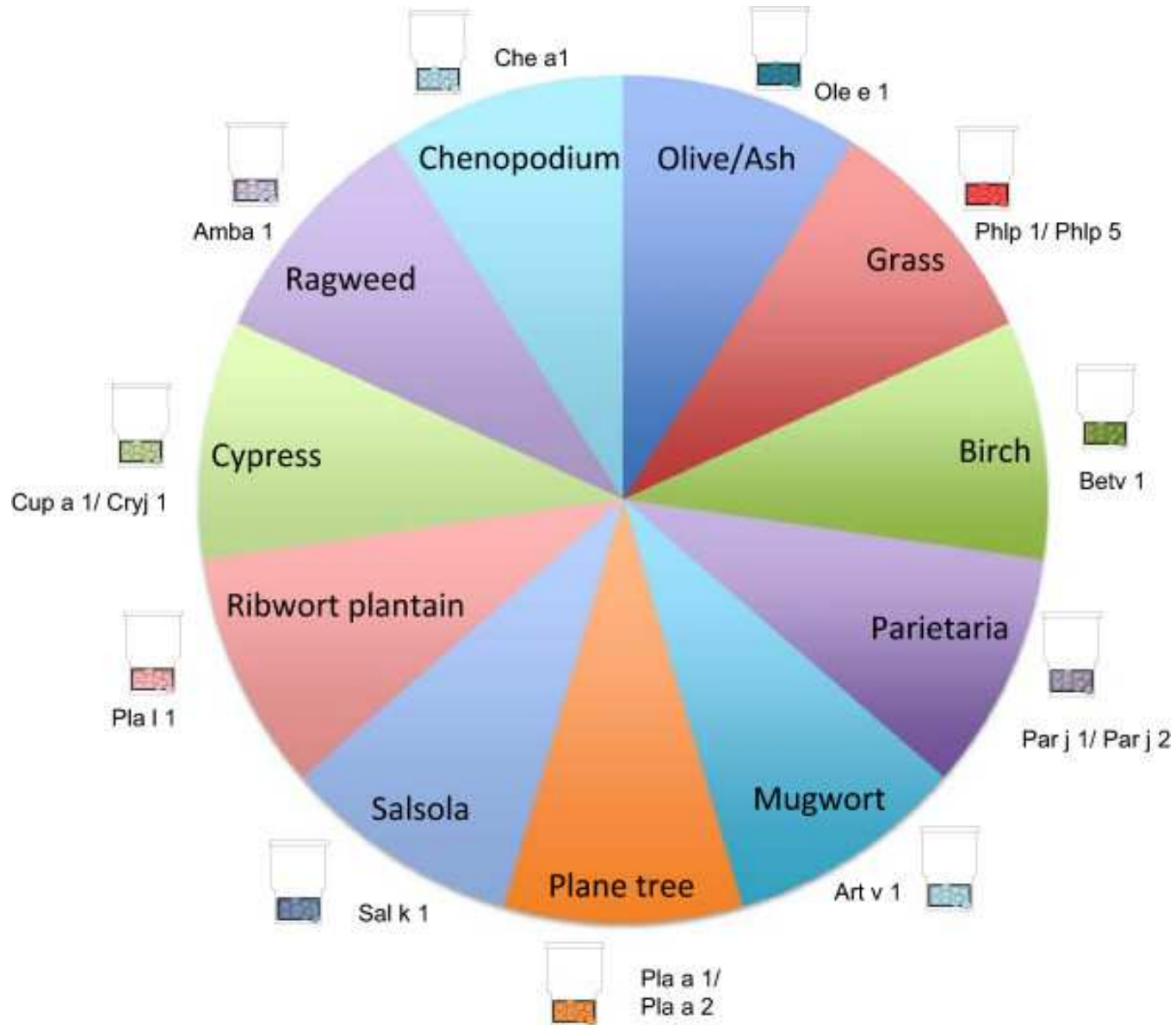
Polysensitization  
in homologous  
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Polysensitization  
to multiple  
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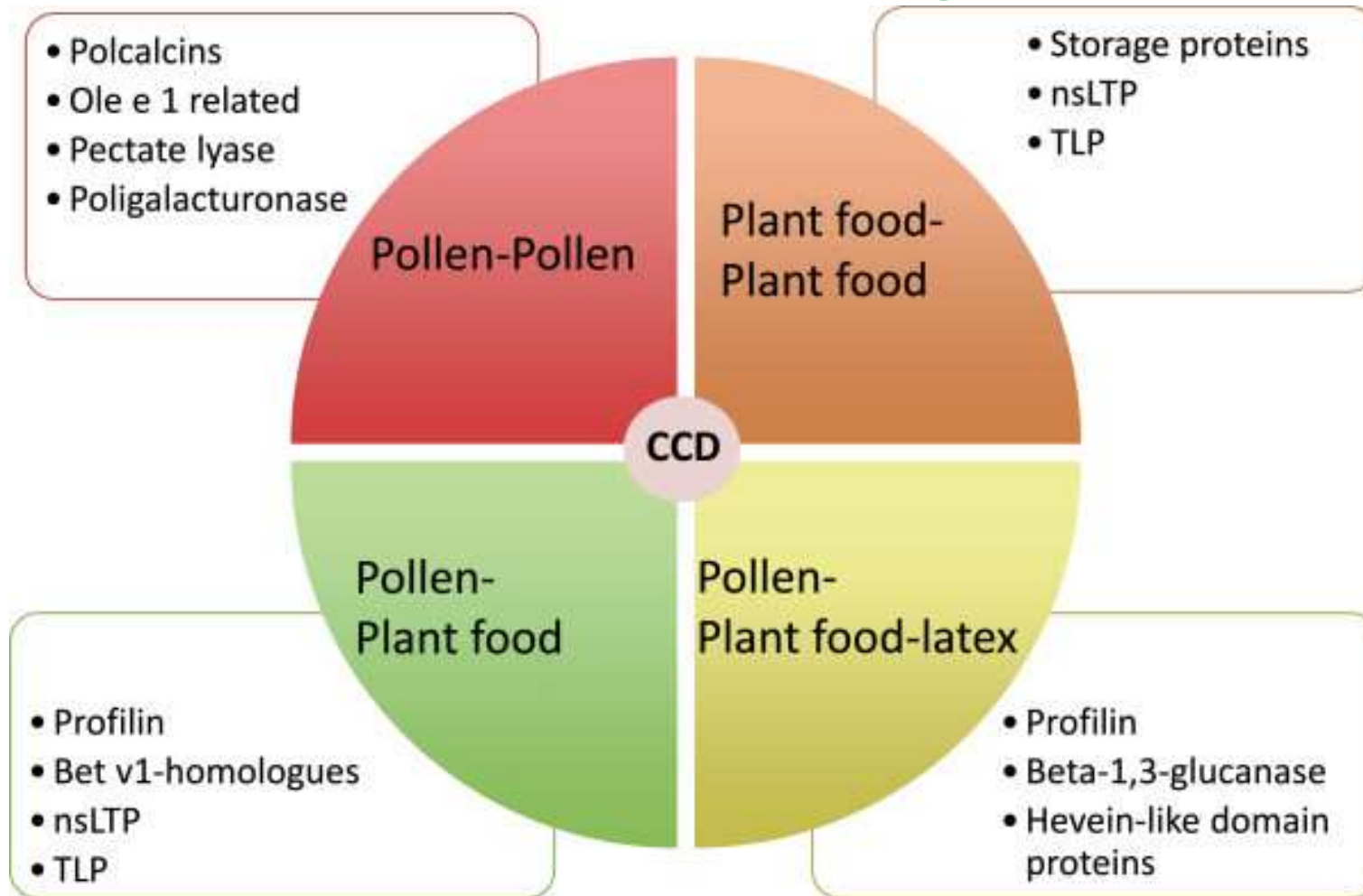
Polyallergy?

# Pollen species-specific allergens





## Cross-reactive allergens

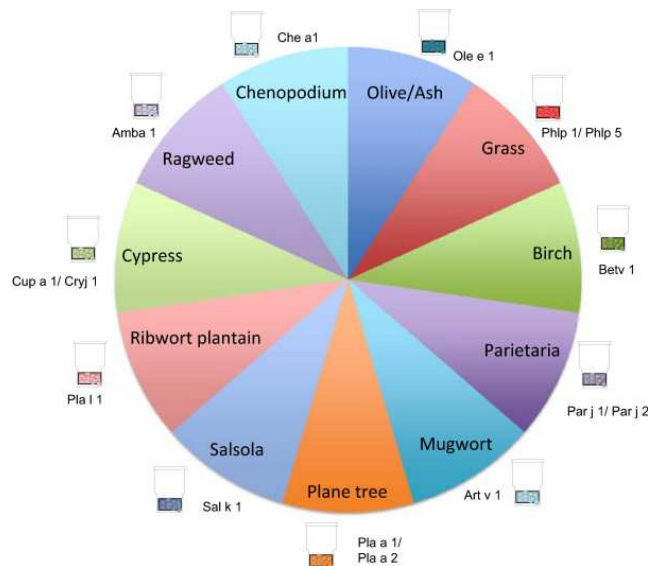


CCD: Cross-reactive carbohydrate determinants; nsLTP: Non-specific lipid transfer proteins; TLP: thaumatin-like proteins.

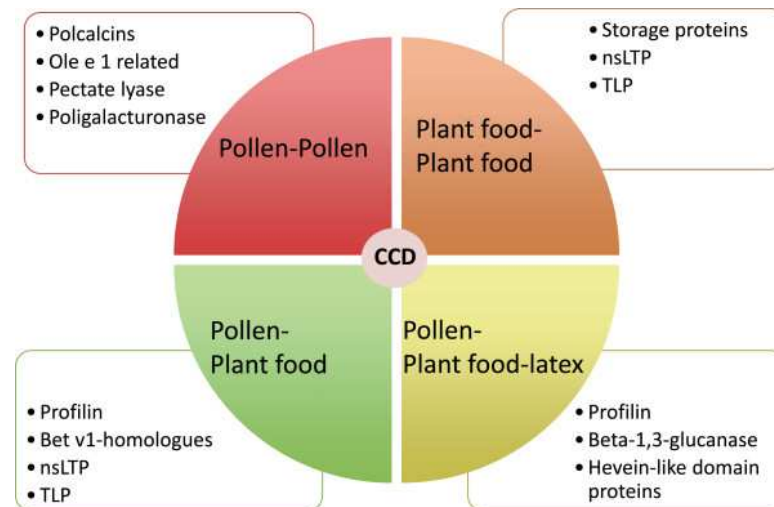
# Indication of specific immunotherapy

- The first premise for the prescription of immunotherapy based on CRD is the assessment of IgE positivity to genuine versus cross-reactive allergens

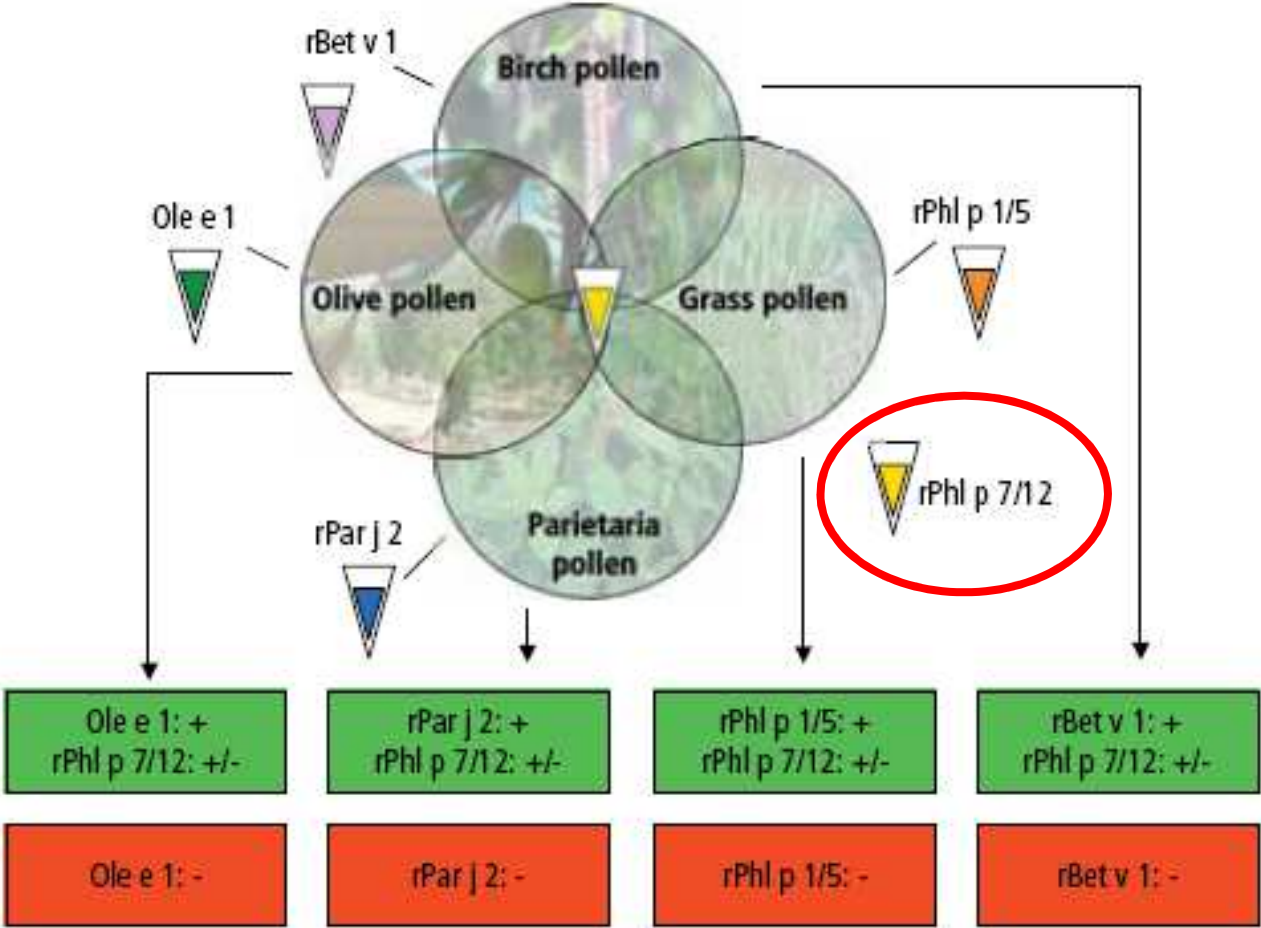
**Pollen species-specific allergens**



**Cross-reactive allergens**



# Immunotherapy





# *Inhalant oligo/monosensitization*

Single-allergen immunotherapy with grass pollen extract has proved to be as safe and effective for that specific allergy both in polysensitized as in monosensitized patients, provided that the allergen extract administered matches the patient's most relevant sensitization.

Passalacqua G. *Curr Opin Allergy Clin Immunol* 2014, 14:20–24.

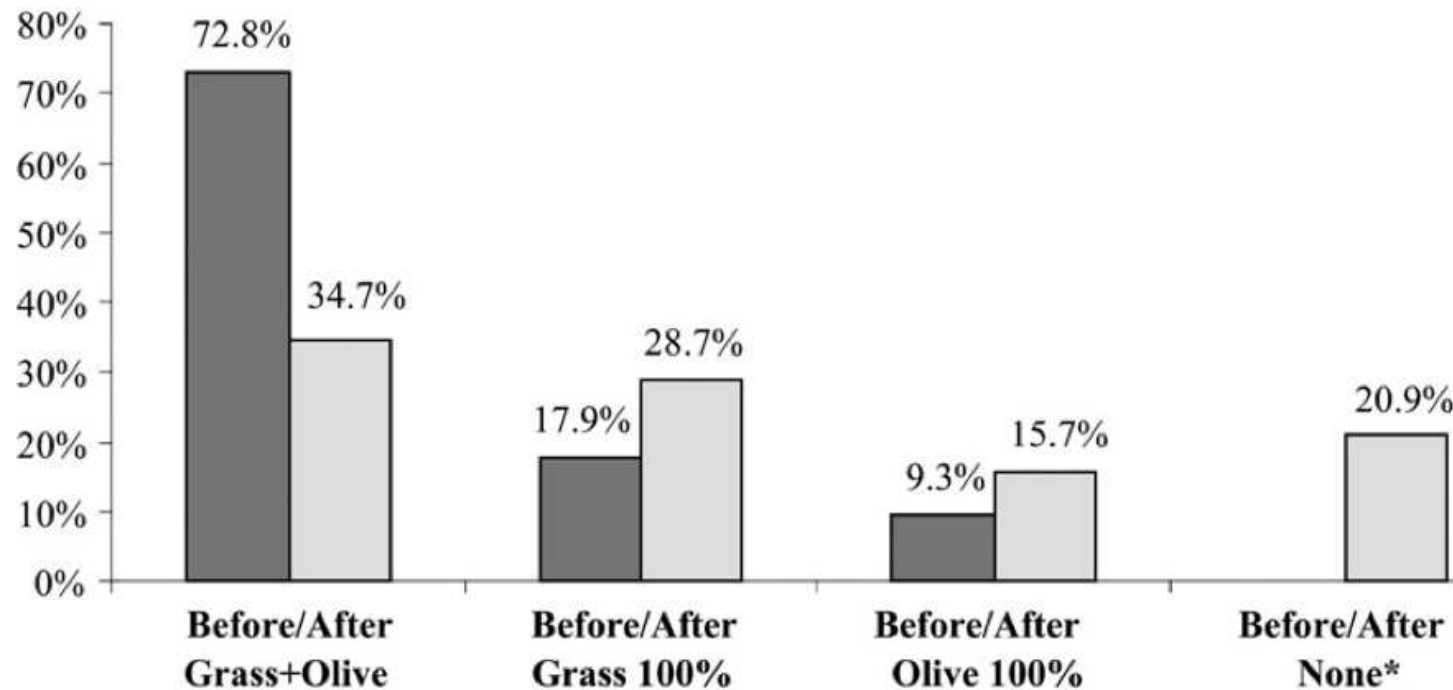
There is a need to adequately evaluate in prospective studies if CRD-guided patient selection results in improved efficacy of immunotherapy.

Luengo O & Cardona V. *Clinical and Translational Allergy* 2014 4:28

## Olive, grass or both? Molecular diagnosis for the allergen immunotherapy selection in polysensitized pollinic patients

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Total population ( $n = 1.182$ )



Moreno C et al. Allergy. 2014 Oct;69(10):1357-63

## How molecular diagnosis can change allergen-specific immunotherapy prescription in a complex pollen area

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N= 141. RC y/o AB sensibilizados a pólenes ± alergia alimentos

Extract for SIT	Indication of SIT based on SPT	Indication of SIT based on MD	Number of patients with agreement of SIT (%)	Number of patients with disagreement of SIT	Kappa agreement for SIT based on SPT or MD
Grass	17	10	97 (68)	44 (32)	0.117 ± 0.0825 <i>P</i> = 0.0781
Olive	1	1	132 (93)	9 (7)	0.1624 ± 0.0639 <i>P</i> = 0.0055
Grass + olive	4	1	101 (71)	40 (29)	0.0505 ± 0.0548 <i>P</i> = 0.1782
Grass + cypress	0	1	132 (93)	9 (7)	0.1711 ± 0.0471 <i>P</i> = 0.0001
Grass + plane	0	1	133 (94)	8 (6)	0.1897 ± 0.0493 <i>P</i> = 0.0001
Olive + cypress	0	2	141 (100)	0 (0)	1 ± 0.0842 <i>P</i> < 0.0001
Other extracts	3	4	129 (91)	12 (9)	0.3586 ± 0.0798 <i>P</i> < 0.0001
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>62 (46)</b>	<b>79 (54)</b>	<b>0.1057 ± 0.0413</b>

# The effect of component-resolved diagnosis on specific immunotherapy prescription in children with hay fever

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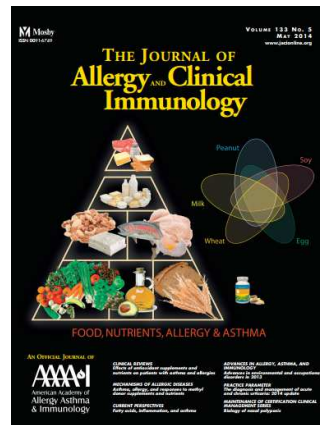






Fig 4 – Discordance rate between SIT prescription based on SPT or on SPT and CRD in 651 children with AR, according to doctors' decision

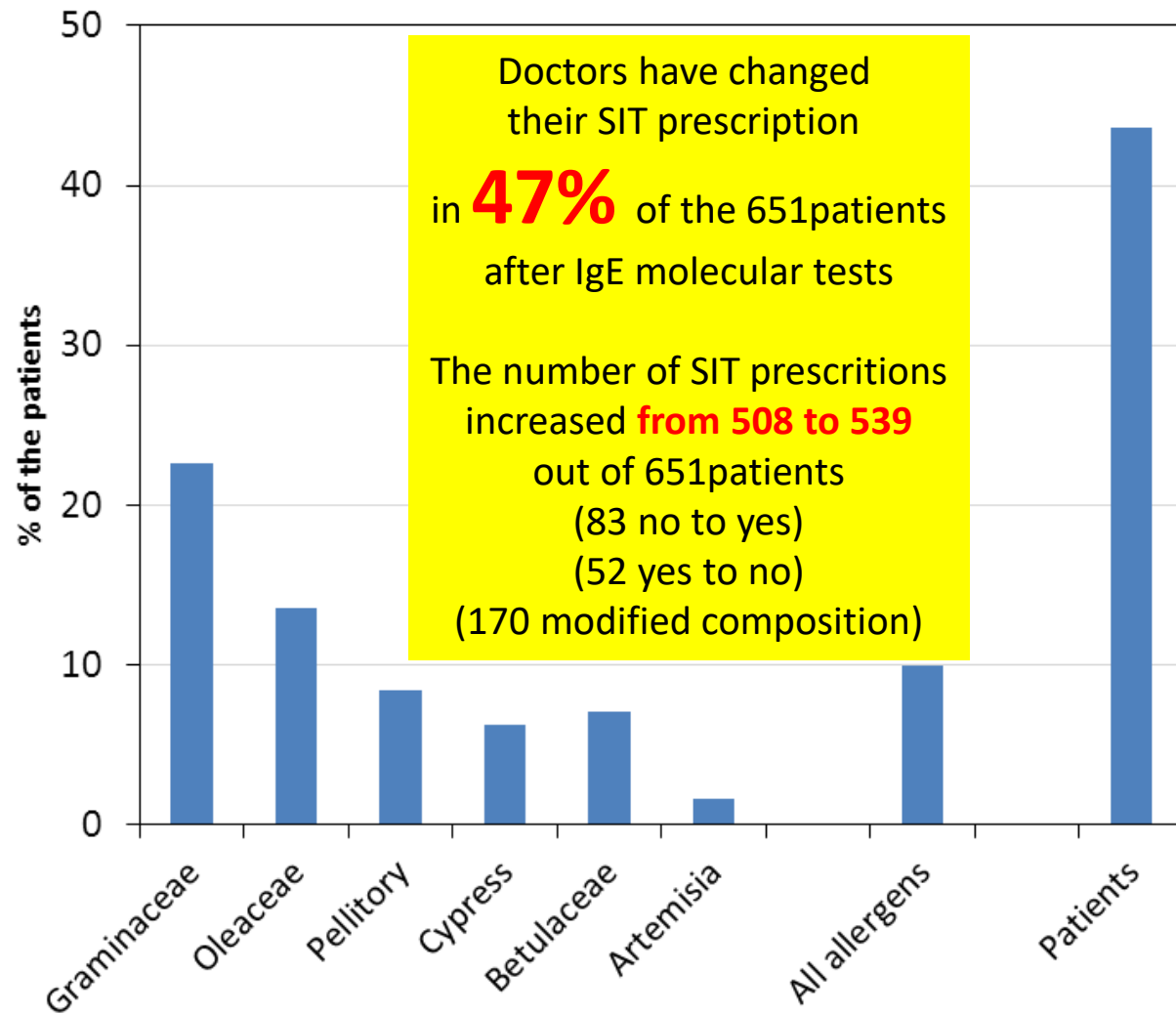
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**14 allergists**

about 90 patients each  
Randomly assigned  
by climatic area

Fraction of SPT based SIT prescription modified after CRD



# ALLERGYMonitor

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## ALLERGYMonitor

Inserisci il tuo cognome:

Inserisci la parola d'ordine assegnata:

Accedi 



Paziente selezionato: **Daniele**

Rilevamenti: Dal 03/05/2011 al 30/06/2011 (G)

Raw Data Riassunto Diario Farmaci Immunoterapia Effetti collaterali **RCA Score** ASTHMA SCORE Grafico Sintomi

Tipologia curva:

- RTSS
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Concentrazione pollini

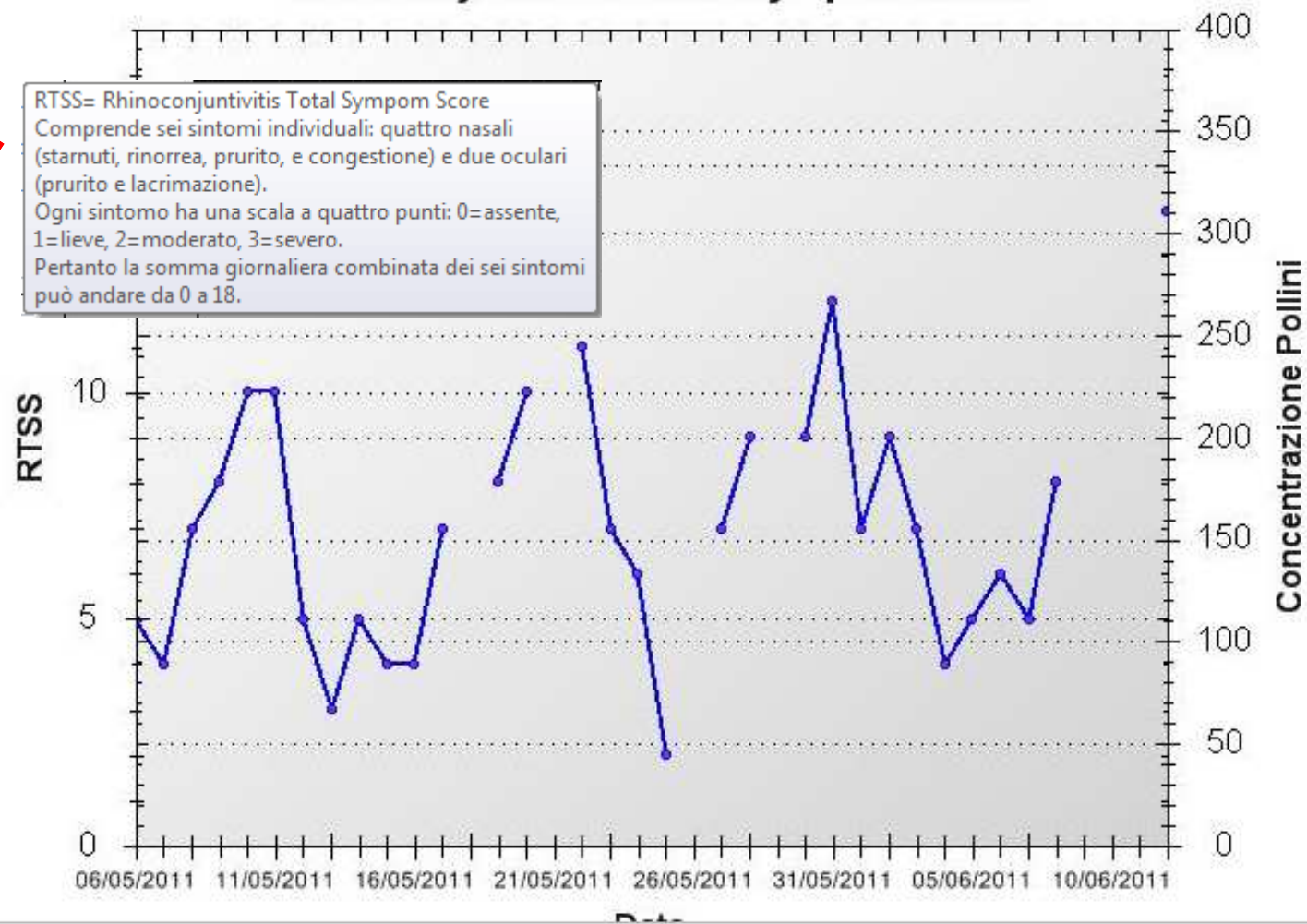
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Polline

- ACERACEAE
- ALTERNARIA
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- CHENO/AMARANT
- CORYLACEAE
- Cupressaceae/Ta:
- GRAMINAE
- MYRTACEAE
- OLEACEAE
- PLANTAGINACEAE

### Rhinoconjunctivitis Total Symptom Score

RTSS= Rhinoconjunctivitis Total Sympom Score  
Comprende sei sintomi individuali: quattro nasali (starnuti, rinorrea, prurito, e congestione) e due oculari (prurito e lacrimazione).  
Ogni sintomo ha una scala a quattro punti: 0=assente, 1=lieve, 2=moderato, 3=severo.  
Pertanto la somma giornaliera combinata dei sei sintomi può andare da 0 a 18.



# Clinical case

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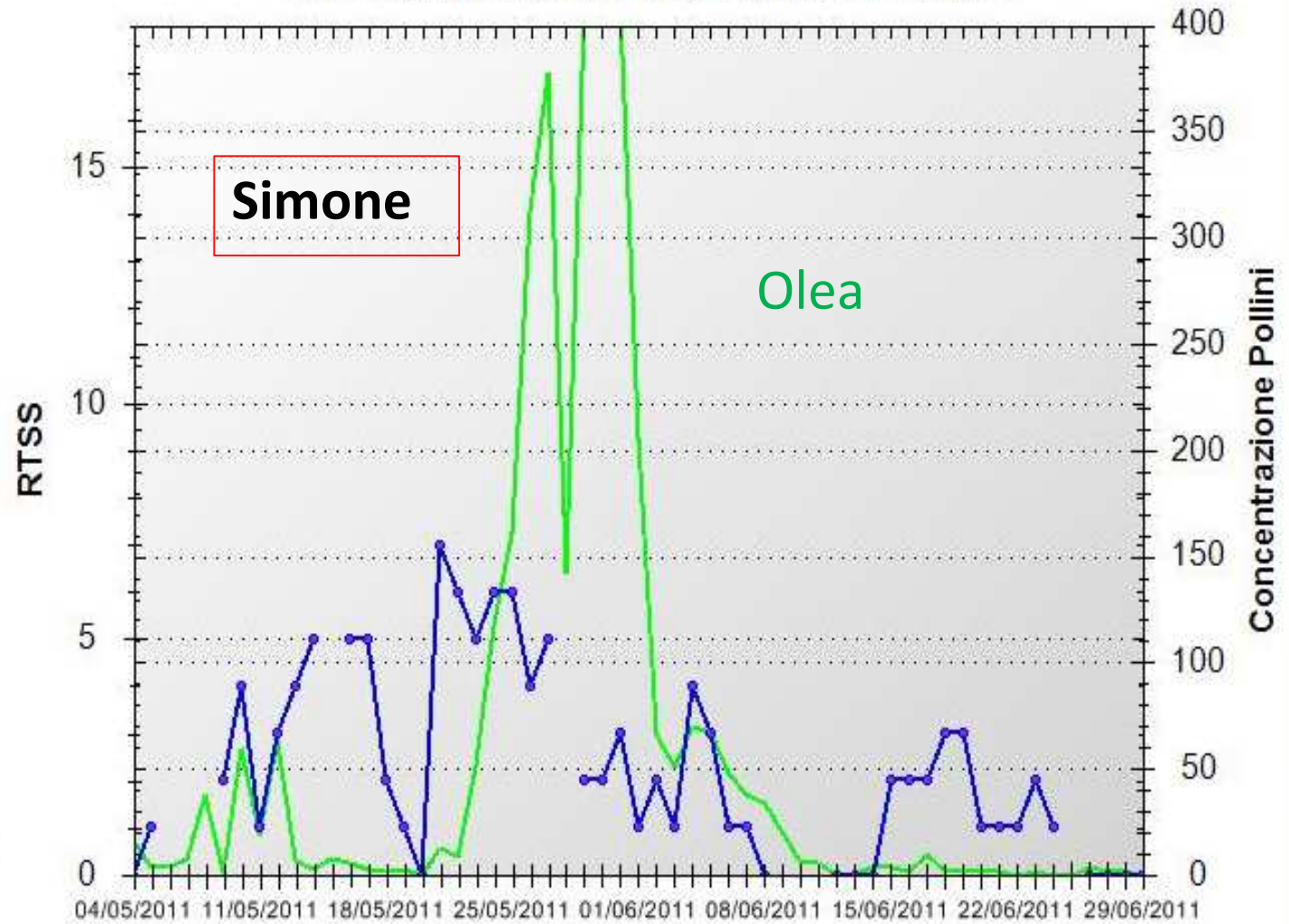
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Polline

Pulisci

- Cupressaceae/Taxac
- GRAMINAE
- OLEACEAE
- Urticaceae

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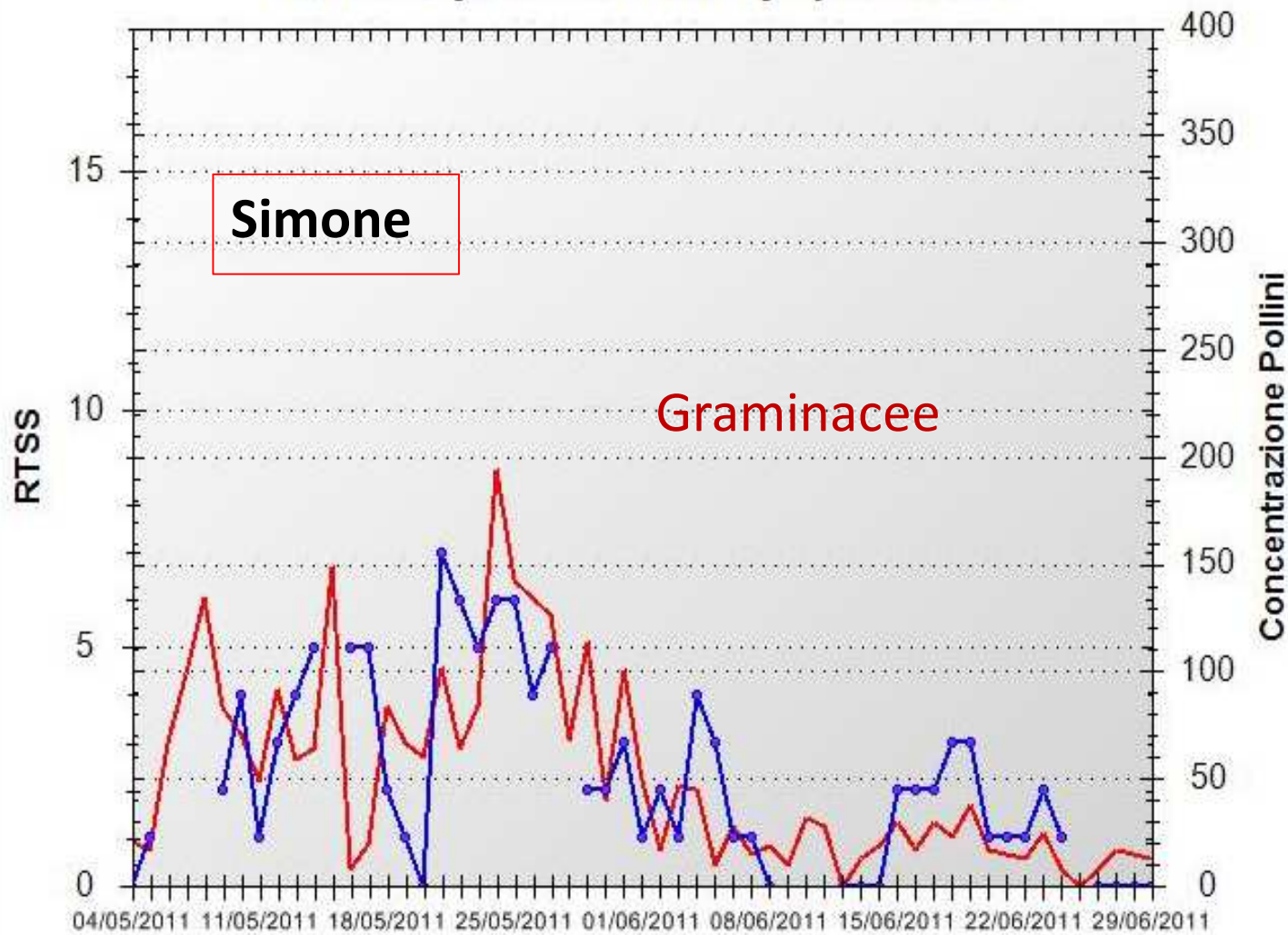
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Panallergen  
sensitization

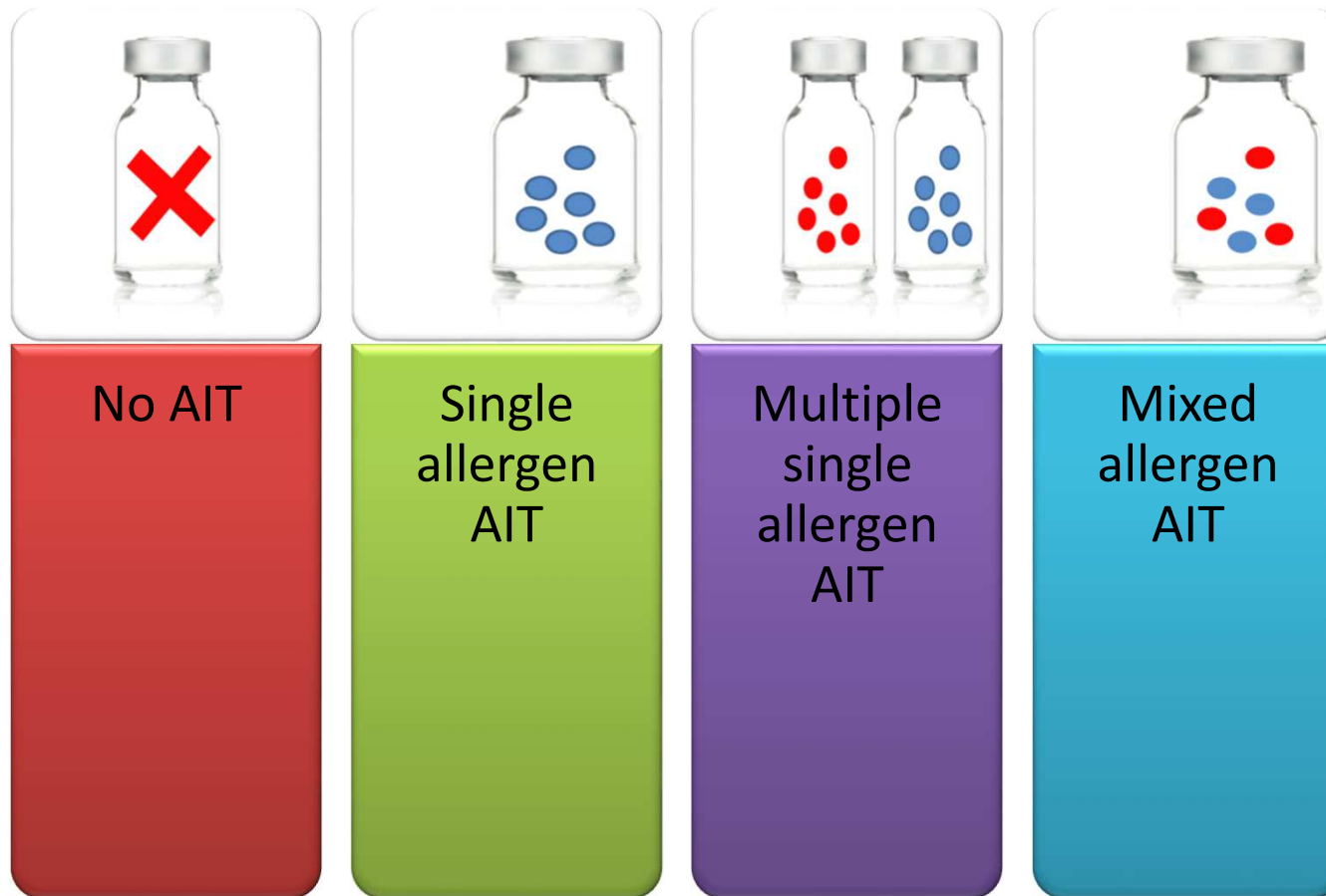
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Polyallergy?



# Which strategies do we have to treat polysensitized patients?



## CME review article

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# Comparison of allergen immunotherapy practice patterns in the United States and Europe

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Table 1. Comparison of the Differences Between US and European Allergen Extracts and Specific Immunotherapy Practice Patterns

Variable	United States	Europe
Regulatory agency	FDA	EMEA
Standardization	ID <sub>20</sub> /EAL	Nordic
Method	Intradermal	Percutaneous
Test technique	Extract dilution that produces sum of erythema of 50 mm	Extract dilution that produces a wheal equal to the histamine control
End point	Comparison with CBER reference control	Compared with in-house reference
Potency determination	Overall allergenicity	Major allergen content
Future focus	BAU, wt/vol, PNU, milligrams of major allergen for <i>regional extract</i>	Varies; each company essentially has its own potency <i>units, some provide milligrams of major allergen</i>
Potency units		
Extract formulation		
Location	Prepared in physicians offices	Prepared at extract manufacturer site
No. of allergens	Multiple	Generally 1
Allergen extract types	Aqueous and glycerinated unmodified extracts, alum-precipitated depot extracts	Approximately 100% depot extract, 20% allergoid, <5% adjuvants
SLIT	Approximately 5.9% of allergists, no FDA-approved formulation	Approximately 45% of prescribed SIT, solution and tablets available, some are registered
Reimbursement	Covered as a medical service by government and private insurers, prices can be negotiated but private insurers often use government schedule	Varies, extract companies negotiate coverage with each country

Abbreviations: BAU, bioequivalent allergy units; CBER, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research; EMEA, European Medicinal Agency; FDA, Food and Drug Administration; PNU, protein nitrogen units; SIT, specific immunotherapy; SLIT, sublingual immunotherapy.

AIT  
Allergen Immunotherapy  
USA

**Allergen Bar  
2016**

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# Which strategies do we have to treat polysensitized patients?



Single  
allergen  
AIT



Mixed  
allergen  
AIT

## **Multiple-allergen and single-allergen immunotherapy strategies in polysensitized patients: Looking at the published evidence**

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In allergen immunotherapy there is debate as to whether polysensitized patients are best treated with many allergens simultaneously (chosen according to the sensitization profile, a predominantly North American approach) or a single allergen (chosen according to the most clinically problematic allergy, a predominantly European approach). In patients seeking treatment for moderate-to-severe respiratory allergies, polysensitization is more prevalent (range, 50% to 80%) than monosensitization in both the United States and Europe. Safe, effective, single-allergen preparations will most likely have been

immunotherapy protocols elicit distinct immune responses in monosensitized and polysensitized patients. Sublingual and subcutaneous multiallergen immunotherapy in polysensitized patients requires more supporting data to validate its efficacy in practice. (*J Allergy Clin Immunol* 2012;129:929-34.)

*Key words:* Allergy, allergen immunotherapy, polysensitization, monosensitization, polyallergic, subcutaneous immunotherapy, sublingual immunotherapy, safety, efficacy

# Single allergen SCIT



Good



Single  
allergen  
AIT

- Frew AJ et al. J Allergy Clin Immunol. 2006;117:311-317
  - SCIT SQ-U grass (ALK)
  - 276/347 polysensitized
  - Similar degree of improvement
- Kim SH et al. Allergy Asthma Immunol Res. 2014; 6: 535-40
  - HDM SCIT 2 years (Hollister-Stier Laboratories, Spokane, WA, USA)
  - 30 HDM-polysensitized (A), 30 HDM-polysensitized (B)
  - Similar degree of improvement
- Soyigit S et al. Ann Allergy Asthma Immunol. 2016; 116:244-251
  - D pteronyssinus (ALK)
  - 22 monosensitized, 24 polysensitized
  - Significant improvement in polysensitized, immunologic changes

# Single allergen SLIT



Good



Single  
allergen  
AIT

- Malling HJ et al. Clin Exp Allergy. 2009; 39: 387-93
  - SLIT IR grass tablet
  - 559 patients: 51.5–57.4% polysensitized
  - Similar clinical outcomes
- Nelson H. Allergy. 2013; 68:252-5
  - SLIT SQ grass tablet
  - Post hoc analysis of pooled data from six randomized DBPC trials (N = 1871)
  - Similar clinical outcomes



neutral

## Mixed allergen AIT



Mixed  
allergen  
AIT

- Nelson HS. J Allergy Clin Immunol. 2009; 123: 763-9
  - 13 studies
  - **Few were well-designed, well-powered DBPC trials.** Head-to-head comparative data with single-allergen regimens were rarely provided.
  - Simultaneous delivery of multiple unrelated allergens can be clinically effective but that there was a **need for additional investigation** (particularly in SLIT).





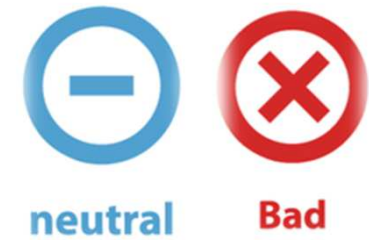
Bad

# Mixed allergen SLIT



- Amar SM et al. J Allergy Clin Immunol. 2009; 124: 150-156
  - **54 patients:** placebo vs single-allergen SLIT (19 mcg of Phl p 5 daily) vs multiallergen SLIT (the same dose of timothy extract plus 9 additional pollen extracts)
  - There were **no significant** symptom or medication score differences versus placebo in either treatment group
  - Changes in various **immune parameters** for the single-allergen group

# Mixed allergen SCIT



Mixed  
allergen  
AIT

- Bousquet J et al. J Allergy Clin Immunol. 1991; 88:43-53
  - Patients monosensitized to *Cynodon* vs polysensitized (Cynodon + other allergens)
  - SCIT: Cynodon vs Cynodon+other vs placebo
  - **Only monosensitized** patients showed a significant clinical effect
- Kim KW et al. J Korean Med Sci. 2006; 21:1012-6
  - Patients monosensitized to **HDM** vs polysensitized (HDM +other)
  - SCIT: HDM vs mixtures
  - **Positive clinical outcome**
  - However, the reduction was significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) **less intense in the polysensitized group**

# Mixed allergen SCIT



Good



- Pfaar O et al. Allergy 2013;68:1306-13
  - DBPC trial
  - depigmented-polymerized birch and grass pollen extract (LETI)
  - 285 patients
  - **Positive clinical efficacy, immunologic changes, safety**

# Grasses/Birch mix



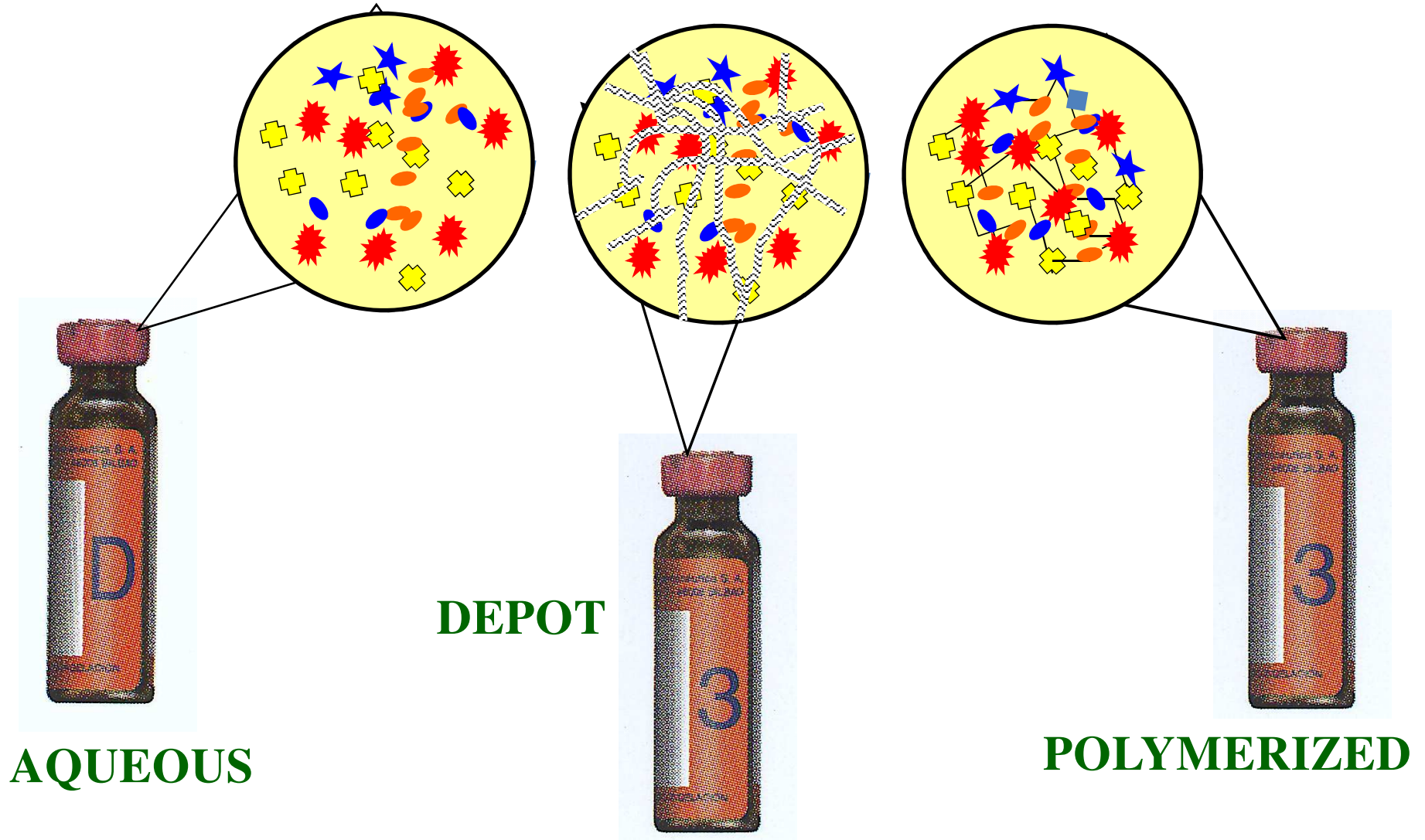
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- Its **safety** profile is comparable to that of grasses or birch alone.
- It has demonstrated **efficacy** against both grasses and birch seasons.

Pfaar et al. Allergy 2013

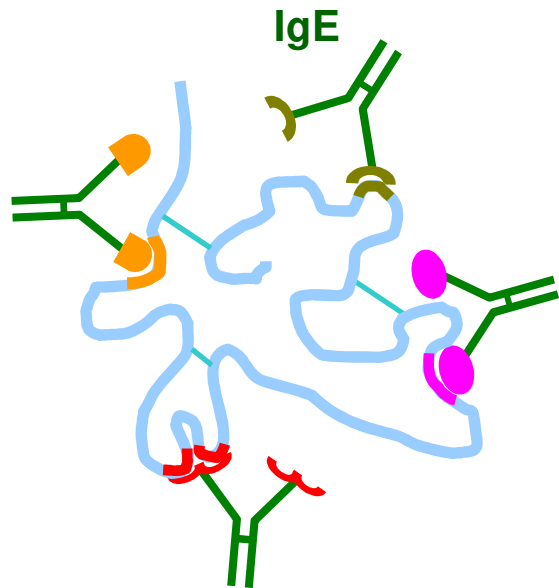
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# ALLERGEN EXTRACTS



# ***POLYMERIZATION***

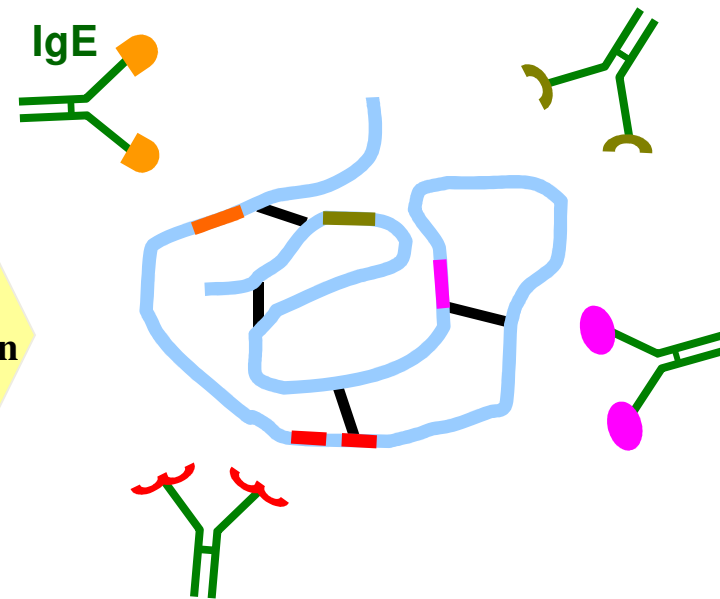
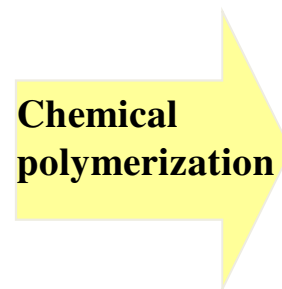
**NATIVE ALLERGEN**



**HIGH allergenicity**

**POLYMERIZED ALLERGEN**

**Chemical  
polymerization**

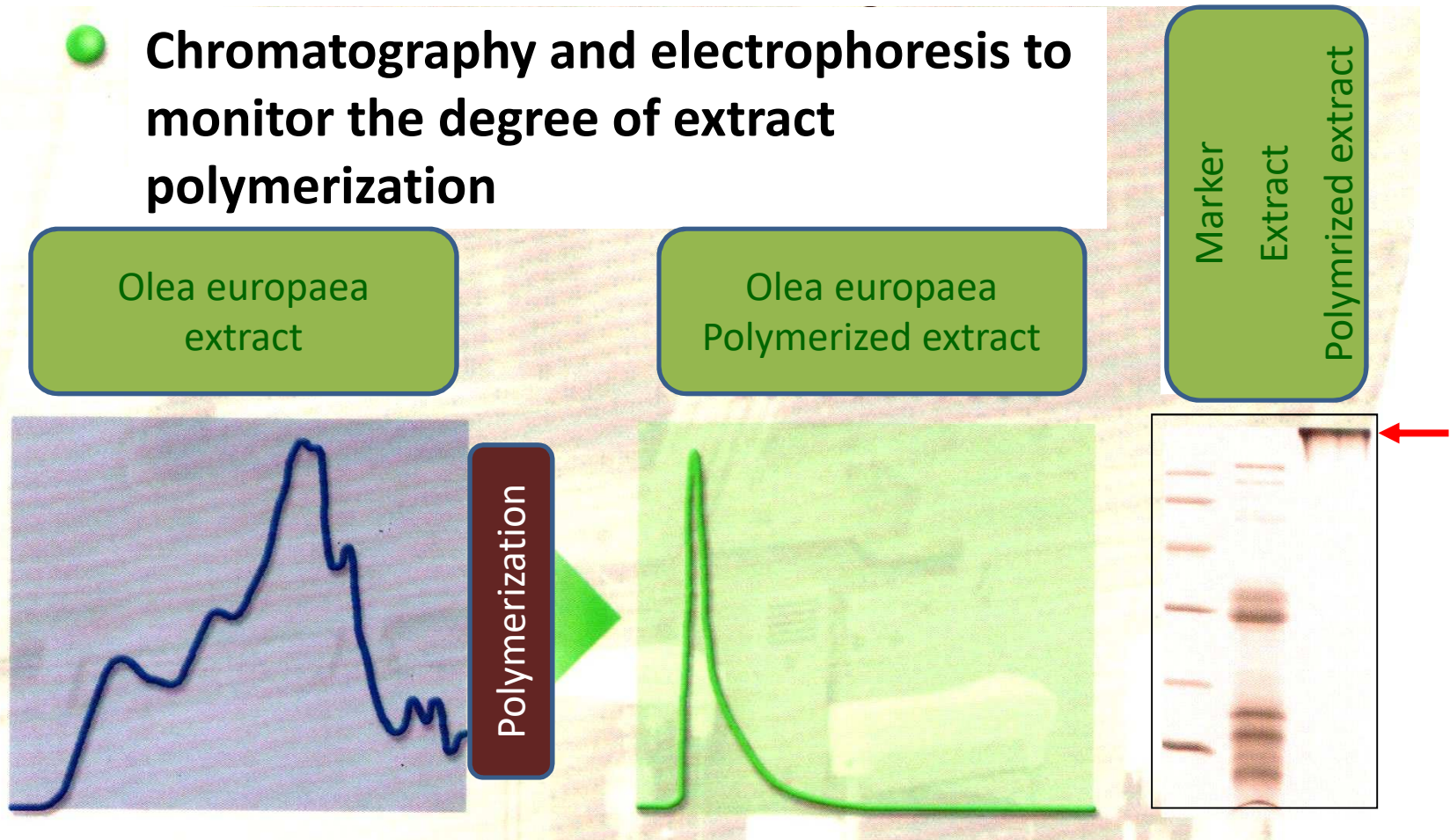


**LOW allergenicity**

# QUALITY CONTROL

## *Degree of extract polymerization*

- Chromatography and electrophoresis to monitor the degree of extract polymerization



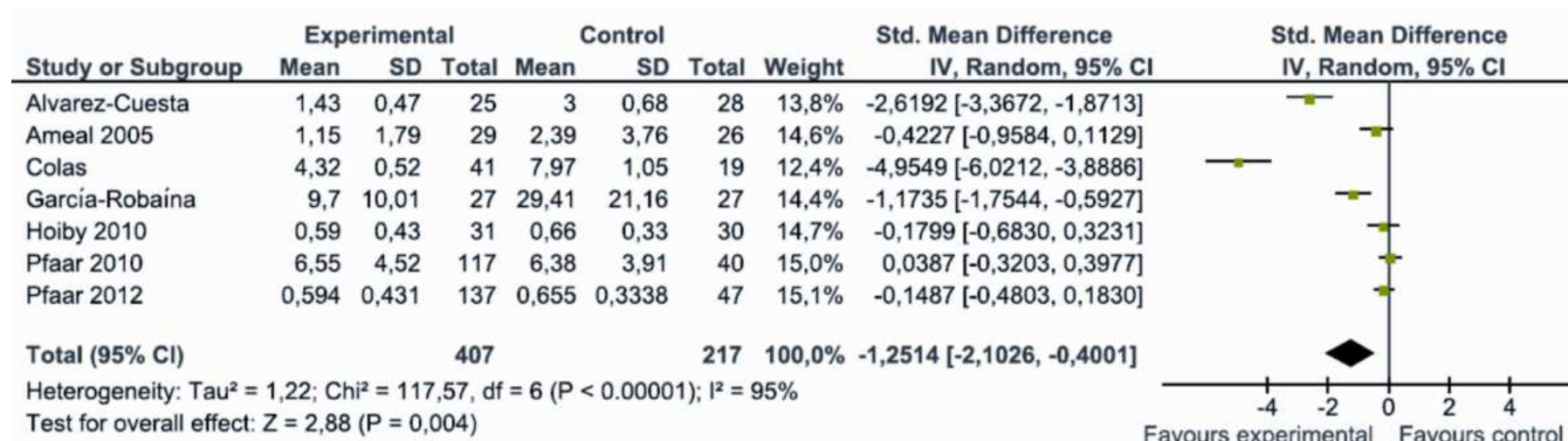
## Efficacy of IT on AR & Asthma using polymerized extracts

-symptoms score:	-1,25 (-2,10 to -0,40)
-medication score:	-1,07 (-1,66 to -0,48)
-symptom+medication score:	-1,84 (-2,85 to -0,84)
-quality of life:	-0,87 (-1,14 to -0,61)
-specific bronchial challenge test:	-0,73 (-1,12 to -0,34)
-prick test reduction:	-0,61 (-0,90 to -0,31).

*A Nieto Allergy 2012*



# Simptoms score



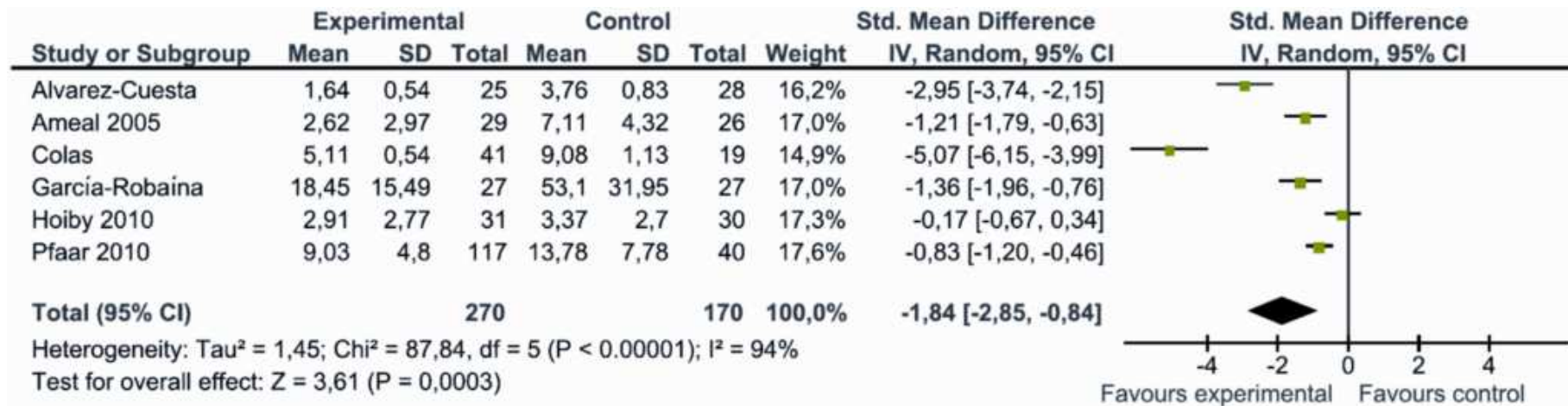
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# Medication score



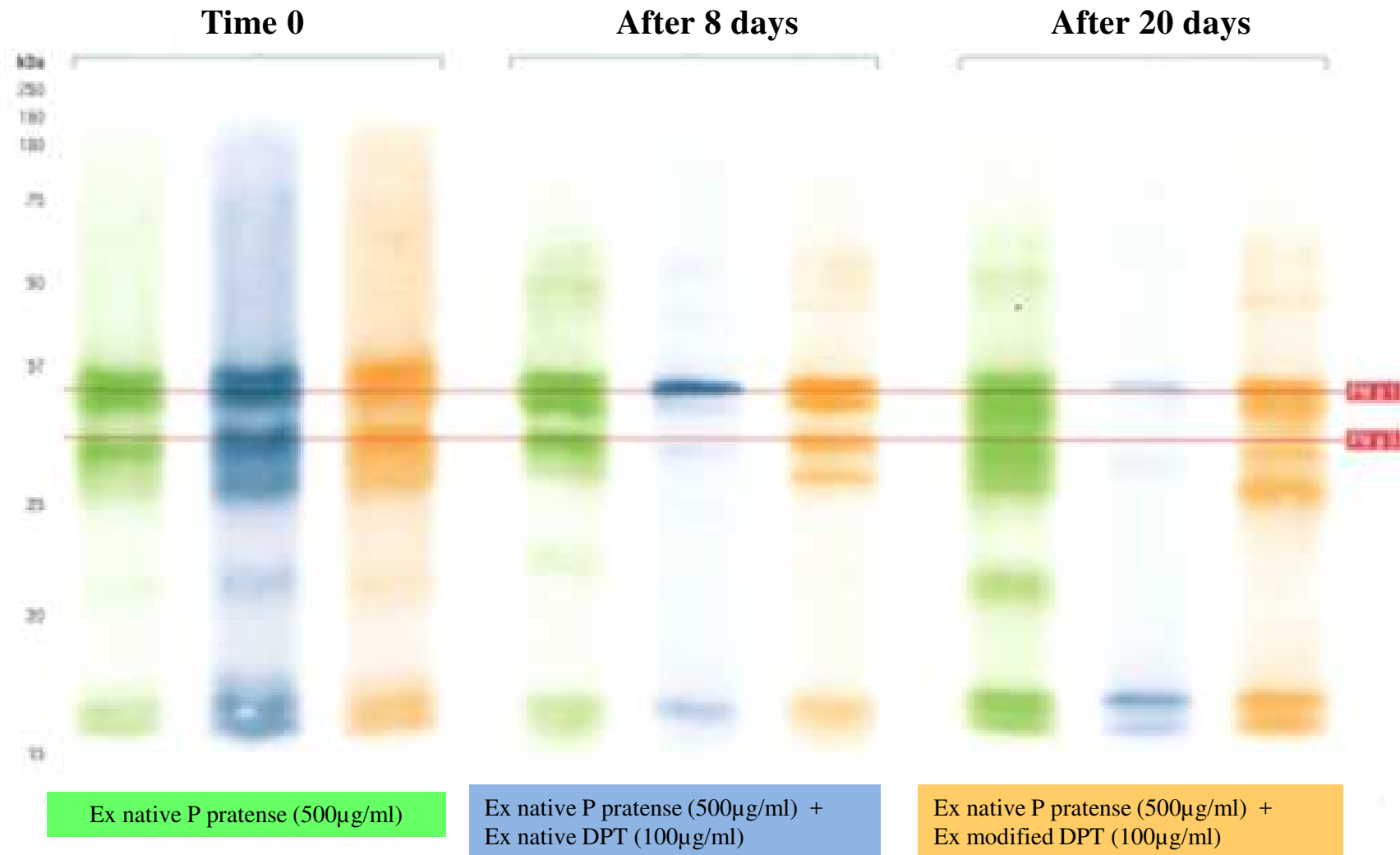
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## Symptoms + medication score



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# Proteolytic activity of DPT on Phleum pratense



E. Fernández-Caldas et al. Grass and mite mixtures: how does the proteolytic activity of *Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus* affect *Phleum pratense* extracts?

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# **Allergen immunotherapy: A practice parameter third update**

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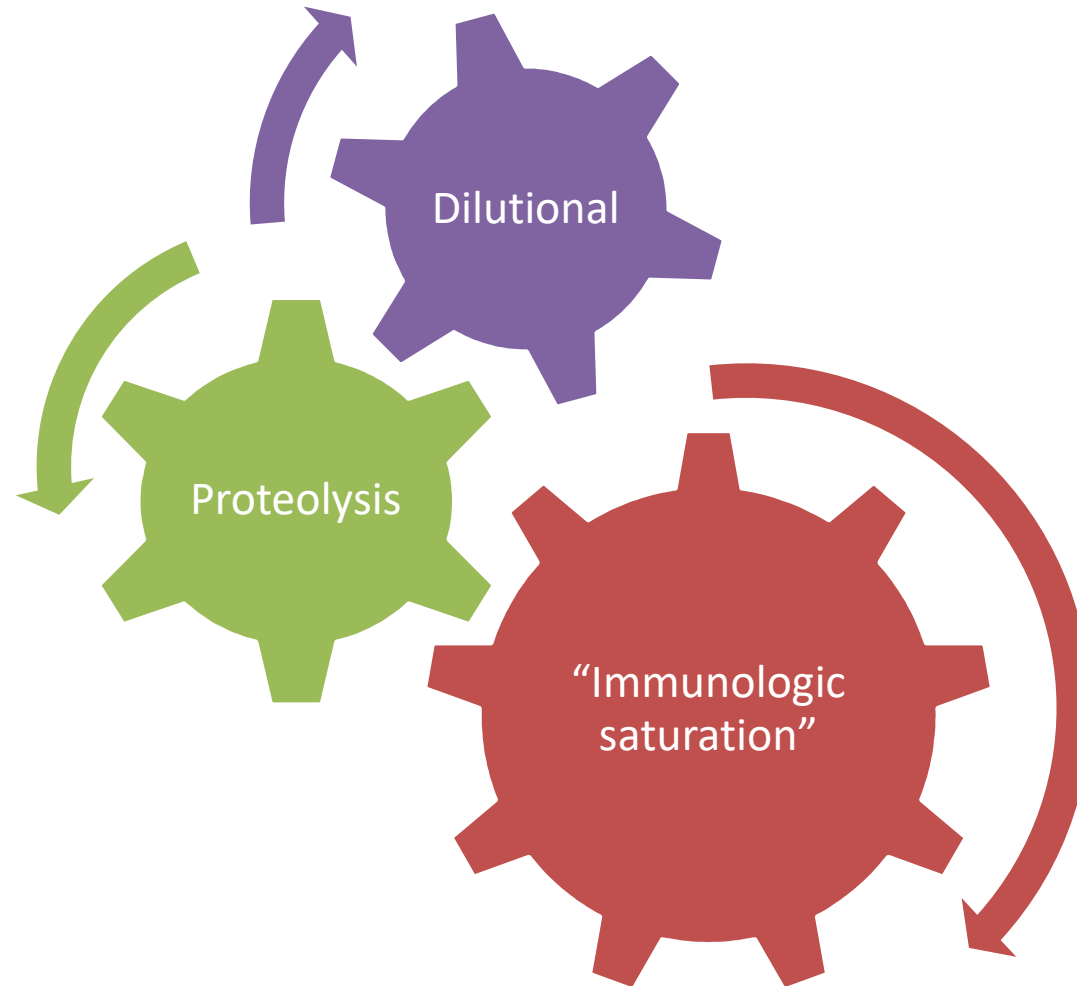
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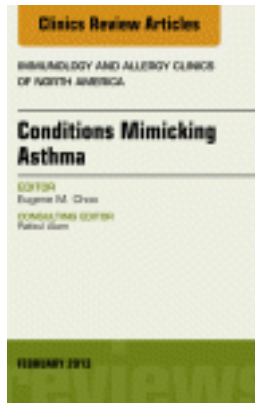
## Summary Statement 72:

*“The **limited** number of studies investigating the efficacy of **multiallergen immunotherapy** have produced conflicting results. In general, multiallergen trials have demonstrated efficacy, although some failed to provide results specific to the multiallergens”*

*“It is important to treat the patients **only with relevant allergens**”*

# Risks of allergen mixing





**Passalacqua & Canonica**  
*Imm Allergy Clin North Am 2015*

# Allergen Immunotherapy History and Future Developments

Giovanni Passalacqua, MD\*, Giorgio Walter Canonica, MD



*Canonica et al. Curr..Opin.Pulm.Med. 2015*

## KEY POINTS

- According to the latest scientific evidence, we have evaluated the correct approach to the use of AIT in asthmatic patients.
- One of our purposes was to dispel the doubts on the use of AIT in asthmatic patients, using the correct AIT in a specific phenotype of patients.
- Personalized Medicine as a promising therapeutic approach applied to a specific phenotype of patients studied using biomarkers.
- Diatribe SCIT versus SLIT: two different tools in the allergist's therapeutic armamentarium.



# Which Patients for Immunotherapy?

Appropriate clinical manifestations.

Demonstrated IgE-mediated sensitivity to relevant allergen(s)

Significant exposure to the relevant allergen(s)

Availability of high quality extract for the relevant allergen(s).

Asthma, if present, adequately controlled.

# Requirements for Physician Competencies in Allergy: Key Clinical Competencies Appropriate for the Care of Patients With Allergic or Immunologic Diseases

## *A Position Statement of the World Allergy Organization*

*Michael A. Kaliner, Sergio Del Giacco, Carlos D. Crisci, Anthony J. Frew, Guanghui Liu, Jorge Maspero, Hee-Bom Moon, Takemasa Nakagawa, Paul C. Potter, Lanny J. Rosenwasser, Anand B. Singh, Erkka Valovirta, Paul Van Cauwenberge, John O. Warner, and WAO Specialty and Training Council*

- A. The immunotherapy has been prescribed by a specialist.
- B. The first-level physician and other professionals have had adequate training in allergy and the recognition and management of anaphylaxis to provide this service safely.
- C. The location where immunotherapy is performed fulfills all the conditions for patient safety. The site where immunotherapy is performed should be equipped to treat severe allergic reactions

# WAO Grading System for SLIT Local Reactions

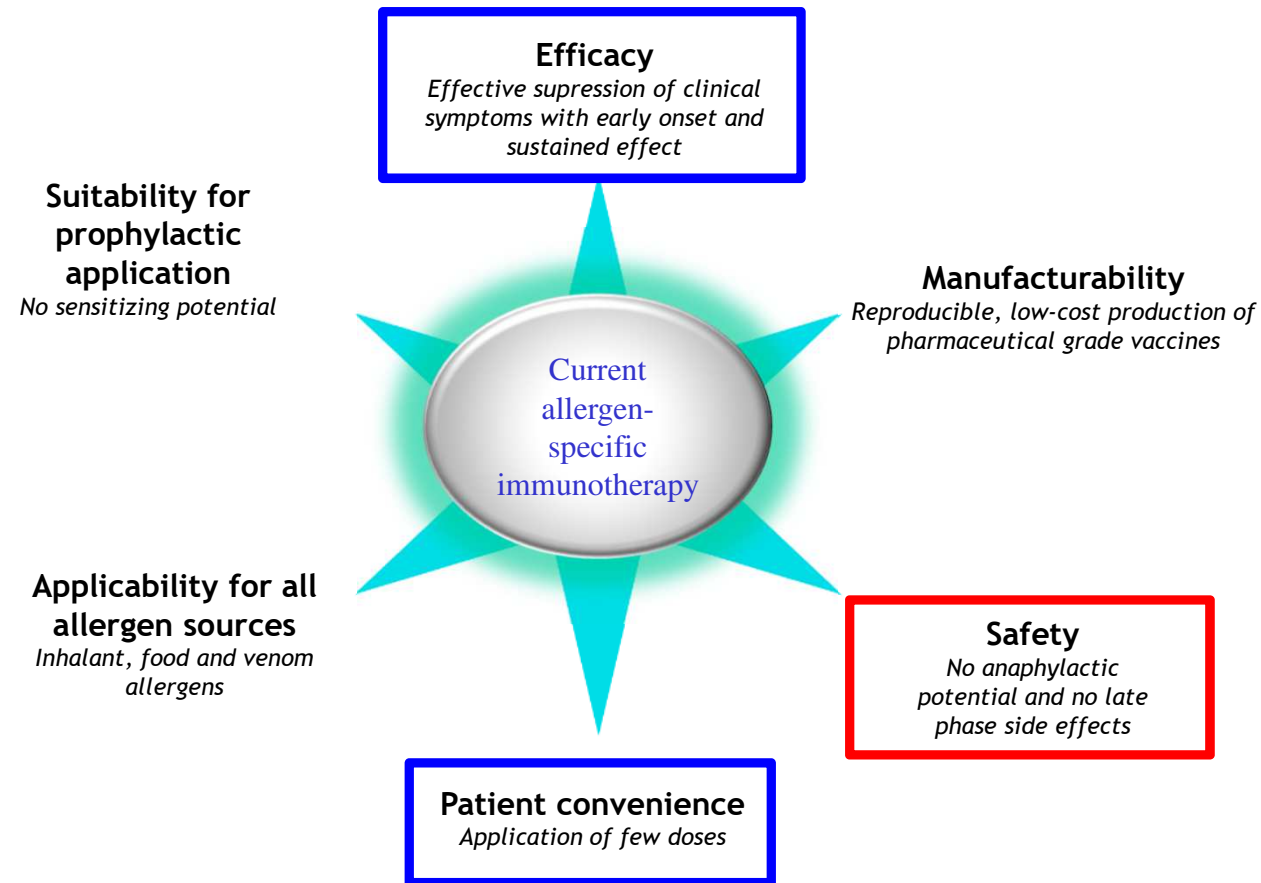
Symptom/sign	Grade 1 – Mild	Grade 2 – Moderate	Grade 3 - Severe	Unknown severity
Abdominal pain, Diarrhea Ear itching Pruritus/swelling of mouth, tongue or lip Nausea Throat irritation Uvular oedema Vomiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Not troublesome</li> </ul> <b>AND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No symptomatic treatment required</li> </ul> <b>AND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No discontinuation of SLIT because of local side effects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Troublesome</li> </ul> <b>OR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Requires symptomatic treatment</li> </ul> <b>AND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No discontinuation of SLIT because of local side effects</li> </ul>	Grade 2 AND SLIT discontinued because of local side effects	The treatment is discontinued but there is no subjective and/or objective description of the severity from the patient/physician
<b>Each local adverse event can be early (&lt;30 minutes) or delayed</b>				

# WAO Grading System for Severe Allergic Reactions

TABLE 1. Proposed modification of the 2010 WAO grading system

Grading system for SARs				
Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
			Anaphylaxis	
<p>Symptom(s)/sign(s) from 1 organ system present</p> <p>Cutaneous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urticaria and/or erythema-warmth and/or pruritus, other than localized at the injection site</li> <li>• And/or</li> <li>• Tingling, or itching of the lips* or</li> <li>• Angioedema (not laryngeal)*</li> </ul> <p>Or</p> <p>Upper respiratory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nasal symptoms (eg, sneezing, rhinorea, nasal pruritus, and/or nasal congestion)</li> <li>• And/or</li> <li>• Throat-clearing (itchy throat)*</li> <li>• And/or</li> <li>• Cough not related to bronchospasm</li> </ul> <p>Or</p> <p>Conjunctival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erythema, pruritus, or tearing</li> </ul> <p>Or</p> <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nausea</li> <li>• Metallic taste</li> </ul>	<p>Symptom(s)/sign(s) from <math>\geq 2</math> organ systems listed in grade 1</p>	<p>Lower airway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mild bronchospasm, eg, cough, wheezing, shortness of breath which responds to treatment</li> <li>• And/or</li> </ul> <p>Gastrointestinal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abdominal cramps* and/or vomiting/diarrhea</li> </ul> <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uterine cramps</li> <li>• Any symptom(s)/sign(s) from grade 1 would be included</li> </ul>	<p>Lower airway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Severe bronchospasm, eg, not responding or worsening in spite of treatment</li> <li>• And/or</li> </ul> <p>Upper airway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laryngeal edema with stridor</li> <li>• Any symptom(s)/sign(s) from grades 1 or 3 would be included</li> </ul>	<p>Lower or upper airway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respiratory failure and/or</li> </ul> <p>Cardiovascular</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collapse/hypotension†</li> <li>• And/or</li> <li>• Loss of consciousness (vasovagal excluded)</li> <li>• Any symptom(s)/sign(s) from grades 1, 3, or 4 would be included</li> </ul>

# Requirements for improved allergy vaccines



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