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A New Wave of Systemic Treatments: ATOPIC DERMATITIS, MEET JAK



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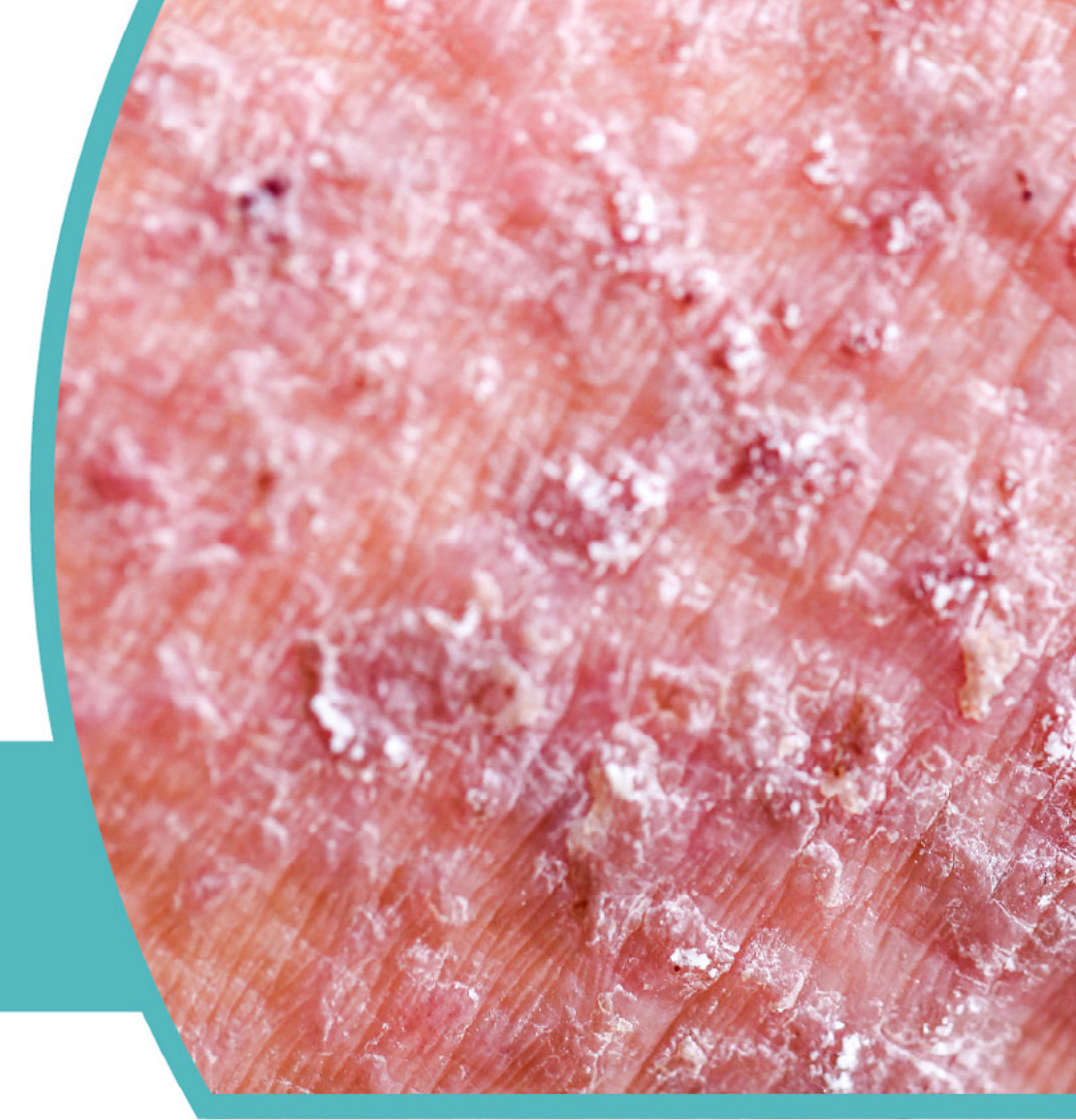


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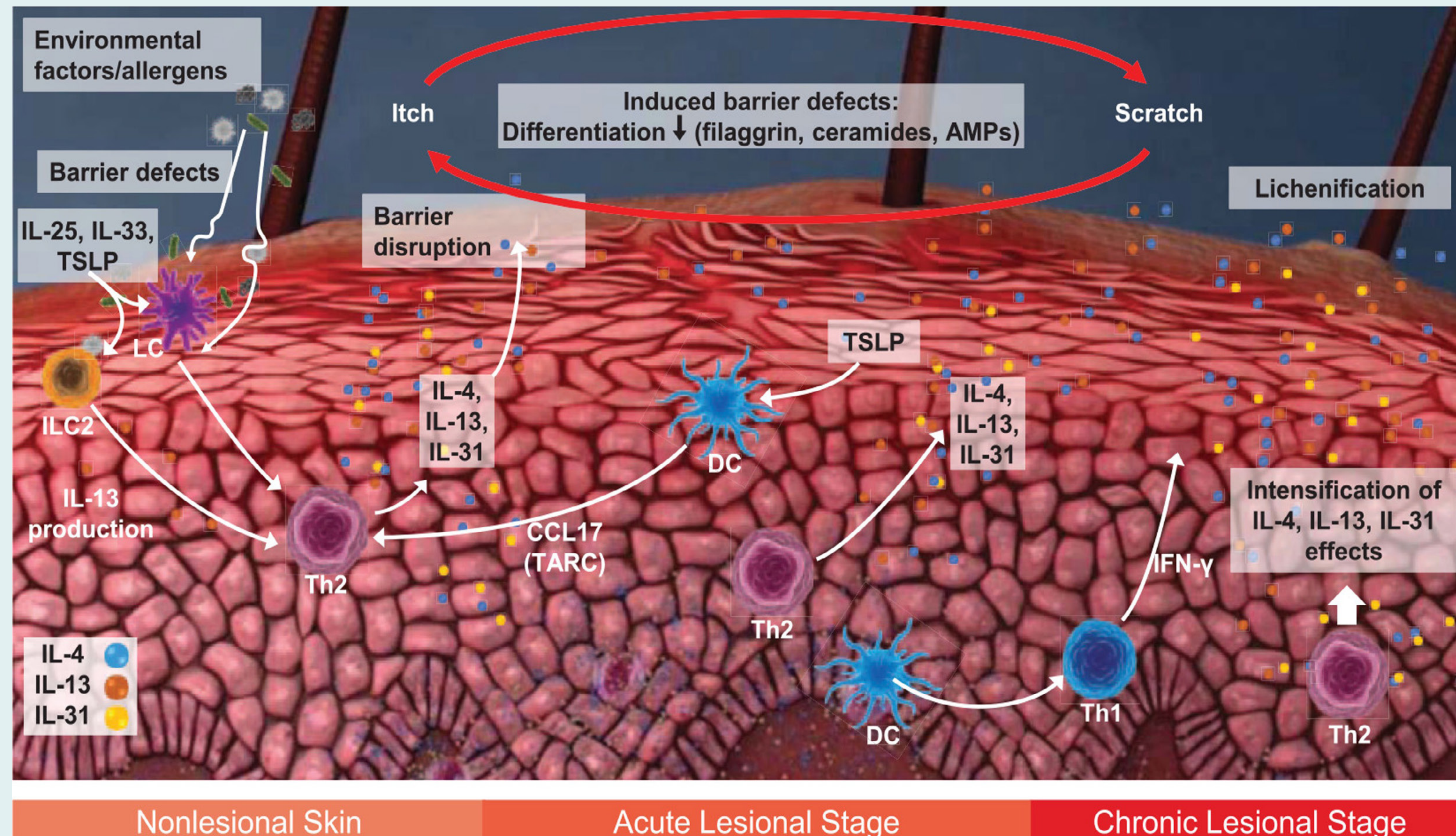
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AD PATHOGENESIS

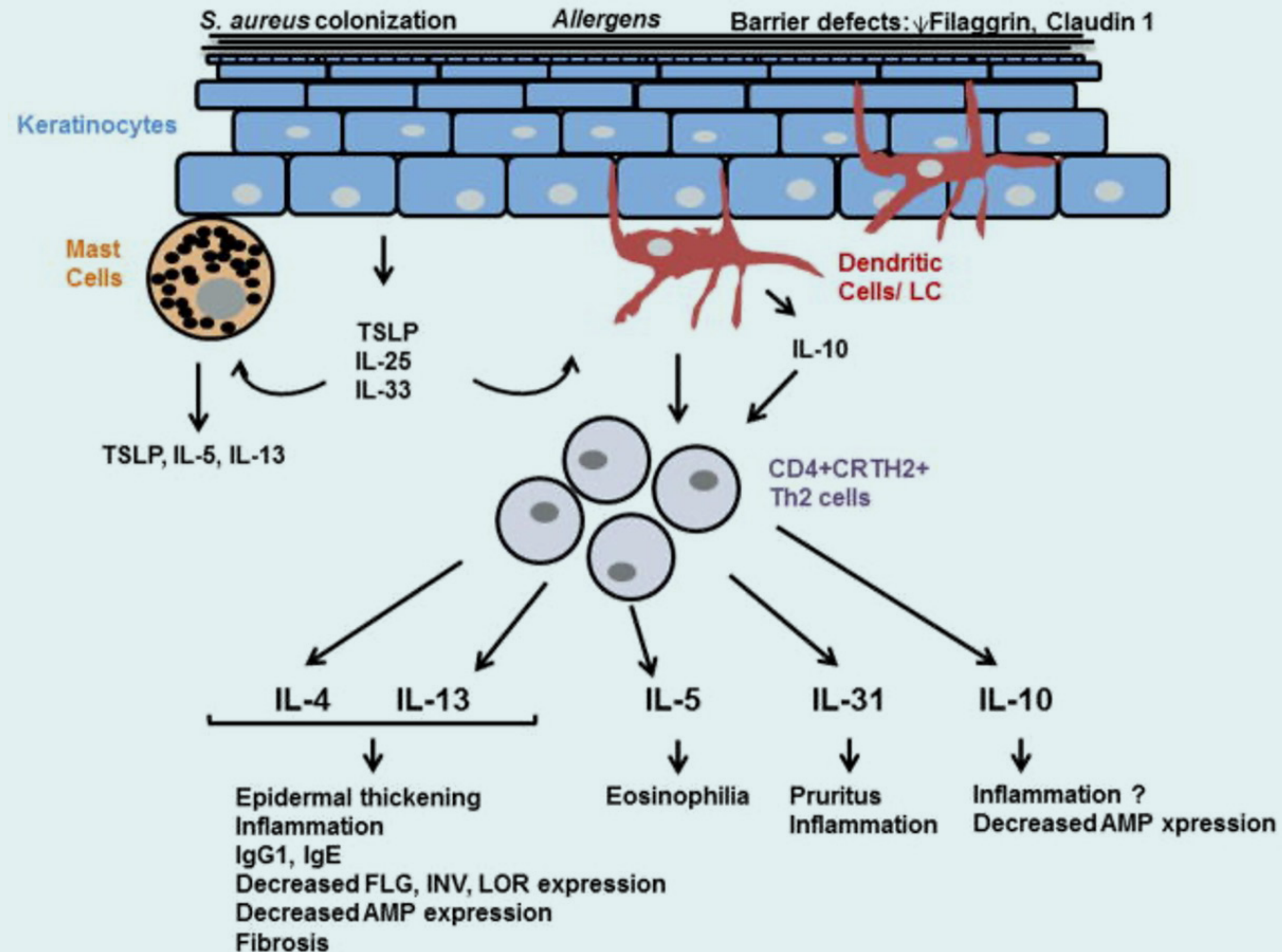


SKIN BARRIER INTEGRITY BREAKDOWN AND TRIGGERS





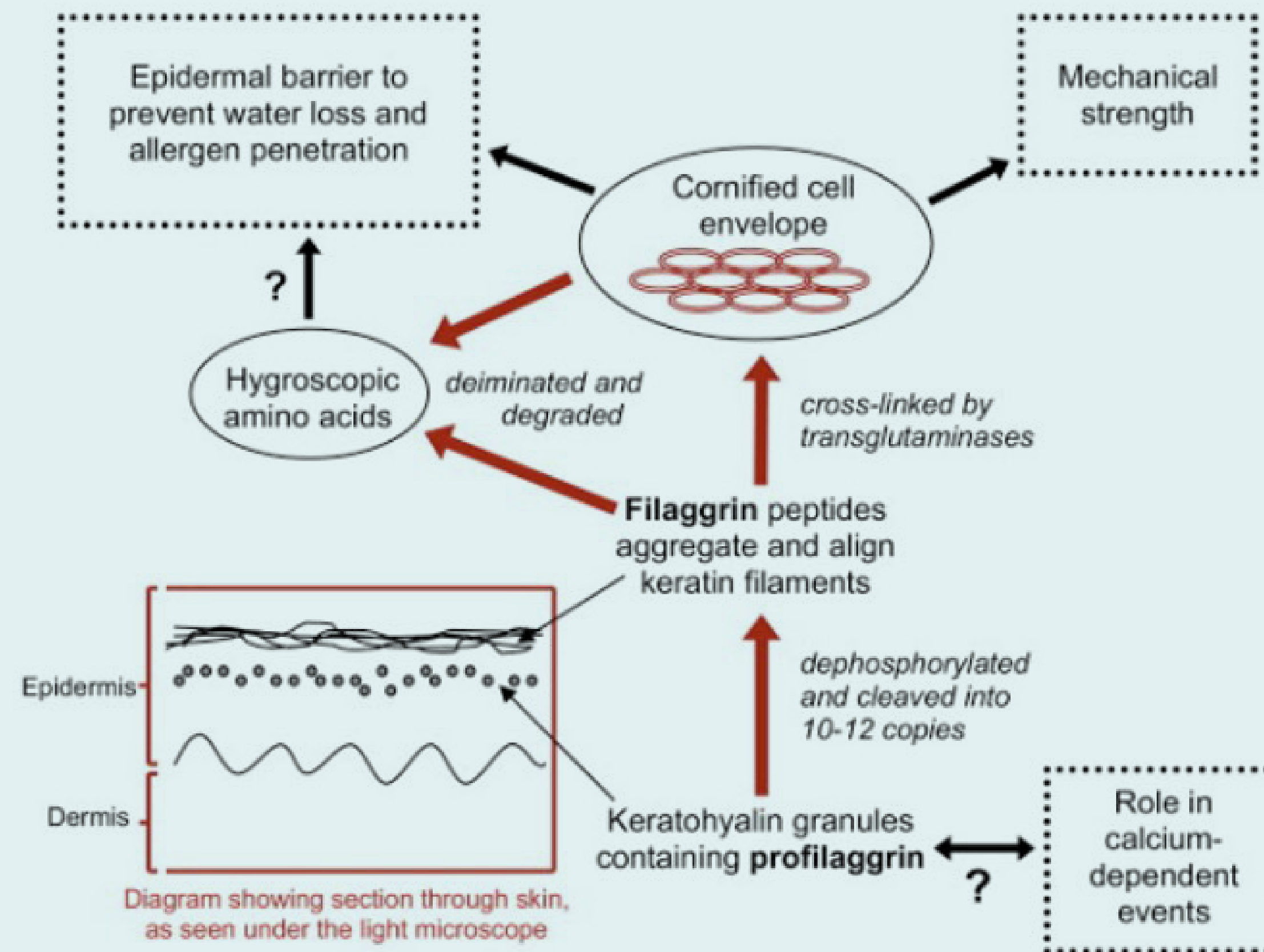
SKIN BARRIER INTEGRITY BREAKDOWN AND TRIGGERS, SIMPLIFIED





THE ROLE OF FILAGGRIN IN AD PATHOGENESIS

filament-aggregating protein



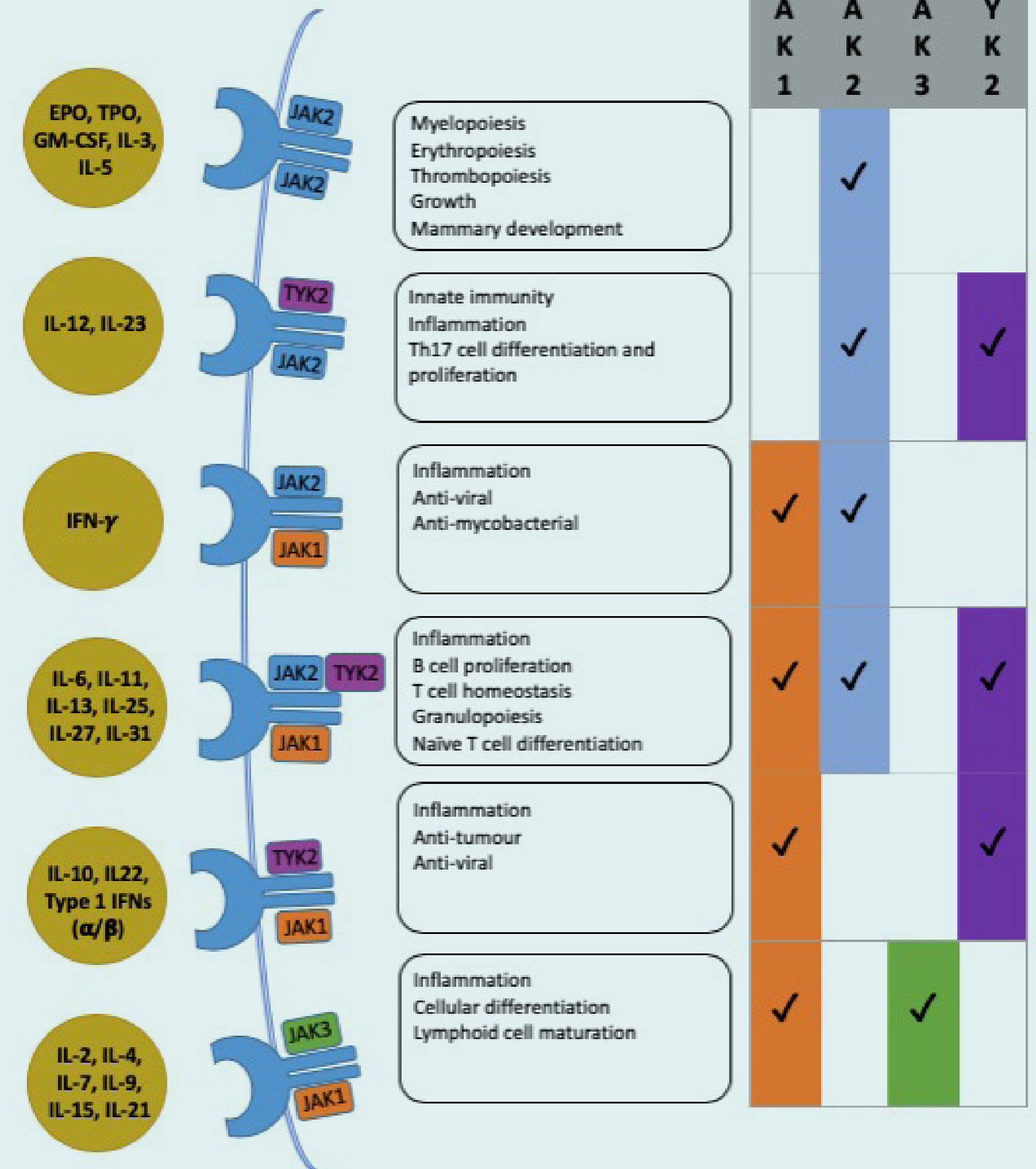


KEY CYTOKINE SIGNALING PATHWAYS IN AD PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

IL-5: Jak1/Jak2

IL-13/ IL-31: Jak1/Jak2
Tyk2

IL-4/ TSLP: Jak1/Jak3



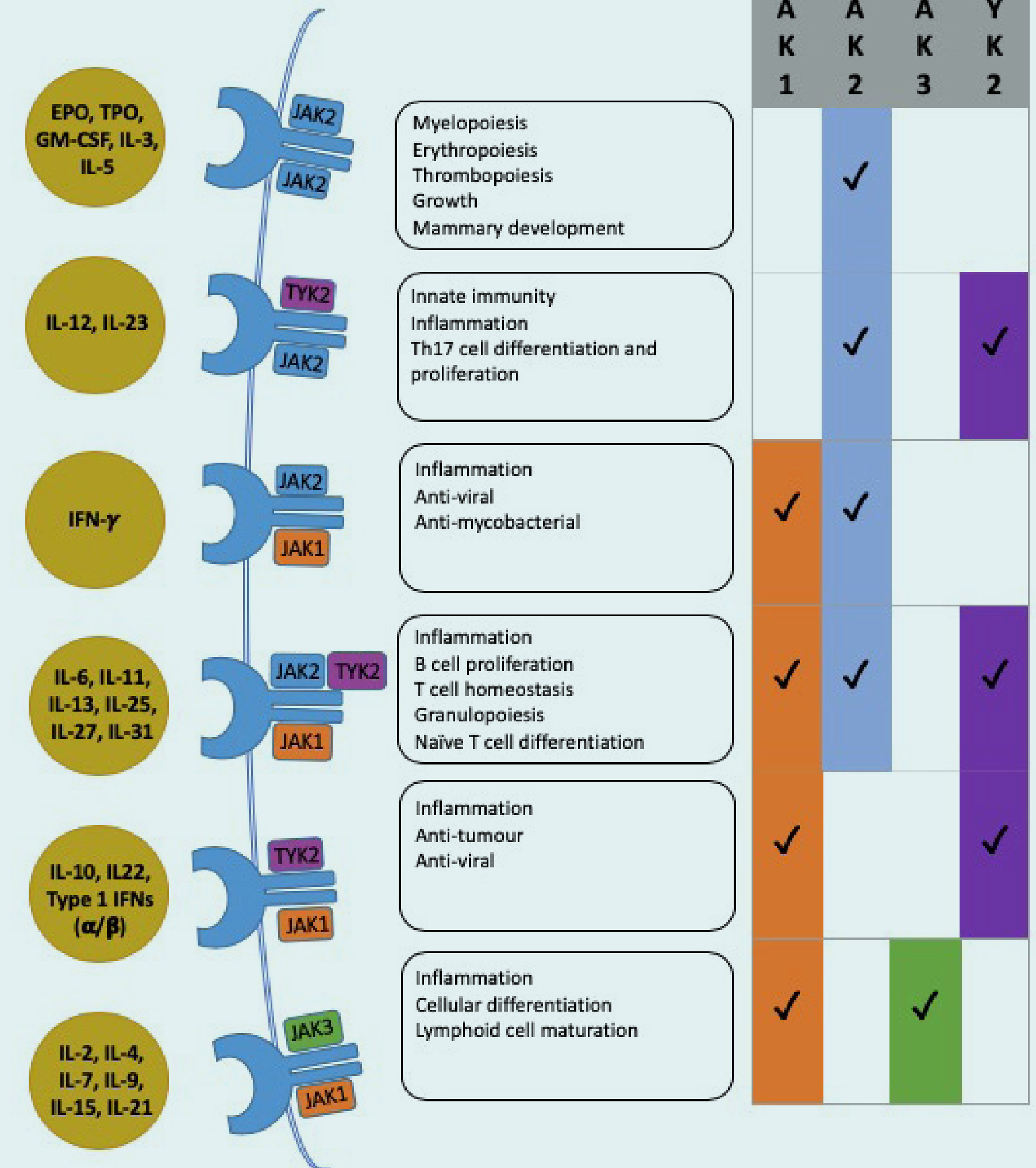


JAK PATHWAYS USED BY KEY CYTOKINES

IL-5: **Jak1**/Jak2

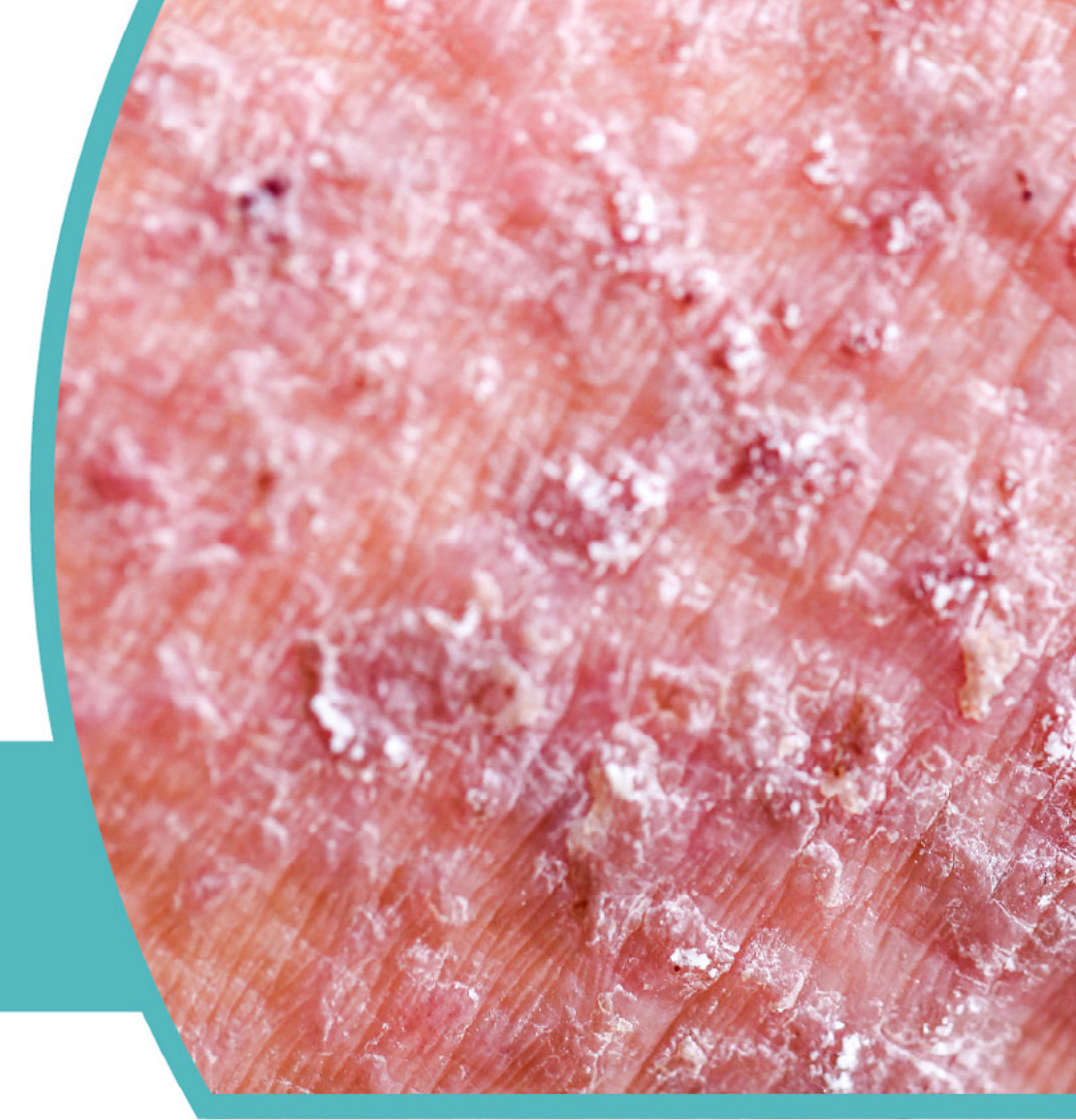
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IL-4/ TSLP: **Jak1**/Jak3





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DIAGNOSIS



AD: DIAGNOSTIC FEATURES

- **ESSENTIAL FEATURES**; must be present:
 - Pruritus
 - Eczema (acute, subacute, chronic):
 - Typical morphology and age-specific patterns*
 - Chronic or relapsing history

**Patterns include:*

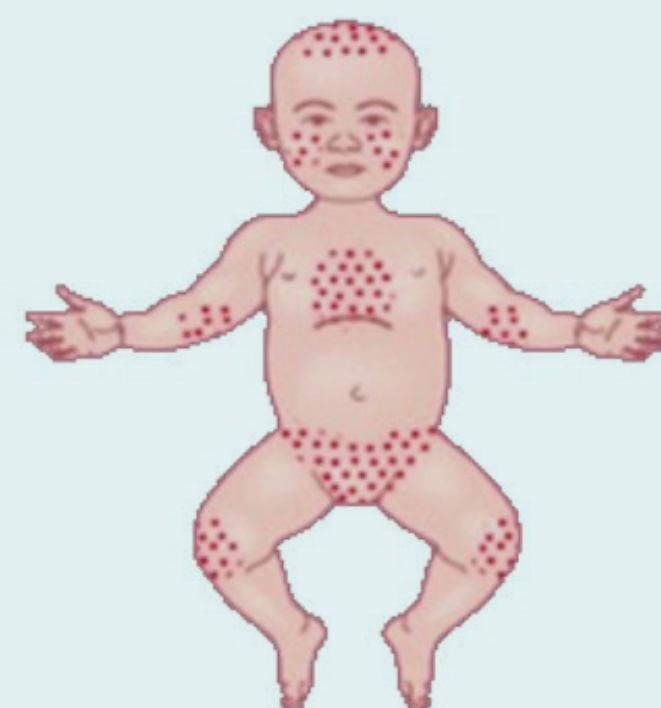
 - 1) facial, neck, and extensor involvement in infants and children;
 - 2) current or prior flexural lesions in any age group;
 - 3) sparing of groin and axillary regions.
- **IMPORTANT FEATURES**; seen in most cases, adding support to the diagnosis:
 - Early age of onset
 - Atopy
 - Personal and/or family history
 - IgE reactivity
 - Xerosis
- **ASSOCIATED FEATURES** ; these clinical associations help to suggest the diagnosis of AD but are too non-specific to be used for defining or detecting AD for research and epidemiologic studies:
 - Atypical vascular responses (e.g., facial pallor, white dermographism, delayed blanch response)
 - Keratosis pilaris / pityriasis alba / hyperlinear palms / ichthyosis
 - Ocular / periorbital changes
 - Other regional findings (e.g., perioral changes / periauricular lesions)
 - Perifollicular accentuation / lichenification / prurigo lesions
- **EXCLUSIONARY CONDITIONS**; it should be noted that a diagnosis of AD depends on excluding conditions such as:
 - scabies
 - seborrheic dermatitis
 - contact dermatitis (irritant or allergic)
 - ichthyoses
 - cutaneous T-cell lymphoma
 - psoriasis
 - photosensitivity dermatoses
 - immune deficiency diseases
 - erythroderma of other causes



AD PRESENTATION OVER TIME

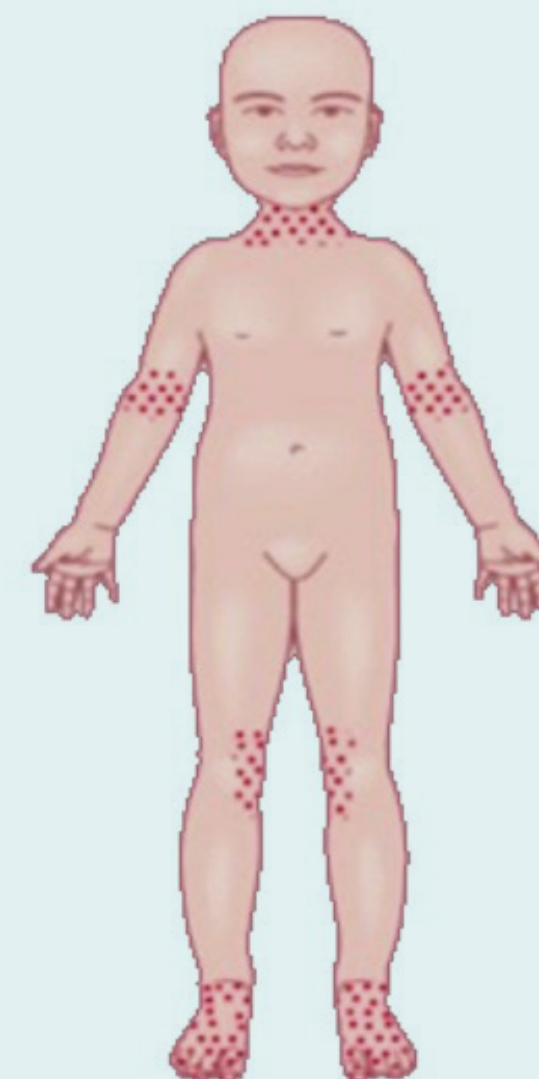
INFANTILE TYPE

Face, scalp, trunk,
extensor surfaces
or extremities



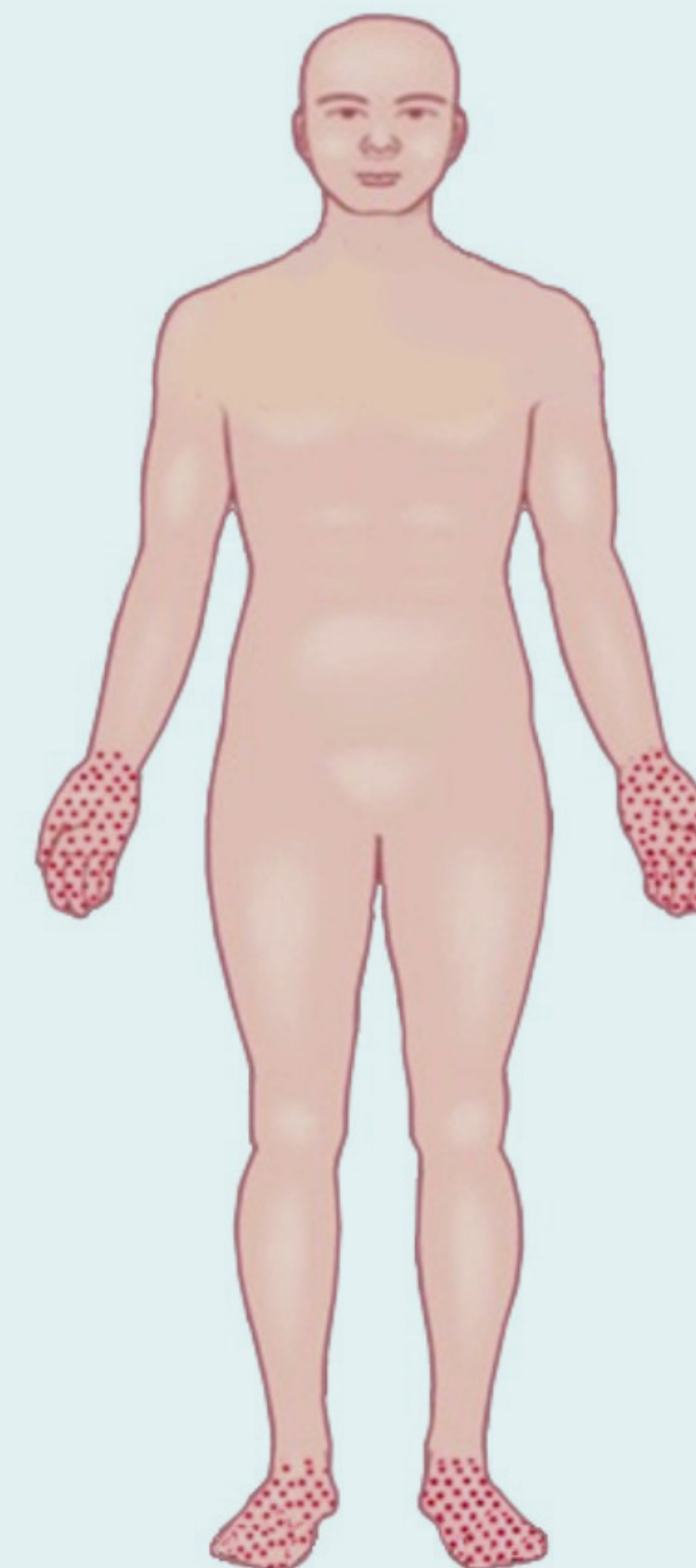
CHILDHOOD TYPE

Flexural folds
of extensors
(antecubital,
popliteal fossa,
neck, ankles)



ADULT TYPE

Upper arms, back, wrists,
hands, fingers, feet, toes





ASSESSMENT OF AD SEVERITY

- **OBJECTIVE**

- Validated AD-specific severity scales
 - **SCORAD** (**SCOR**ing **A**topic **D**ermatitis index): includes extent, sleep, and itch
 - **EASI** (**E**czema **A**rea and **S**everity **I**ndex): includes extent
 - **IGA** (Investigator's **G**lobal **A**ssessment): simple 0- to 5-point scale
- SCORAD and EASI may be too cumbersome for clinical practice
- IGA is simple, quick, and useful



ASSESSMENT OF AD SEVERITY

- **SUBJECTIVE**

- Validated Patient Reported Outcome (PRO) measures
 - **POEM**, Patient-**O**riented **E**czema **M**easure
 - **DLQI**, **D**ermatology **L**ife **Q**uality **I**ndex;
 - **Pruritus NRS**, numerical rating scale
- POEM is specific for AD and captures itch and sleep
- DLQI is well-known and already used in many practices, but not AD specific



AD MANAGEMENT ISSUES

IMPACT ON TREATMENT CHOICE

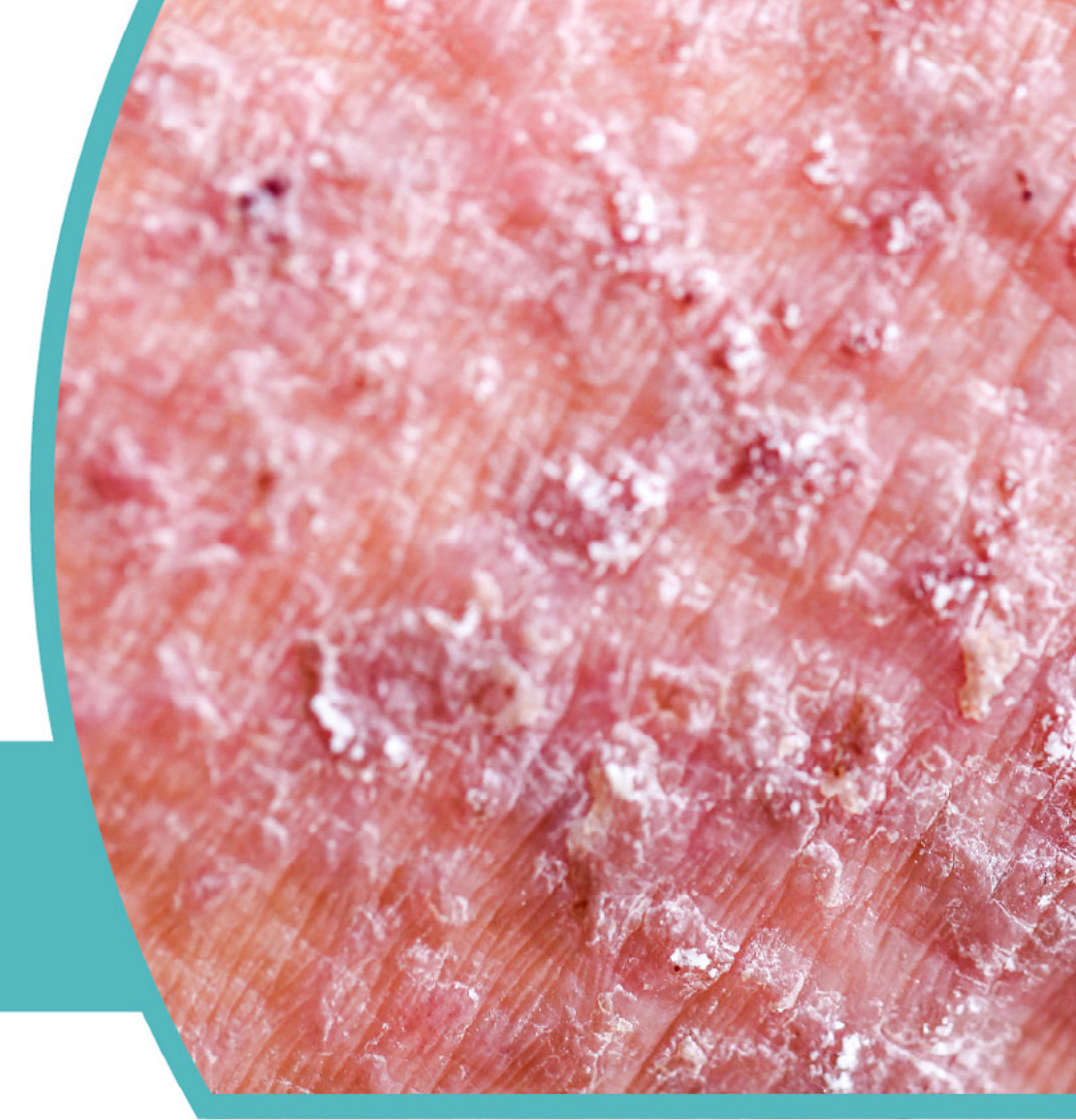
- Patient preference and ability
- Safety and efficacy
- Cost and access
- Comorbidities

THERAPEUTIC GOALS

- To reduce symptoms, prevent exacerbations and minimize therapeutic risks
- Prolonged remission and infrequent flares
- Improved adherence through easy-to-use and simple, effective regimen
- Improved QoL, including restful sleep and undisturbed activities of daily living



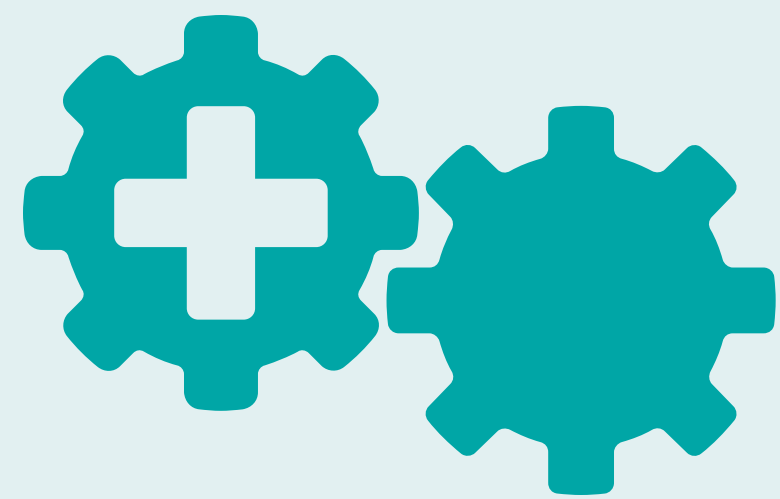
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CURRENT TREATMENT



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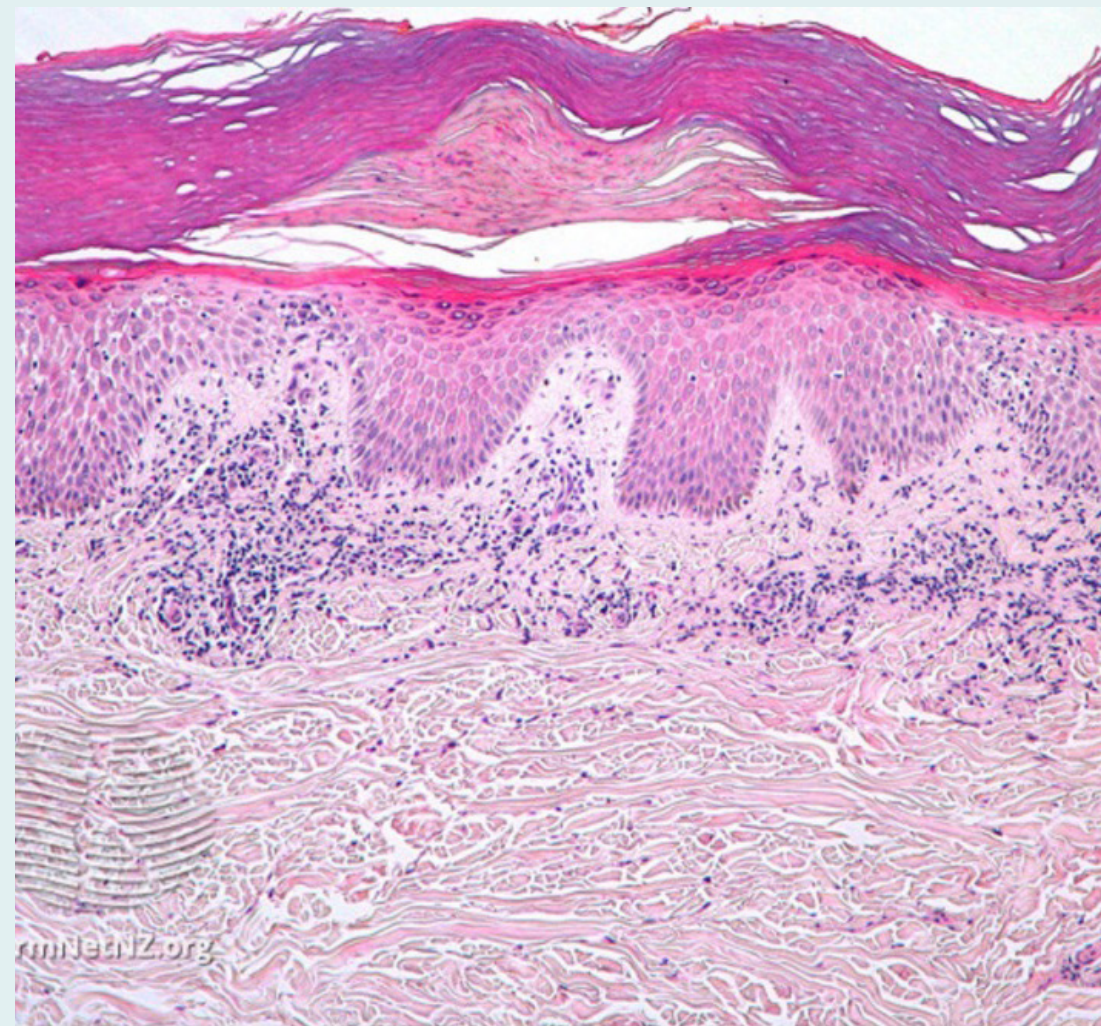
AD ASSESSMENT TOOLS

- **Investigator's Global Assessment (IGA)** = 5-point scale assessing AD signs (e.g., erythema, edema, excoriation, lichenification)
- **EASI, SCORAD** = composite assessments of AD signs over body regions +/- patient reported symptoms (pruritus, sleep disturbance)
- **Pruritus NRS** = patient-reported itch intensity on a 0 (no itch) – 10 (worst imaginable itch) point scale

NRS=numerical rating scale



WHAT IS KNOWN IS...



**Predominantly T cell
infiltrate on H&E**

TREATMENT IS...

- Prednisone
- Cyclosporine
- Mycophenolate
- Methotrexate
- Azathioprine

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CYCLOSPORINE

Double-blind, controlled, crossover study of cyclosporin in adults with severe refractory atopic dermatitis

- 33 patients who had failed conventional therapy
- Double-blind, placebo-controlled, crossover study
- Treatment: Cyclosporin 5 mg/kg per day

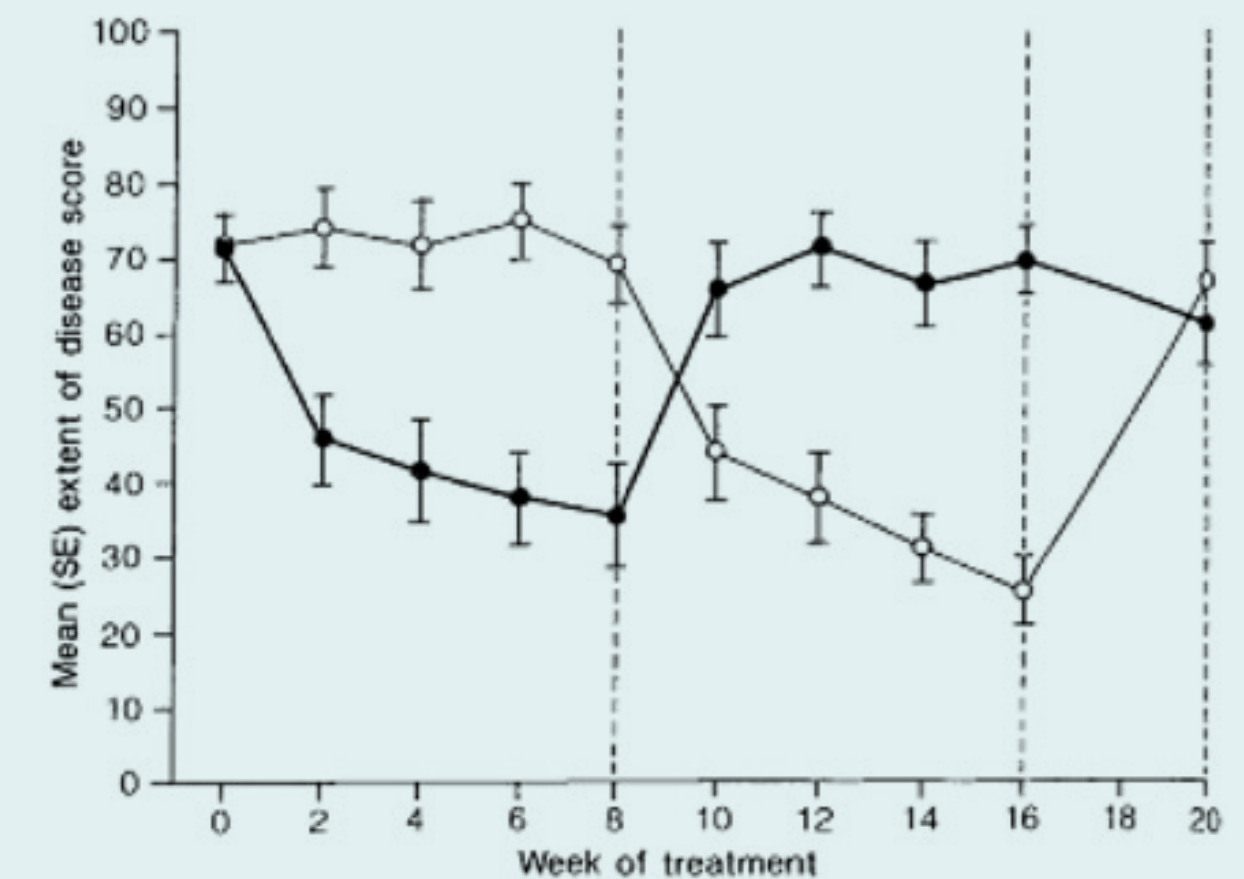


Fig 3—Mean extent of disease score.
—○— Placebo/cyclosporin sequence, —●— cyclosporin/placebo sequence. Mean score with cyclosporin treatment = 30.3%; mean score on placebo = 69%; treatment difference (95% CI) = -38.7% (-46.1 to -31.4), $p < 0.001$.



METHOTREXATE, AZATHIOPRINE

A randomized trial of methotrexate versus azathioprine for severe atopic eczema

- 42 patients who were unresponsive, contraindicated, or intolerant to cyclosporine treatment
- Treatment: 1:1 to methotrexate 10-22.5 mg/wk or azathioprine 1.5-2.5 mg/kg/d for 12 weeks, followed by a 12-week follow-up period

SCORAD=Scoring of Atopic Dermatitis

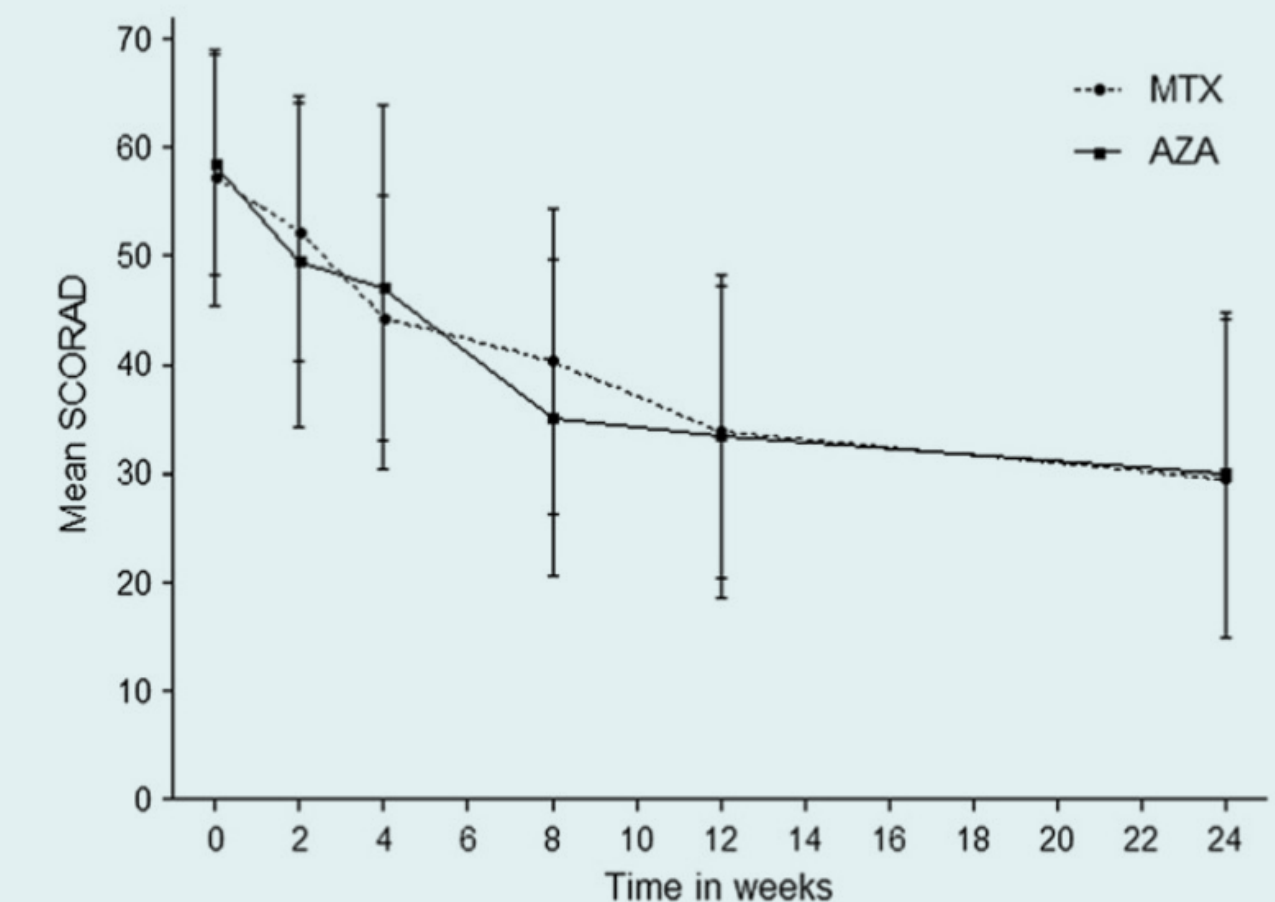


FIG 2. Mean (SD) scores for the SCORAD score at baseline, during treatment, and during follow-up. AZA, Azathioprine; MTX, methotrexate.

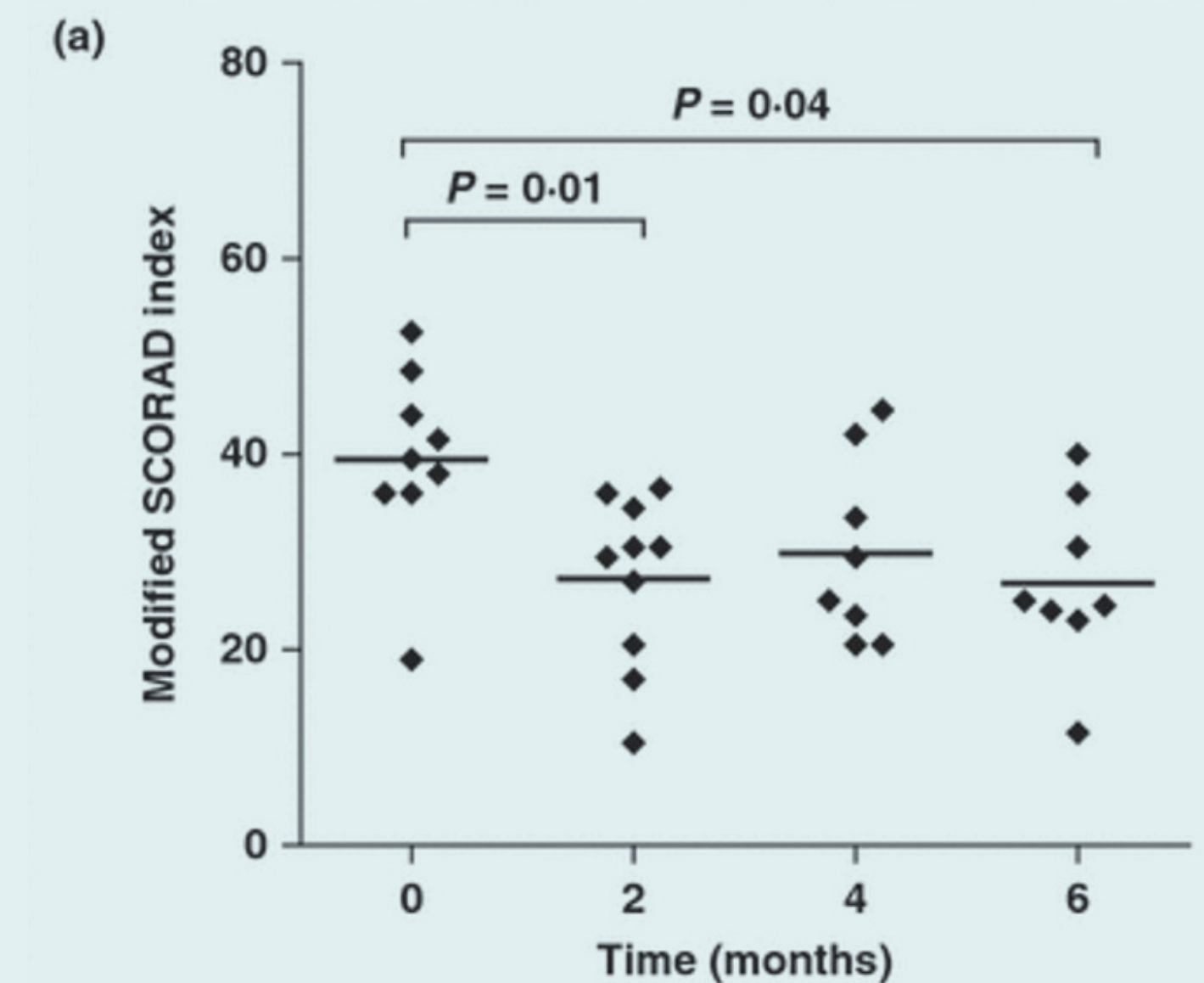


MYCOPHENOLATE

First experience with enteric-coated mycophenolate sodium (Myfortic®) in severe recalcitrant adult atopic dermatitis: an open label study

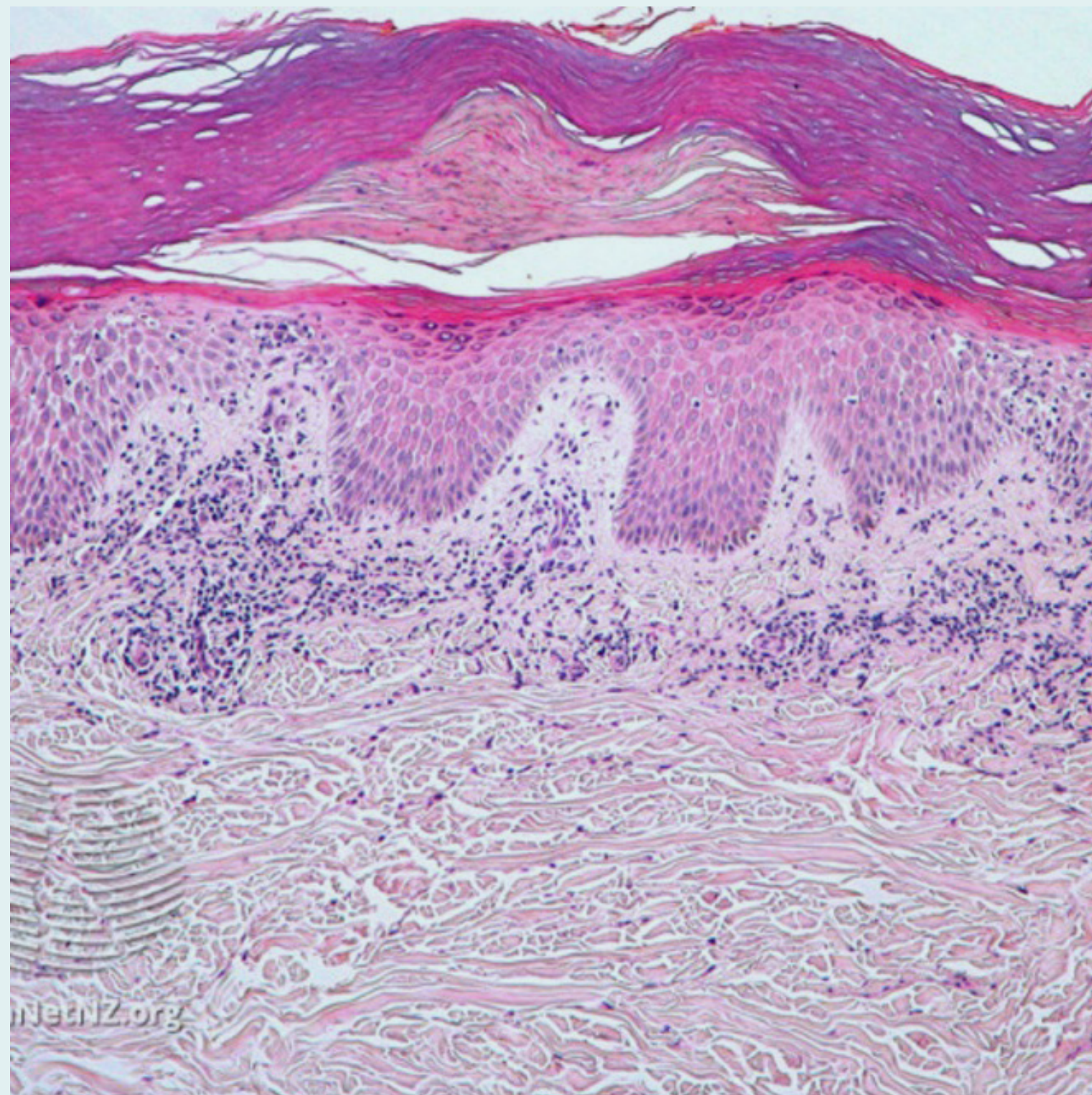
- 10 patients who had failed treatment with topical corticosteroids, cyclosporine, +/- phototherapy
- Treatment: Enteric-coated mycophenolate 720 mg* BID for 6 months

*Same as MMF 1000 mg BID
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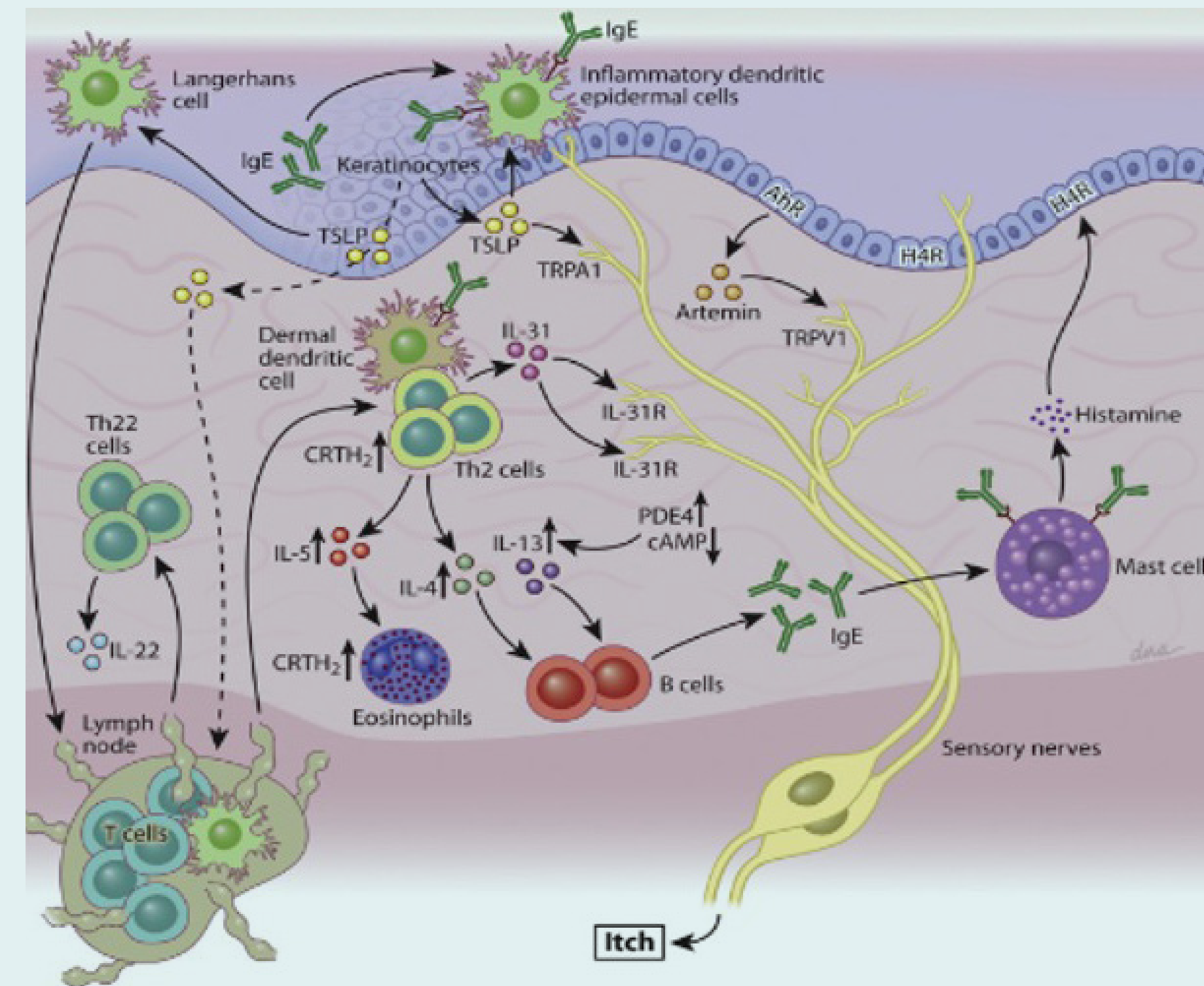




FROM THE PAST TO THE PRESENT



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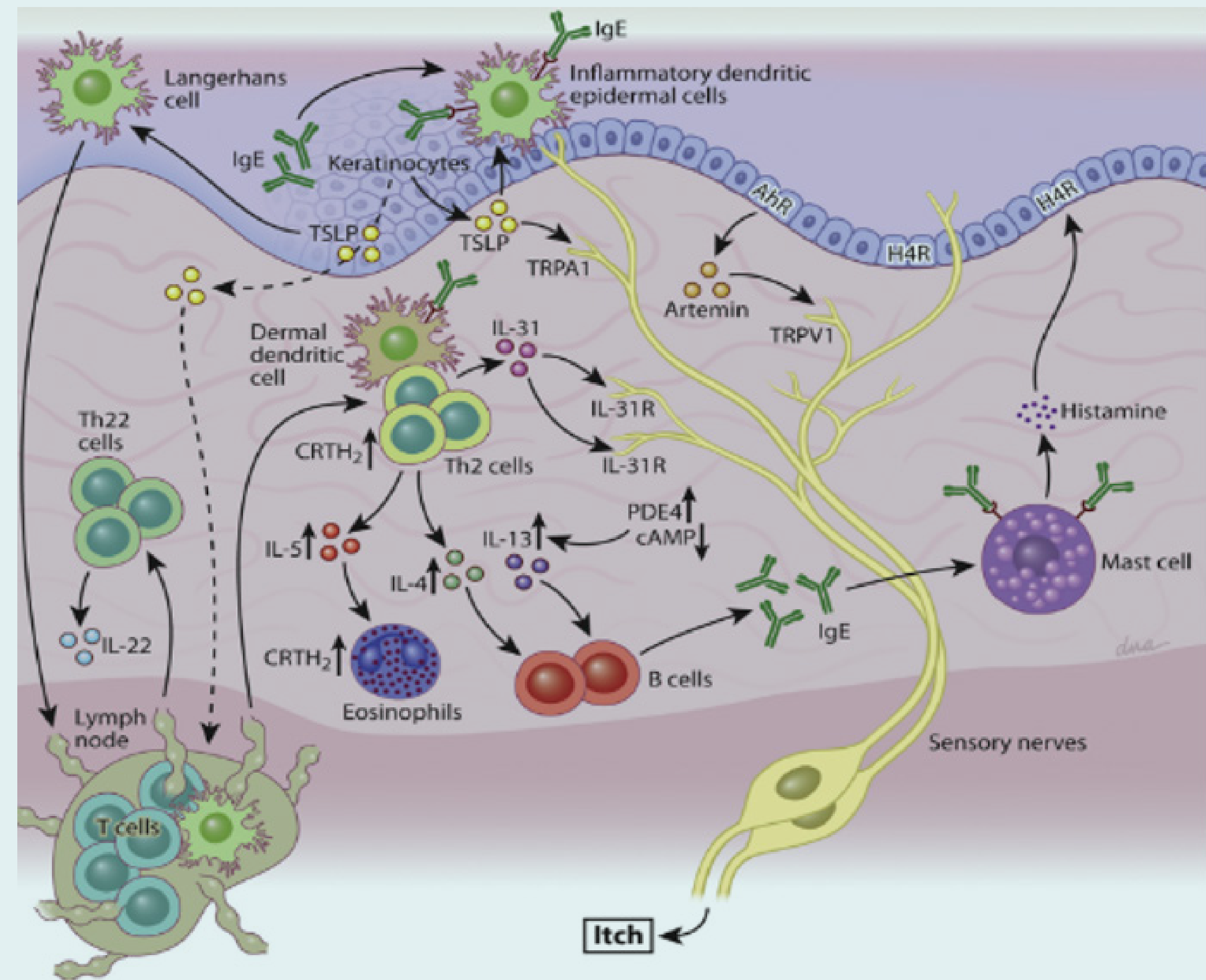


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AD PATHOGENESIS (REVIEW)

IL-4, IL-13, IL-31, IL-5, TSLP, and IL-22 signal through the JAK-STAT pathway





AD MANAGEMENT

TOPICAL THERAPY

Limited BSA dermatitis

Non-targeted

- TCS
- TCI

MORE
Targeted

- Crisaborole ointment
- Ruxolitinib 1.5% cream

Non-targeted

- Cyclosporine
- Methotrexate
- Azathioprine
- Mycophenolate

SYSTEMIC THERAPY

- >10% BSA dermatitis
- Multifocal/diffuse pruritus
- Topical therapies ineffective

MORE Targeted

- JAK inhibitors
 - Baricitinib
 - Abrocitinib
 - Upadacitinib
- Estrasimod (S1PR modulator)
- RPT193 (CCR4 ant.)

Targeted

- Dupilumab
- Tralokinumab
- Lebrikizumab
- Nemolizumab
- OX40

SEVERITY →

TCS=topical corticosteroid, TCI=topical calcineurin inhibitor



CURRENT AND EMERGING ORAL THERAPIES FOR AD

AGENT	DESCRIPTION	ADVERSE EVENTS
Azathioprine	Antimetabolite	Serious infection, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, hepatotoxicity
Methotrexate	Antimetabolite	Serious infection; renal, GI, hepatic, pulmonary toxicity; hypersensitivity and dermatologic reactions
Mycophenolate	Antimetabolite	GI side effects, headache, serious infection, peripheral edema, and cytopenias.
Cyclosporine	Calcineurin inhibitor	Serious infection, nephrotoxicity, hepatotoxicity, neurotoxicity, HTN
Baricitinib	JAK inhibitor	Acne, headache, nausea Black box warning for: cancer, infection, blood clots (e.g. PE, DVT, arterial thrombosis)
Abrocitinib	JAK inhibitor	Acne, headache, nausea
Upadacitinib	JAK inhibitor	Acne, headache, nausea Black box warning for: cancer, infection, blood clots (e.g. PE, DVT, arterial thrombosis)

White box=black box warning