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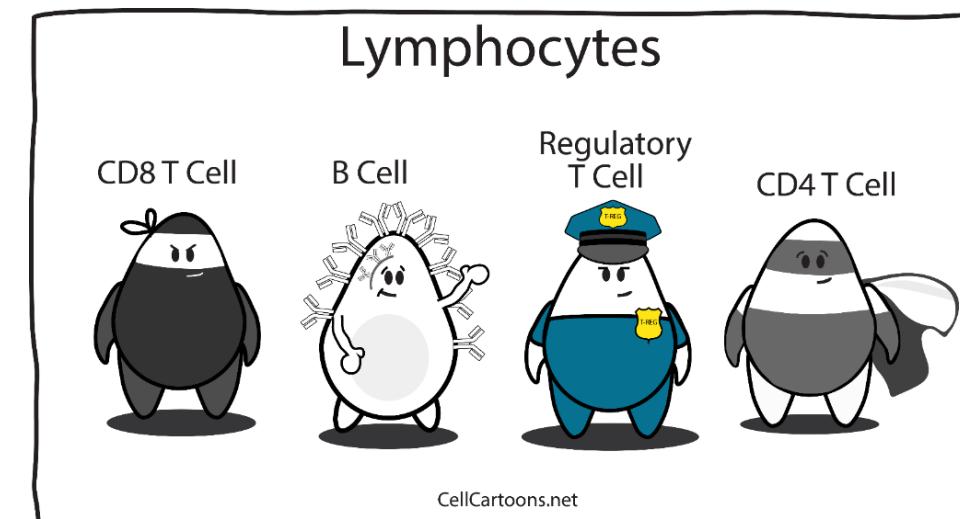


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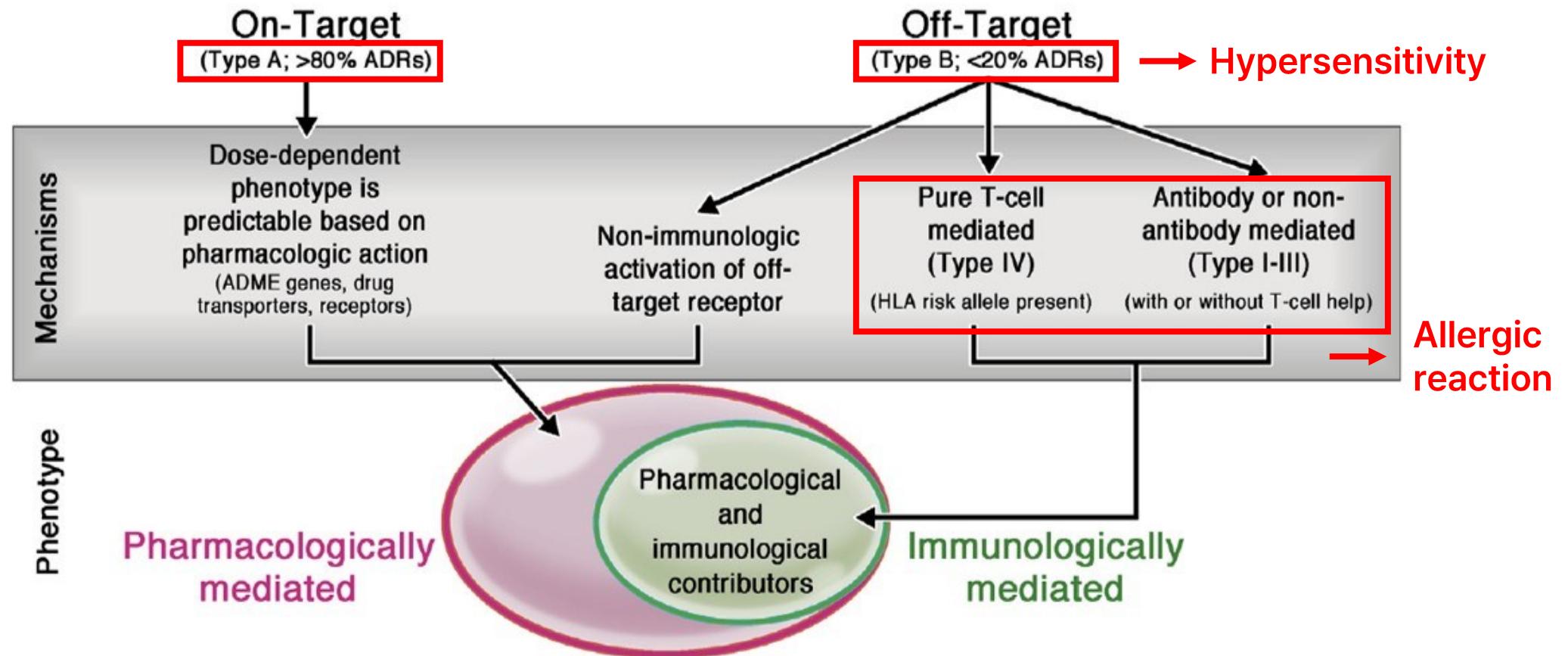
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Adverse drug reaction

- Predictable (Type A)
 - Overdose (toxic)
 - Side effect
 - Secondary (indirect)
 - Drug-drug interaction
- Unpredictable (Type B)
 - Intolerance
 - Idiosyncrasy (pharmacogenetics)
 - Nonallergic (pseudoallergy)
 - **Immunologic drug reaction (allergy)**



Adverse drug reaction

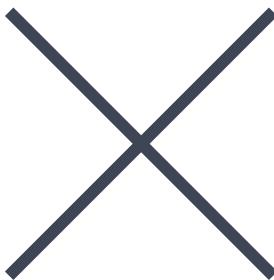


Drug hypersensitivity reactions (DHR)

- Definition
 - Adverse effects of drugs that clinically resemble allergic reactions
 - Drug allergies
 - DHRs for which a definite immunological mechanism (either drug specific antibody or T cell) is demonstrated
- Classification
 - Heterogenous
 - Clinically : immediate / nonimmediate
 - Mechanistically : allergic / nonallergic

Aims of diagnostic tests

To confirm
culprit drug of
DHR



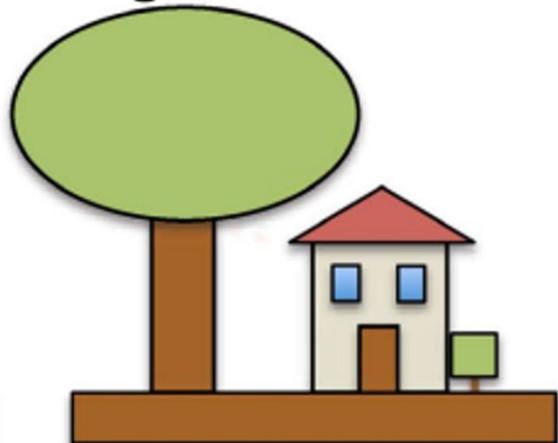
To exclude
hypersensitivity
to the suspected
culprit drug

Label acquisition



- 75% of penicillin allergy labels acquired in childhood by age 3
- Most labels are inaccurate

Labels persist and grow in significance



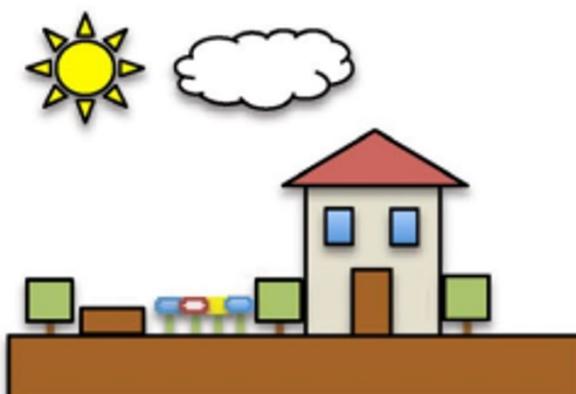
- 8%-25% of adults with penicillin allergy label
- Less than 5% of labeled are actually allergic
- Even true allergy may fade over time

Consequences of a label



- Pressure prescribing of 2nd and 3rd line antimicrobials
- Increased inappropriate antibiotic selection
- Increased mortality risk during cancer and infection treatment
- Delay the onset of appropriate

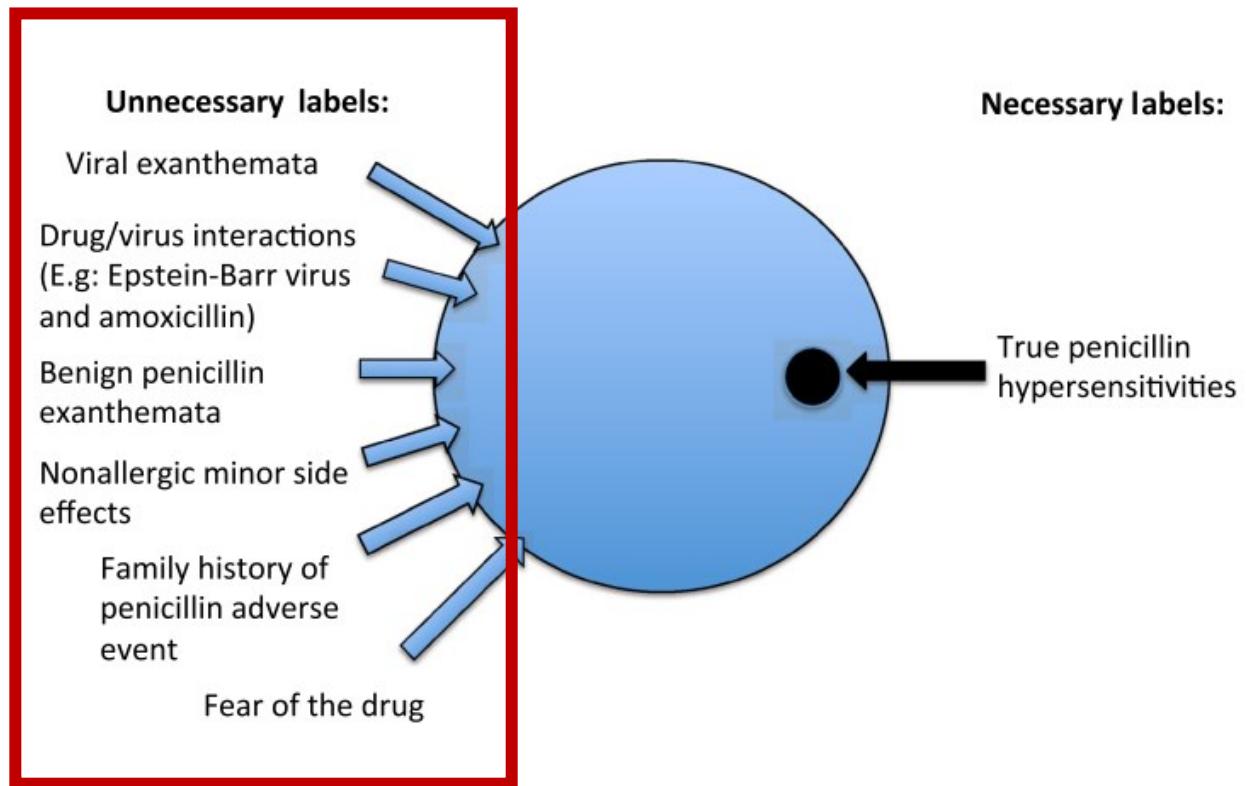
Testing/ removal of unnecessary label



- Cost-effective
- Patient reassured on safety
- Reduced expenses
- Avoidance of bad outcomes: treatment failures, surgical infections, multidrug resistant infections

Penicillin allergy label

- A label of penicillin allergy is common but most labeled patients are not allergic
- Penicillin is the most common reported drug allergy (8-25%)
- Rate of true penicillin allergy in patients reporting an allergy has declined to <2-5%



HYPERSENSITIVITY REACTIONS

AUTOIMMUNITY

ALLERGY

INFLAMMATION / IMMUNE SYSTEM-DRIVEN

ANTIBODY-MEDIATED

CELL-MEDIATED

TISSUE-DRIVEN MECHANISMS

DIRECT RESPONSE TO CHEMICALS

| Type I Immediate | Type II Cytotoxic | Type III Immune complexes | Type IVa T1 | Type IVb T2 | Type IVc T3 | Type V Epithelial | Type VI Metabolic | Type VII |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| B cells: IgE Th2, ILC2 (IL-4, IL-5, IL-9, IL-13) Mast cells/BAS | B cells: IgM, IgG Phagocytes: NEU, MΦ C-dependent cytotoxicity, NK (ADCC) | B cells: IgM, IgG Immune complexes Complement, BAS, Mast cells, Platelets Phagocytes: NEU, MO, MΦ | Th1, ILC1, Tc1, NK (IFN-γ, TNF-α, granzyme B, perforines) MΦ (granulomas) | Th2, ILC2, Tc2, NK-T (IL-4, IL-5, IL-9, IL-13, IL-31) EOS, B cells, Mast cells/BAS | Th17, ILC3, Tc17 (IL-17, IL-22, IL-23) NEU | Epithelial barrier defect, leaky junctions Resident cells changes (smooth muscle cells, mucous glands, neuroimmune interactions) Immune modulation (alarmins: TSLP, IL-25, IL-33) Epigenetic impact | Metabolic-induced immune dysregulation, short-chain fatty acids and other microbiome metabolites | Direct cellular and inflammatory response to chemical substances |
| AR/ARC, asthma, AD, acute urticaria/ angioedema, food allergy, venom allergy, drug allergy | Drug-induced cytopenia | Acute phase of hypersensitivity pneumonitis, drug-induced vasculitis, serum sickness/ Arthus reaction | ACD, acute phase of hypersensitivity pneumonitis, celiac disease, asthma, AR/ARC, CRS, AD, drug allergy (TEN, SJS, erythema multiforme) | Asthma, AR/CRS AD (T2 endotypes), EoE, food allergy, drug allergy (DRESS) | Neutrophilic asthma, AD, drug allergy (AGEP) | Asthma, AR/ARC, CRS, AD, FPIES, EoE, celiac disease | Obesity & asthma, histamine-driven disorders | AERD, idiosyncratic reactions |

Pathogenesis and pathophysiology

- Allergic (Immunologic) DHRs
 - Antibodies
 - Activated T cells
- Non-allergic (nonimmune) DHRs
 - Nonspecific mast cell or basophil histamine release
 - Bradykinin accumulation
 - Complement activation
 - Alteration in arachidonate metabolism
 - The pharmacological action of certain substances inducing bronchospasm

Pathogenesis and pathophysiology

- Immediate allergic DHRs
 - Specific IgE production after sensitization
 - IgE bind to the high-affinity Fc ϵ RI receptors on the surface of mast cells and basophils
 - Stimulating the release of preformed mediators (histamine, tryptase, some cytokines such as TNF-a)
 - Production of new mediators (leukotrienes, prostaglandins, kinins, other cytokines)

Pathogenesis and pathophysiology

- Non-immediate (delayed) allergic DHRs
 - Actions of drug responsive T lymphocytes
 - Skin : most common targeted organ
- Re-exposed to the antigen → activated to secrete cytokines that regulate the response and cytotoxins (perforin, granzymes, and granulysins) → produce tissue damage

Clinical presentations

- Approach to the patients with suspected DHRs
 - A complete history of the drugs taken
 - Types, doses, duration
 - A detailed description of the symptoms and signs
 - Types, onset, localization, and evolution
 - A complete examination of the skin and the mucous membranes
 - Including the mouth, eyes, and genitals
 - The search for danger/severity signs
 - Clinical symptoms
 - Laboratory parameters

Drug allergy

- Urticaria/ angioedema/ anaphylaxis
- Drug induced eosinophilia
- Drug rash
- Drug fever
- Fixed drug eruptions
- Serum sickness like reactions
- Drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS)
- Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) / Toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN)
- Acute generalized exanthematous pustulosis (AGEP)

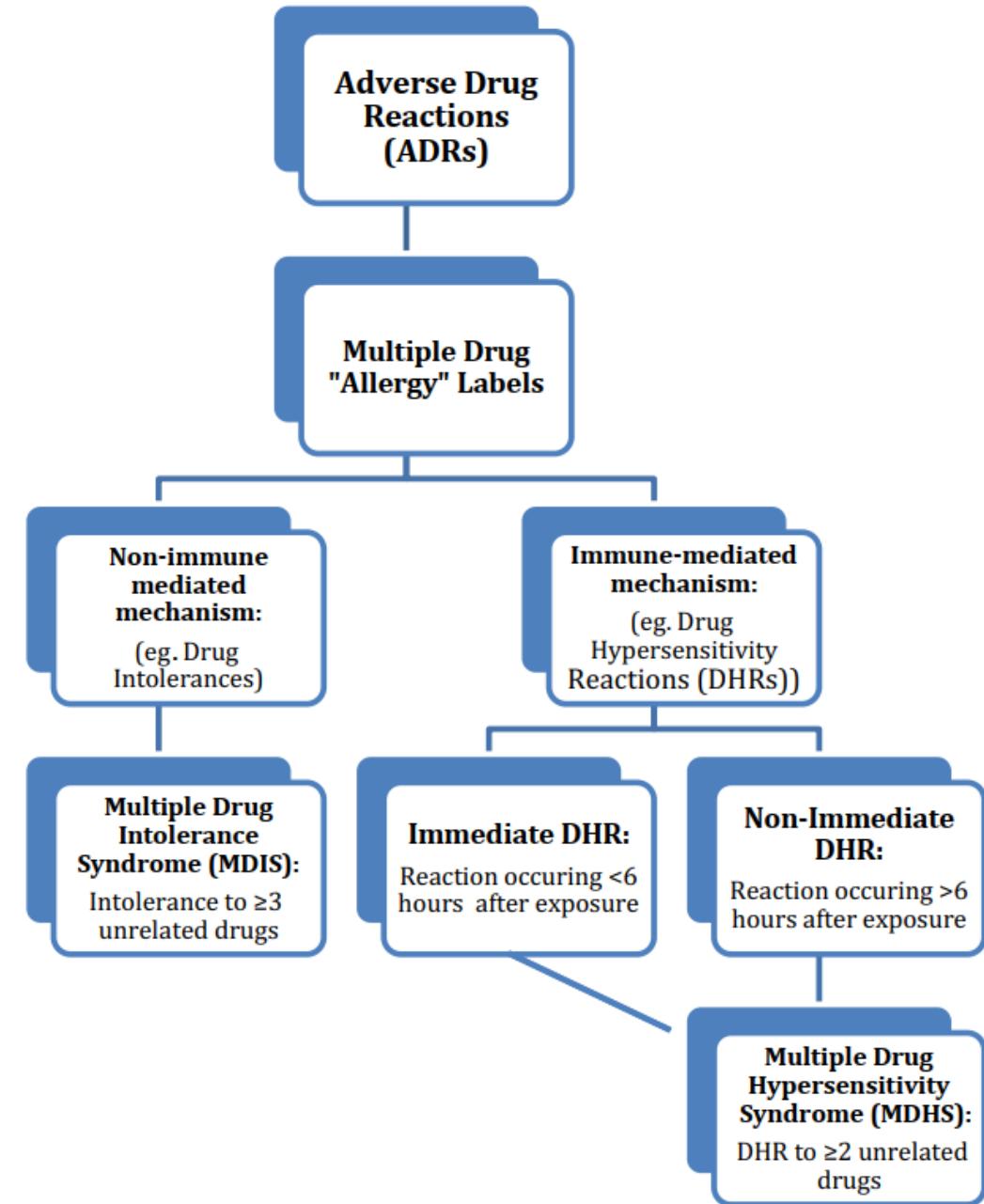
Classification

- Immediate DHRs
 - Urticaria, angioedema
 - Rhinitis, conjunctivitis, bronchospasm
 - Gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea)
 - Cardiovascular collapse
- Delayed DHRs
 - Variable cutaneous symptoms
 - Maculopapular eruptions, fixed drug eruptions, vasculitis, blistering diseases
 - Internal organs involvement
 - Hepatitis, renal failure, pneumonitis, anemia, neutropenia, and thrombocytopenia

Classification

- Multiple drug hypersensitivity syndrome
 - Allergic reactions to 2 or more unrelated drugs by immune-mediated mechanisms
- Differential diagnosis
 - Cross-reactivity
 - Flare-up reactions
 - Multiple drug intolerance syndrome
- T-cell activation by different compounds

Clinical phenotypes for the patient with a history of multiple drug "allergies."



Points regarding DHR diagnosis

- A definitive diagnosis of a DHR
- Misclassification based on the DHR history alone
- The clinical tools allowing a definitive diagnosis
 - Clinical history, standardized skin tests, reliable in vitro tests, and drug challenge
- Properly performed in specialized centers
 - A reliable diagnosis is often possible and safe alternative medication can be administered
 - Screening subjects without a prior history of allergic drug reactions is not recommended

Diagnosis

- Evaluation of the clinical history
 - The chronology of the symptoms
 - Previous exposure
 - Delay between the last dose and the onset of symptoms
 - Effect of stopping treatment
 - Drug history
 - Time of the reaction
 - Drugs of the same class taken since
 - Medical background
 - Photographs

DRUG REACTION:

(Multiple boxes can be ticked; underline the choice if necessary; chronology can be characterized with numbers)

■ CUTANEOUS SYMPTOMS:

Maculopapular exanthema
Macular exanthema
Urticarial exanthema
AGEP (Acute generalized exanthemous pustulosis)
Eczematoid exanthema
Erythema exudativum multiforme
Bullous exanthema
Stevens Johnson Syndrome / TEN (M. Lyell)
Fixed drug exanthema

Purpura -> Thrombocyte count
palpable haemorrhagic-necrotizing

Visceral organ involvement:

Contact dermatitis Topic cause Haematogenous cause

Urticaria vasculitis

ONLY Pruritus

Urticaria

Angioedema/Location/s:

Conjunctivitis

Other/Specification:

Morphology/Location/s:

DATE OF REACTION:.....**■ DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS:**

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■ CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Viral infections: Flu like infection Other:.....

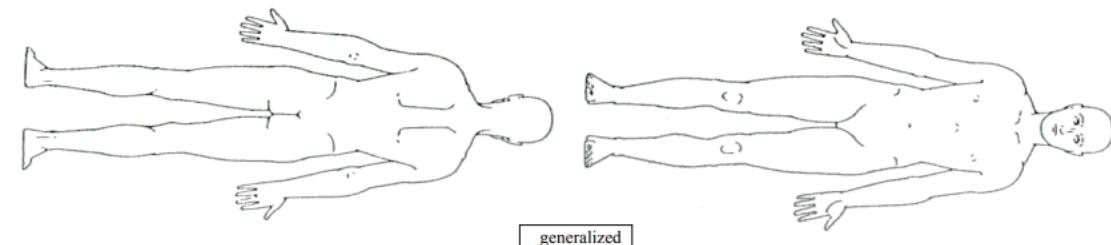
Fever

Suspicion of photosensitivity ? No Yes Unknown

Stress

Exercise

Other/Specification:

■ EVOLUTION:**■ EFFLORESCENCES: Distribution / Dynamics (↑ ↓)****■ GASTROINTESTINAL AND RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS:**

Nausea/Emesis

Diarrhea

Gastro intestinal cramps

Cough

Dysphonia

Dyspnea PEFR or FEV1:

Wheezing/Bronchospasm

Rhinitis

Rhinorrhea

Sneezing

Nasal obstruction

Other/Specification:

■ ASSOCIATED SYMPTOMS:

Involvement of: Liver Kidney Other/Specification:

Fever °C

Malaise

Pain/Burning Location/s:

Edema Location/s:

Arthralgia/Myalgia Location/s:

Lymphadenopathy

Other/Specification:

■ CARDIOVASCULAR SYMPTOMS:

Tachycardia Pulse rate:/min

Hypotension Blood pressure: mmHg

Collapse

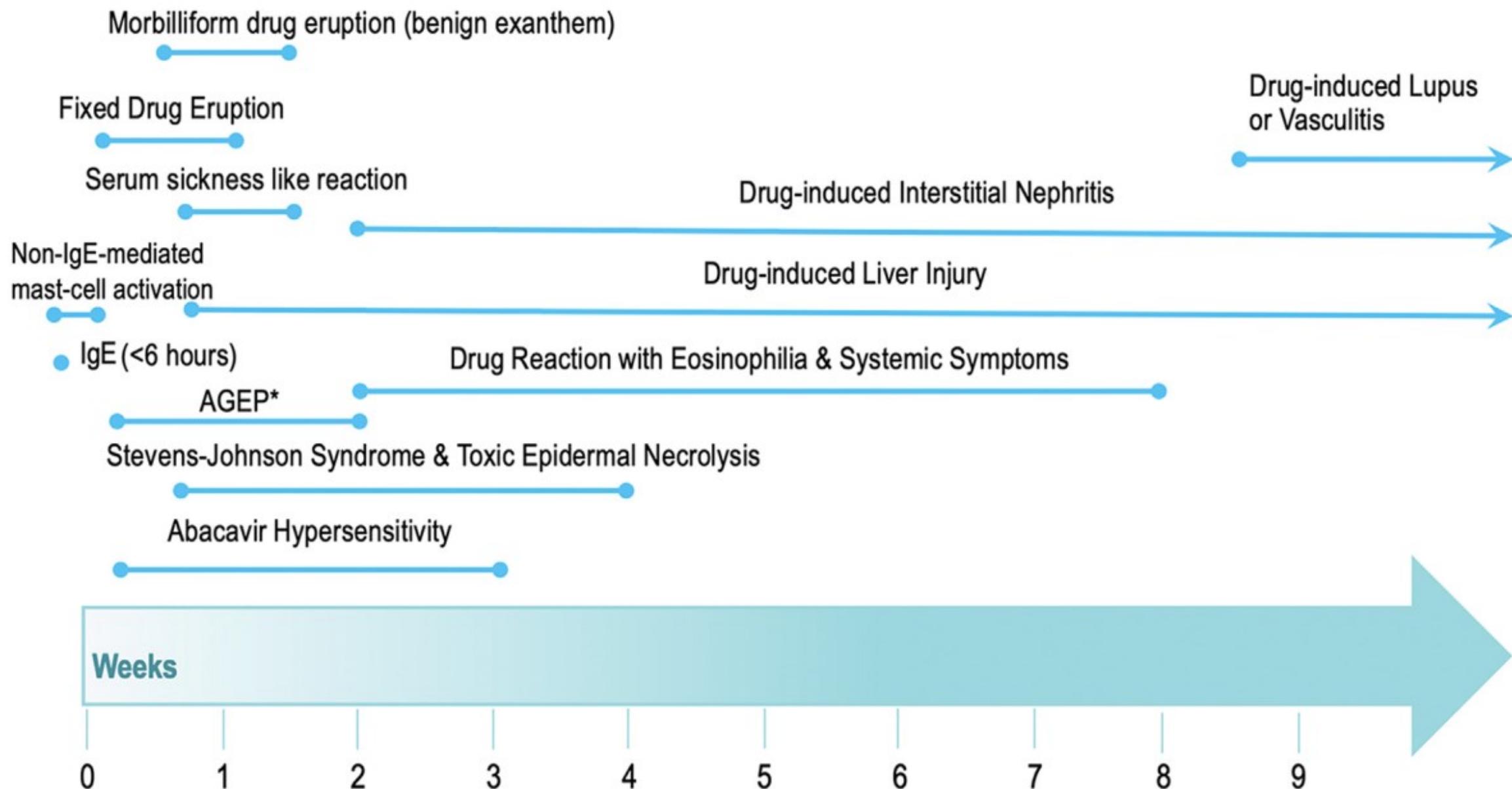
Arrhythmia

Other/Specification:

■ INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER ORGANS :

(eg. peripheral neuropathy, lung involvement, cytopenia, etc.)

| Type | Type of immune response | Pathophysiology | Clinical symptoms | Typical chronology of the reaction |
|------|--|---|---|---|
| I | IgE | Mast cell and basophil degranulation | Anaphylactic shock Angioedema Urticaria Bronchospasm | Within 1 to 6 h after the last intake of the drug |
| II | IgG and complement | IgG and complement-dependent cytotoxicity | Cytopenia | 5–15 days after the start of the eliciting drug |
| III | IgM or IgG and complement or FcR | Deposition of immune complexes | Serum sickness Urticaria Vasculitis | 7–8 days for serum sickness/urticaria 7–21 days after the start of the eliciting drug for vasculitis |
| IVa | Th1 (IFN- γ) | Monocytic inflammation | Eczema | 1–21 days after the start of the eliciting drug |
| IVb | Th2 (IL-4 and IL-5) | Eosinophilic inflammation | Maculopapular exanthema, DRESS | 1 to several days after the start of the eliciting drug for MPE 2–6 weeks after the start of the eliciting drug for DRESS |
| IVc | Cytotoxic T cells (perforin, granzyme B, FasL) | Keratinocyte death mediated by CD4 or CD8 | Maculopapular exanthema, SJS/TEN, pustular exanthema | 1–2 days after the start of the eliciting drug for fixed drug eruption 4–28 days after the start of the eliciting drug for SJS/TEN |
| IVd | T cells (IL-8/CXCL8) | Neutrophilic inflammation | Acute generalized exanthematous pustulosis | Typically 1–2 days after the start of the eliciting drug (but could be longer) |



Skin tests

- Should follow standard procedures
- Should be performed by trained staff
- Should be performed 4–6 weeks after the reaction
- Depending on the suspected pathomechanism of the DHR
 - Skin prick test, intradermal test, patch test, intradermal test with delayed reading
- Sensitivity and predictive values
 - Good : Beta-lactam antibiotics, muscle relaxants and heparins
 - Moderate to low : most other drug

Skin tests

- Nonirritating test concentrations

| DRUG | SPT | IDT | PT |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----|
| Penicilloyl-poly-L-lysine | 5×10^{-5} mM | 5×10^{-5} mM | NA |
| Minor determinant mixture | 2×10^{-2} mM | 2×10^{-2} mM | NA |
| Benzylpenicillin | 10.000 UI | 10.000 UI | 5% |
| Amoxicillin | 20 mg/ml | 20 mg/ml | 5% |
| Ampicillin | 20 mg/ml | 20 mg/ml | 5% |
| Cephalosporins | 2 mg/ml | 2 mg/ml | 5% |

| Drug or drug class | SPT | IDT | Patch |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| Anticoagulants | | | |
| Heparins* | Undiluted | 1/10 diluted | Undiluted |
| Heparinoids† | Undiluted | 1/10 diluted | Undiluted |
| Platinum salts | | | |
| Carboplatin | 10 mg/ml | 1 mg/ml | NA |
| Oxaliplatin | 1 mg/ml | 0.1 mg/ml | NA |
| Cisplatin | 1 mg/ml | 0.1 mg/ml | NA |
| NSAIDs | | | |
| Pyrazolones‡ | Powder | 0.1 mg/ml | 10% |
| Coxibs§ | Powder | | 10% |
| Other NSAIDs¶ | Powder | 0.1 mg/ml | 10% |
| Biologicals | | | |
| Adalimumab | 50 mg/ml | 50 mg/ml | Undiluted |
| Etanercept | 25 mg/ml | 5 mg/ml | NA |
| Infliximab | 10 mg/ml | 10 mg/ml | NA |
| Omalizumab | 1.25 µg/ml | 1.25 µg/ml | NA |
| Others | | | |
| Local anaesthetics | Undiluted | 1/10 diluted | Undiluted |
| Iodinated contrast media | Undiluted | 1/10 diluted | Undiluted |
| Gadolinium chélates | Undiluted | 1/10 diluted | NA |

TABLE XIII. Immediate hypersensitivity cephalosporin skin testing^{119,265,266}

| | Cefazolin* | Cefuroxime† | Cefotaxime | Ceftazidime | Ceftriaxone | Cefepime‡ | ted |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----|
| Step 1: Epicutaneous (prick/puncture) | 200 mg/mL | 90 mg/mL | 100 mg/mL | 100 mg/mL | 100 mg/mL | 2 mg/mL | |
| Step 2:§ Intradermal | 2.0 mg/mL | 1 mg/mL | 1 mg/mL | 1 mg/mL | 1 mg/mL | 2 mg/mL | |
| Step 3: Intradermal | 20 mg/mL | 10 mg/mL | 10 mg/mL | 10 mg/mL | 10 mg/mL | 2 mg/mL | |

Skin tests

- Testing procedures for delayed HSRs

| | Delayed intradermal | Patch testing* |
|---|---|---|
| Volume injected or vehicle | 0.02-0.05 mL | Petrolatum, water, or alternative soluble vehicle |
| Drug concentration and preparation | Limited to drugs available in sterile preparation Highest nonirritating concentration | 10% and 30% of trade product 1% and 10% of pure substance Highest nonirritating concentration |
| Performance of test† | 6 weeks to 6 months after complete healing of reaction 6 months following DRESS reactions 4 weeks after discontinuation of systemic steroids (>10 mg prednisone equivalent) or other immunosuppressants | At least 6 weeks to 6 months after complete healing of reaction 6 months following DRESS reactions 4 weeks after discontinuation of systemic steroids (>10 mg prednisone equivalent) or other immunosuppressants |
| Criteria for delayed positivity | Any obvious induration at 24 h ^{8‡} | 24-72 h infiltrated erythema as per international contact dermatitis guidelines ¹¹³ Patch removal at 48 h with further reading at 96 h and 7 d ¹¹³ |
| Site | Volar aspect of the forearm§ Non–sun-exposed if possible | Flat part of the back Upper arm is alternative Ideal areas are non–sun-exposed |
| Negative control | Saline | Petrolatum or vehicle |
| Positive control specific for delayed response | None | None |

• Intradermal test for SCAR

HLA B62 as a possible risk factor for drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms to piperacillin/tazobactam

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TABLE I. Clinical characteristics and laboratory investigations

| Age (y) & sex | Indication for PT | Onset (day of course) | T (°C) | Skin | Laboratory investigations | | | | | | IDT: size (mm) and delay (h) | RegiScar score |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | | Neu ($\times 10^9/L$) | Lym ($\times 10^9/L$) | ALT (U/L) | Plt ($\times 10^9 L$) | Eos ($\times 10^9/L$) (maximum on day) | | | |
| 61, F | Perforated sigmoid | 31 | 39.2 | Severe MPR | 13.08 | 2.76 | 27 | 490 | 2.68 (9) | 9 × 10; 24 | 7: definite | |
| 29, M | Osteomyelitis | 18 | 39.7 | Severe MPR trunk | 1.85 | 0.59 | 30 | 222 | 1.64 (20) | 7; 10 | 4: probable | |
| 54, F | Infection after wrist surgery | 4 post course | 39.8 | Severe MPR; facial angioedema | 4.21 | 1.03 | 39 | 320 | 0.9 (3) | Not read at 24 h | 4: probable | |
| 12, M | Chemotherapy for medulloblastoma | 14 | 40 | Severe MPR | 2.37 | 1.20 | 1099 | 30 | 0.79 (11) | (+); 24 | 6: definite | |
| 69, F | Esophageal perforation | 18 | 38.3 | Severe MPR | 8.88 | 2.8 | 52 | 329 | 1.47 (8) | (+); 24 | 5: probable | |
| 53, M | Infected calcaneal fracture | 25 | 39.8 | Severe MPR; generalized angioedema | 0.1 | 0.41 | 212 | 213 | 2.6 (14) | (+); 24 (central blister) | 8: definite | |

DRESS Syndrome due to benzylpenicillin with cross-reactivity to amoxicillin

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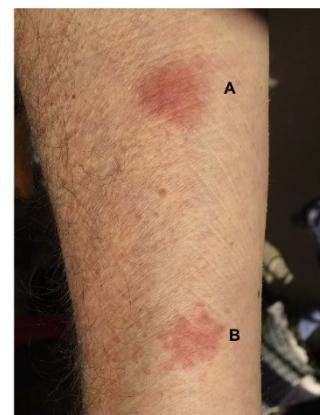


FIGURE 1. Positive delayed intradermal tests at D4 to (A) benzylpenicillin and (B) amoxicillin with focal papules, induration, and infiltrated erythema.

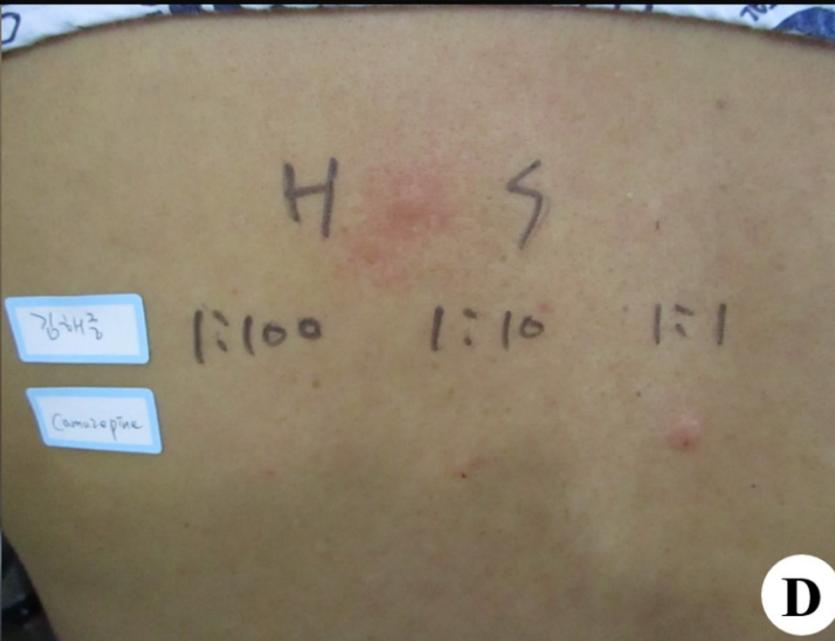
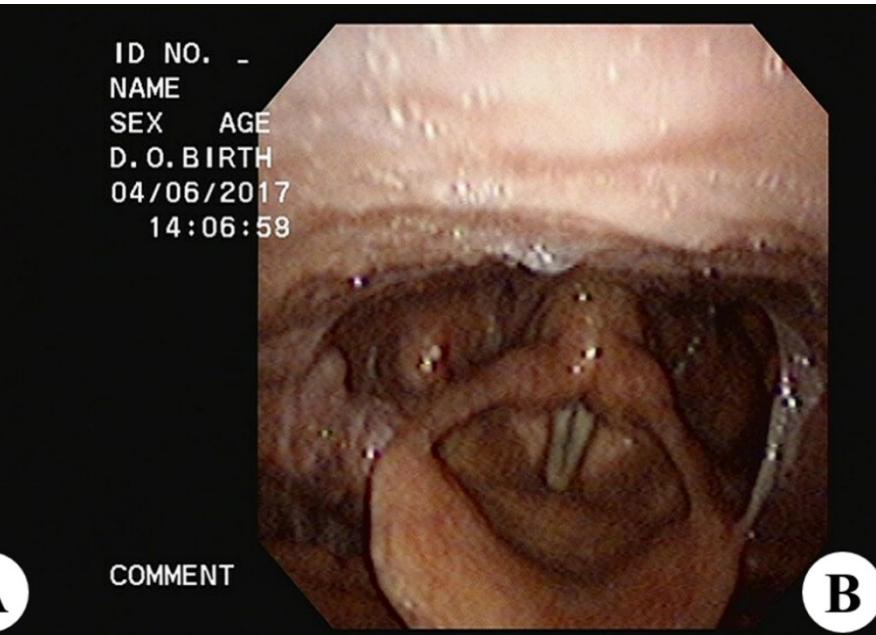
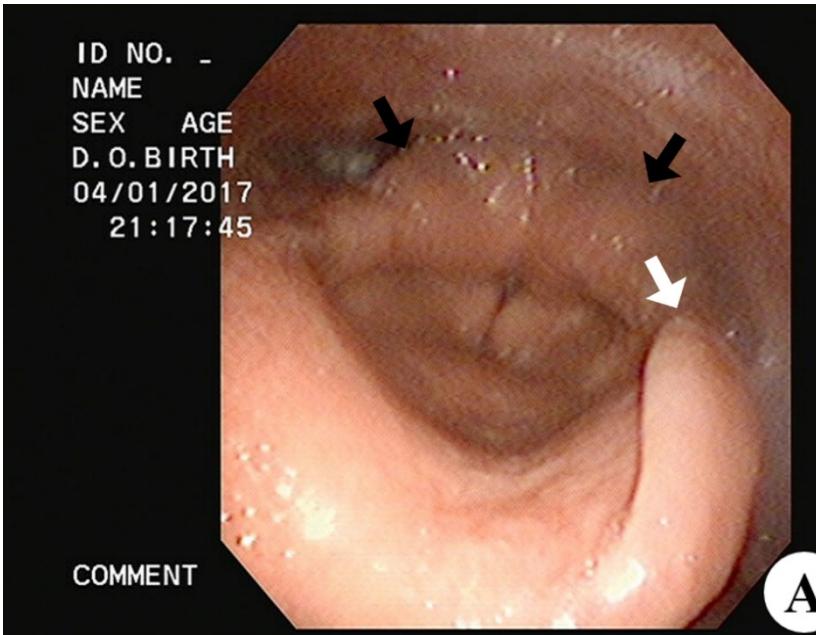
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Piperacillin-Induced DRESS: Distinguishing Features Observed in a Clinical and Allergy Study of 8 Patients

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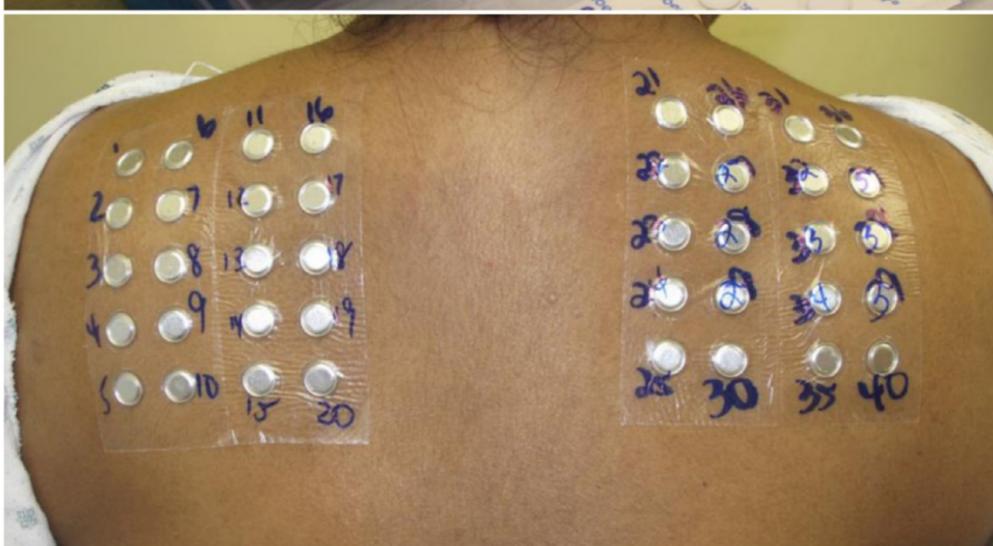
Table 2. Results of Lymphocyte Transformation Test (LTT), Intradermal Tests, and Epicutaneous tests with piperacillin/tazobactam in 8 Patients

| Patient No. | Patch Test | Intradermal Test | LTT (SI) ^c |
|-------------|------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | - | ND | 3.3, 7, 14.3, 25.8 |
| 2 | - | ^a (+) (7x9 mm) | 19, 36 |
| 3 | ND | ND | 4.06, 17.17, 22.33, 25.25 |
| 4 | - | ^a (+) (10x10 mm) | 5.8, 6.3, 7.7 |
| 5 | ND | ^a (+) (8x10 mm) | 4.44, 6.46 |
| 6 | + | ^b (-) | 3.5, 3.8, 7.03, 13.5 |
| 7 | ND | ND | 10.6, 34.63 |
| 8 | ND | ND | 4.82, 24.9, 46.73, 57.92, 46.89 |



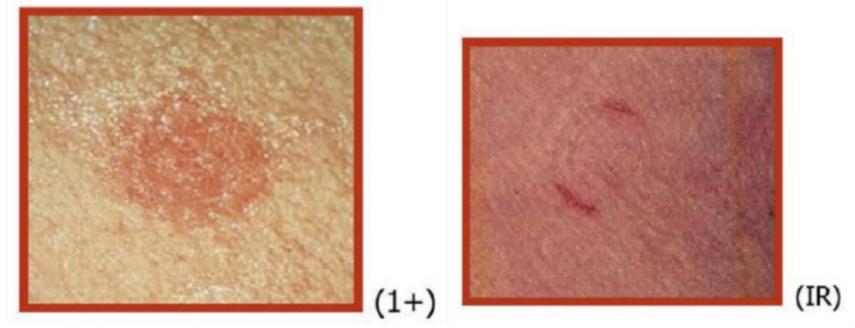
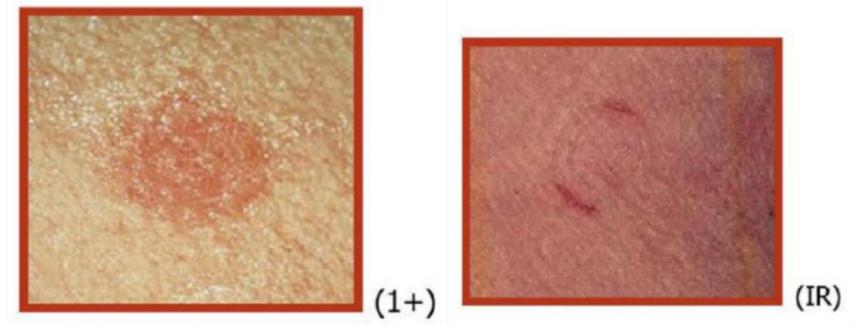
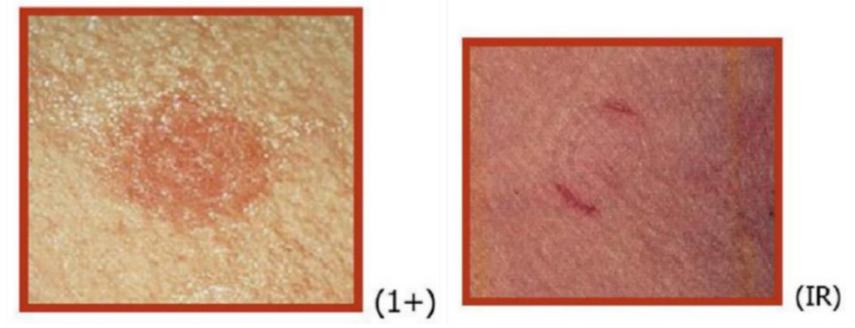
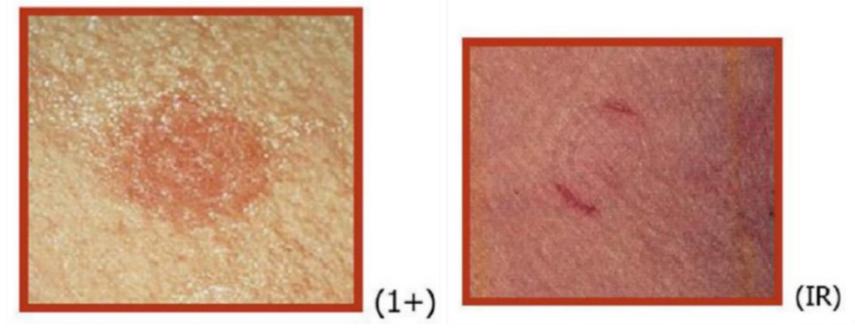
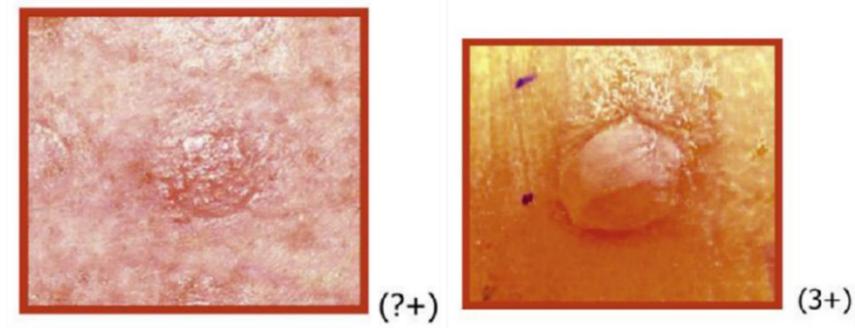
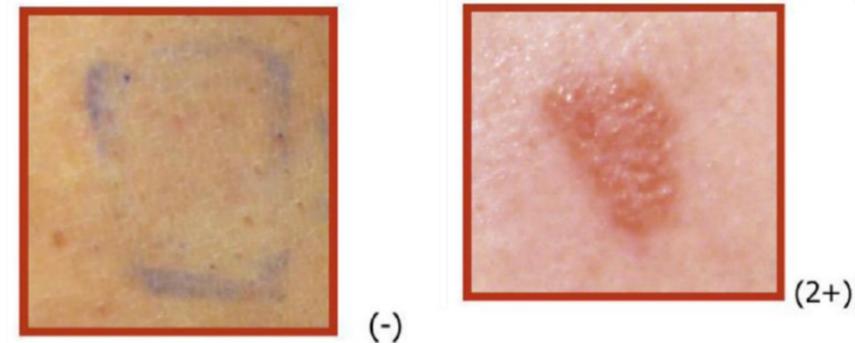
• Patch test

Loading the patch test chambers



Application of the patch test

Grading system for patch test interpretation



• Patch test for SCAR

Positive Allergy Study (Intradermal, Patch, and Lymphocyte Transformation Tests) in a Case of Isoniazid-Induced DRESS

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Figure. Positive patch test with isoniazid at 96 hours.

TABLE 4 Sensitivity of patch testing in DRESS

| Drugs | Nr. tested ^a | Positive patch tests n (%) | Comments | Ref. |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---|------|
| Groups of patients | | | | |
| Drugs not specified | 68 | 39 (57) | Eight had mild flare of DRESS | 241 |
| | 28 | 14 (50) | | 242 |
| | 16 | 9 (56) | Eight of nine reactions were caused by carbamazepine | 243 |
| | 15 | 9 (60) | | 244 |
| Drugs specified | 72 | 46 (64) | Fourteen reactions to beta-lactams and 11 to carbamazepine | 50 |
| | 56 | 18 (32) | The group consisted of 33 antiepileptic drugs, 19 allopurinol, and sulfasalazine, cotrimoxazole, tenoxicam, and amoxicillin, one each. 17/18 positive reactions were to antiepileptics (13 to carbamazepine) and 0 to allopurinol | 52 |
| | 14 | 5 (36) | Children: drugs used were mostly antibiotics and anticonvulsants | 67 |
| Classes of drugs | | | | |
| Antiepileptics | 33 | 17 (52) | Thirteen caused by carbamazepine | 52 |
| | 18 | 11 (61) | Unclear data in this article | 81 |
| | 10 | 9 (90) | Six reactions to carbamazepine, 2 to phenytoin, one to topiramate; many co-sensitizations to antibiotics | 58 |
| Antibiotics | 19 | 6 (32) | 4/6 caused by amoxicillin | 60 |
| | 17 | 9 (53) | Six reactions to amoxicillin and three to cephalosporins, 0/7 to fluoroquinolones (ciprofloxacin, levofloxacin); six of the nine reactors had primary DRESS to antiepileptics and three to allopurinol | 58 |
| Iodinated contrast media | 12 | 10 (83) | The patients had been selected on the basis of a positive skin or challenge test, which may (partly) explain the high percentage of positive patch tests | 61 |
| Antibiotics, beta-lactam | 10 | 9 (90) | Six positive reactions to amoxicillin | 59 |
| Fluoroquinolones | 7 | 0 (0) | Five ciprofloxacin, two levofloxacin | 58 |

A multicentre study to determine the value and safety of drug patch tests for the three main classes of severe cutaneous adverse drug reactions

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Background Drug patch tests (PTs) can reproduce delayed hypersensitivity to drugs and entail a moderate re-exposure of patients to offending drugs.

Objectives To determine the value of PTs for identifying the responsible drug in severe cutaneous adverse drug reactions (SCARs) such as acute generalized exanthematous pustulosis (AGEP), drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS) and Stevens–Johnson syndrome/toxic epidermal necrolysis (SJS/TEN).

Methods In a multicentre study, PTs were conducted on patients referred for DRESS, AGEP or SJS/TEN within 1 year of their SCAR. All drugs administered in the 2 months prior to and the week following the onset of the SCAR were tested.

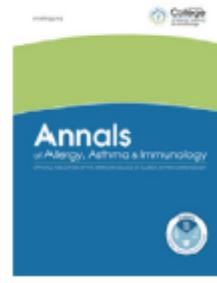
Results Among the 134 patients included (48 male, 86 female; mean age 51·7 years), positive drug PTs were obtained for 24 different drugs. These included positive tests for 64% (46/72) of patients with DRESS, 58% (26/45) of those with AGEP and 24% (4/17) of those with SJS/TEN, with only one relapse of AGEP. The value of PTs depended on the type of drug and the type of SCAR (e.g. carbamazepine was positive in 11/13 DRESS cases but none of the five SJS/TEN cases). PTs were frequently positive for beta lactams (22 cases), pristinamycin (11 cases) and in DRESS with pump proton inhibitors (five cases), but were usually negative for allopurinol and salazopyrin. Of 18 patients with DRESS, eight had virus reactivation and positive PTs. In DRESS, multiple drug reactivity was frequent (18% of cases), with patients remaining sensitized many years later.

Conclusions PTs are useful and safe for identifying agents inducing SCAR.



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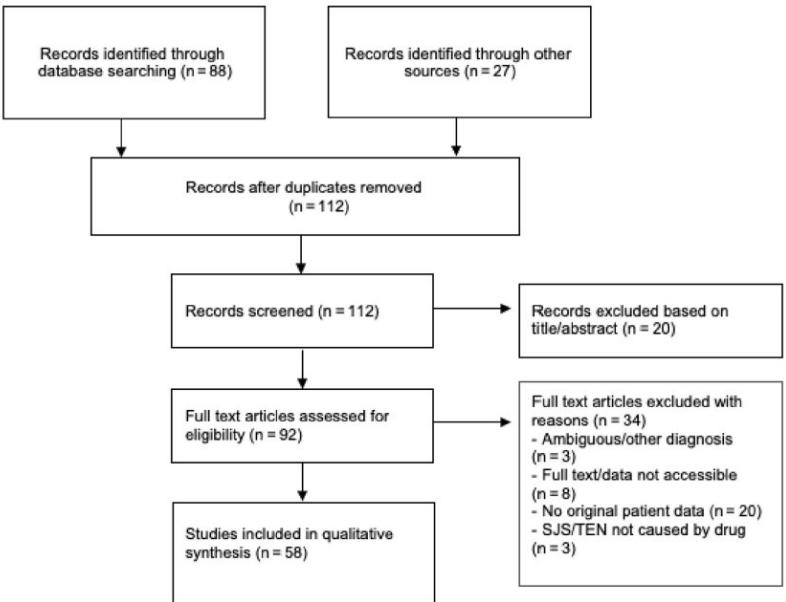
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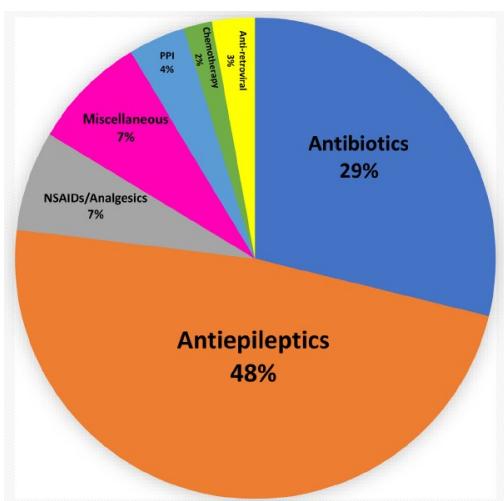
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Positivity Rates of Drugs With Positive Patch Test Results

| Drug | Positivity (all tests) | Positivity (suspected causative) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Antibiotics | | |
| Amoxicillin | 60.0% (6/10) | 60% (6/10) |
| Ampicillin | 50.0% (5/10) | 100% (4/4) |
| Bucillamine | 100.0% (1/1) | 100% (1/1) |
| Clindamycin | 16.7% (1/6) | 100% (1/1) |
| Erythromycin | 16.7% (1/6) | 100% (1/1) |
| Isoniazid | 100.0% (4/4) | 100% (4/4) |
| Meropenem | 20.0% (1/5) | 100% (1/1) |
| Metronidazole | 16.7% (1/6) | 100% (1/1) |
| Penicillin | 100.0% (1/1) | 100% (1/1) |
| Penicillin G | 100.0% (1/1) | 100% (1/1) |
| Pristinamycin | 75.0% (3/4) | 75.0% (3/4) |
| Procaine benzylpenicillin | 100.0% (1/1) | 100.0% (1/1) |
| Pyrazinamide | 50.0% (1/2) | 50.0% (1/2) |
| Sulfamethoxazole | 100.0% (1/1) | 100.0% (1/1) |
| Sulfonamide | 100.0% (1/1) | 100.0% (1/1) |
| Vancomycin | 12.5% (1/8) | 33.3% (1/3) |



| Category | Drug | Positivity (all tests) | Positivity (suspected causative) |
|------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Antiepileptic drugs | Carbamazepine | 48.7% (19/39) | 50% (18/36) |
| | Carbamazepine-10,11-epoxide | 12.5% (1/8) | 12.5% (1/8) |
| | Diphenhydantoin | 33.3% (1/3) | 50% (1/2) |
| | Ethosuximide | 100.0% (1/1) | 100.0% (1/1) |
| | Ethylbutylmalonylureum | 100.0% (1/1) | 100.0% (1/1) |
| | Lamotrigine | 19.0% (4/21) | 50% (2/4) |
| | Oxcarbazepine | 17.6% (3/17) | Never suspected |
| | Phenobarbital | 25.0% (1/4) | 50% (1/2) |
| | Phenytoin | 35.3% (6/17) | Never suspected |
| | Tetrazepam | 100.0% (9/9) | 100% (9/9) |
| | Valproate | 50.0% (4/8) | 57.1% (4/7) |
| Antiretrovirals | Kivexa (Abacavir-Lamivudine) | 100.0% (1/1) | 100.0% (1/1) |
| | Truvada (Emtricitabine-Tenofovir) | 100.0% (1/1) | 100.0% (1/1) |
| | Lamivudine | 100.0% (1/1) | 100.0% (1/1) |
| Chemotherapies | Bortezomib | 100.0% (1/1) | 100.0% (1/1) |
| | Chlorambucil | 100.0% (1/1) | 100.0% (1/1) |
| NSAIDs/analgesics | Diclofenac | 50.0% (1/2) | 100% (1/1) |
| | Ibuprofen | 20.0% (1/5) | 0% (0/4) |
| | Metamizole | 100.0% (1/1) | 100% (1/1) |
| | Phenazone | 100.0% (1/1) | 100% (1/1) |
| | Phenylbutazone | 66.7% (2/3) | 66.7% (2/3) |
| | Voltaren (Diclofenac) | 100.0% (1/1) | 100% (1/1) |
| Proton pump inhibitors | Esomeprazole | 50.0% (1/2) | 50.0% (1/2) |
| | Lansoprazole | 33.3% (1/3) | 33.3% (1/3) |
| | Omeprazole | 50.0% (1/2) | 50.0% (1/2) |
| Miscellaneous | (RS)-2,3-Bis(sulfonyl) propane-1-sulfonic acid | 100.0% (1/1) | 100.0% (1/1) |
| | Bromisovalum | 100.0% (1/1) | 100.0% (1/1) |
| | Fexofenadine | 100.0% (1/1) | 100.0% (1/1) |
| | Iohexol | 100.0% (1/1) | 100.0% (1/1) |
| | Lamisil (Terbinafine) | 100.0% (1/1) | 100.0% (1/1) |
| | Propranolol | 100.0% (1/1) | 100.0% (1/1) |
| | Pseudoephedrine | 100.0% (1/1) | 100.0% (1/1) |
| | Ramipril | 100.0% (1/1) | 100.0% (1/1) |

Results of patch testing in acute generalized exanthematous pustulosis (AGEP): A literature review

Diagnostic criteria of AGEP

| Features of AGEP | Absent | Present/yes | Typical |
|---|--------|-------------|---------|
| Exanthema | | | |
| Pustules | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Erythema | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Distribution pattern | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Collaret-shaped postpustular desquamation | 0 | 1 | |
| Course | | | |
| Mucosal involvement | 0 | -2 | |
| Acute onset ≤10 days | -2 | 0 | |
| Resolution ≤15 days | -4 | 0 | |
| Fever, temperature ≥38°C | 0 | 1 | |
| Neutrophilia ≥7000/mm ³ | 0 | 1 | |
| Histology | | | |
| Other diagnosis | 0 | -10 | |
| Histology not typical or not performed | 0 | 0 | |
| Exocytosis of peripheral neutrophils | 0 | 1 | |
| Subcorneal and/or intraepidermal non-spongiform pustules or pustules not further specified with papillary edema or subcorneal and/or intraepidermal spongiform pustules or pustules not further specified without papillary edema | 0 | 2 | |
| Spongiform subcorneal and/or intraepidermal pustules | 0 | 3 | |

| Drug | No. positive patch tests | % |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Amoxicillin | 36 | 13.9 |
| Pristinamycin | 25 | 9.7 |
| Diltiazem | 14 | 5.4 |
| Amoxicillin-clavulanic acid | 13 | 5.0 |
| Clindamycin | 11 | 4.2 |
| Iomeprol | 8 | 3.1 |
| Iodixanol | 6 | 2.3 |
| Nystatin | 6 | 2.3 |
| Pseudoephedrine | 6 | 2.3 |
| Spiramycin | 6 | 2.3 |
| Ceftriaxone | 5 | 1.9 |
| Hydroxyzine | 5 | 1.9 |
| Prednisolone | 5 | 1.9 |
| Acetaminophen (paracetamol) | 4 | 1.5 |
| Celecoxib | 4 | 1.5 |
| Ciprofloxacin | 4 | 1.5 |

Positive patch tests in AGEP

Exacerbations after patch testing

| Drug | Patch test concentration and vehicle | Symptoms and comments | Ref. |
|---------------|--|--|------|
| Acetaminophen | 1% and 10% pet. | On D7 of a first and D6 of a second patch test session, a symmetric vesicular eruption appeared on the trunk, arms and legs; the patch tests themselves were negative | 52 |
| Carbamazepine | Data unknown | Patch tests reproduced the skin eruption | 88 |
| Ceftriaxone | 10, 1 and 0.1% pet. | Mild flare reaction consisting of papules and vesicles with erythema on the gluteal region during patch testing | 93 |
| Ciprofloxacin | Data unknown | Patch tests reproduced the original lesional pattern both clinically and histologically; there were also positive patch tests to other quinolones | 102 |
| Diltiazem | 1% water and pure | Patch testing resulted in an erythematous and very pruriginous reaction on the patch tested area, neck, and abdomen that resolved in a few days | 118 |
| Diltiazem | 1% pet. | Eczematous eruption on both forearms during patch testing; atypical AGEP case | 49 |
| Diltiazem | CP 30% pet. (3% a.i.) and pure drug 10% pet. | Patch testing induced an angry back reaction associated with maculopapular exanthema involving the face, neck, and armpits, but there were no systemic reactions; the authors suggested to start patch testing with 1% pet. instead of 10% | 114 |
| Hydroxyzine | Pure drug 2.5% | Flare-up of previously involved areas during patch testing | 140 |

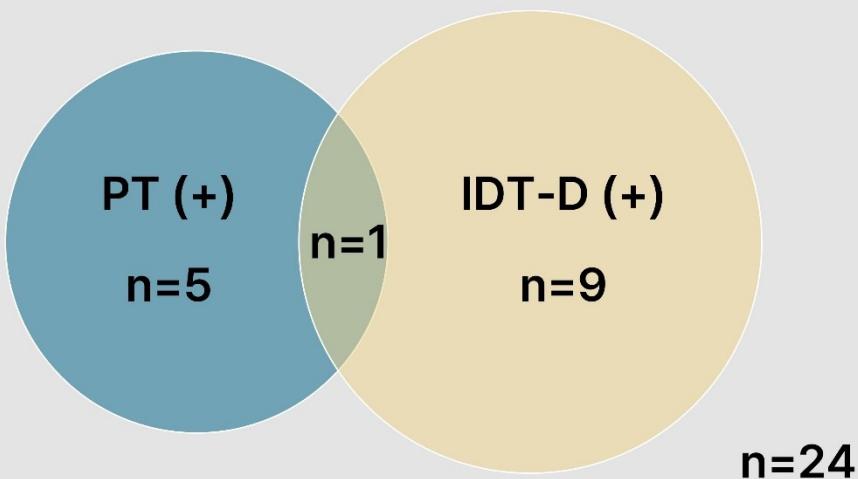


Figure 1. Frequency of positive patch test and delayed-reading intradermal test in all patients (n=39). IDT-D, delayed-reading intradermal test; PT, patch test.

Table 1. Clinical characteristics of 10 cases of positive delayed-reading intradermal test.

| No. | Age (yr) | Sex | Diagnosis | Drug | PT | IDT-D |
|-----|----------|-----|----------------|---------------|----|-------|
| 1 | 48 | F | MPE | Gentamicin | - | + |
| 2 | 71 | M | DRESS syndrome | Carbamazepine | - | + |
| 3 | 63 | M | DRESS syndrome | Carbamazepine | - | + |
| 4 | 54 | M | DRESS syndrome | Carbamazepine | - | + |
| 5 | 76 | F | DRESS syndrome | Teicoplanin | - | + |
| 6 | 63 | F | DRESS syndrome | Teicoplanin | - | + |
| 7 | 74 | F | DRESS syndrome | Cefepime | - | + |
| 8 | 18 | M | DRESS syndrome | Minocycline | - | + |
| 9 | 21 | M | DRESS syndrome | Vancomycin | + | + |
| 10 | 38 | M | TEN | Ofloxacin | - | + |

Drug challenges

- Drug provocation test (DPT)
- Aim
 - Identification of the drug eliciting a DHR / Exclusion of DHR
- Method
 - Graded challenge
 - Single dose challenge
 - Low risk history
 - Placebo-controlled drug challenges
 - Subjective symptoms
 - Multiple reported drug allergies

TABLE 2 Contraindications and relative contraindications to drug provocation test (DPT).¹

Contraindications for provocation test with suspected drug

In cases with a clear history of drug hypersensitivity when allergy was proven by other means such as skin tests or in vitro tests

With the suspected drug, in severe anaphylaxis (\geq Grade 3) except in settings equipped for and experienced in performing high-risk provocations such as perioperative anaphylaxis

With the suspected drug, in generalized bullous fixed drug eruption

With the suspected drug, in toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN) and Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS)

With the suspected drug, in leucocytoclastic vasculitis

With the suspected drug, in Drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS) and acute generalized exanthematous pustulosis (AGEP)

Drug-induced specific organ dysfunction: cytopenia, hepatitis, nephritis, pneumonitis

Drug-induced autoimmune disease: systemic lupus erythematosus, linear IgA bullous dermatosis

Relative contraindications for provocation test with suspected drug

Severe comorbidity, for example, uncontrolled asthma, severe chronic obstructive airways disease, severe ischemic heart disease

Pregnancy—DPT can be performed when benefit of suspected drug outweighs the risk, such as severe infections (e.g., syphilis) and suspected penicillin allergy, or suspected local anesthetic allergy when spinal anesthesia may be needed for caesarean section

TABLE IV. Contraindications to drug challenges

Severe cutaneous adverse drug reactions

SJS/TEN

DRESS

AGEP

Drug-induced neutrophilic dermatosis

Sweet's syndrome

Drug-induced autoimmune diseases

Bullous pemphigoid

Pemphigus vulgaris

Linear IgA bullous disease

Drug induced lupus

Other cutaneous drug reactions

Generalized bullous FDE

Exfoliative dermatitis

Severe drug anaphylaxis*

Organ-specific drug reactions

Cytopenias (anemia, neutropenia, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia)

Drug induced liver injury

Nephritis

Pneumonitis

Meningitis

Pancreatitis

Drug-induced vasculitis

Leukocytoclastic vasculitis

Eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis

Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor angioedema

Grading scale for immediate drug reactions

| Grading severity: reaction criteria* | Grade NR: no symptoms or signs | Grade 0: reactions with primarily subjective symptoms only that improve/resolve without treatment to include <i>any</i> of the following: | | | Grade 4: reactions resulting in <i>any</i> of the following conditions or interventions: | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|-------|
| | | Grade 1: reactions with 1 or 2 of the following: | Grade 2: reactions with ≥2 of the following: | Grade 3: reactions with ≥1 of the following: | | |
| Mucocutaneous features | Pruritus without rash, tingling, subjective lip/tongue swelling | Flushing/erythema; <5 hives; angioedema of lip, face, or eyelid | ≥5 hives, documented tongue or soft palate/uvula edema | Tongue or uvula edema with dysphonia (surrogate for laryngeal edema) or documented laryngeal edema by laryngoscopy | NA | |
| Respiratory features | Dyspnea, cough, tongue or throat sensation without objective changes, chest tightness | Dyspnea, cough, throat tightness, or chest tightness/discomfort with an SpO_2 value of 93%-94%† or wheezing with an SpO_2 value of ≥93% | Dyspnea, cough, throat tightness, chest tightness/discomfort, or wheezing with oxygen desaturation (an SpO_2 value of 90%-92%) | Oxygen desaturation (SpO_2 value < 90%) | Intubation performed for respiratory failure | |
| Cardiovascular features | Dizziness, lightheadedness, heart racing, palpitations, tachycardia, hypertension | NA | Mild hypotension (SBP > 90 mm Hg and a 20%-29% decrease from baseline) | Moderate-to-severe hypotension (SBP < 90 mm Hg and a >30% decrease from baseline)‡ | Pulseless Cardiopulmonary resuscitation performed | Death |

Drug challenges

- Factors related to the patient and the setting of DPT
 1. DPT should be performed under medical supervision in a setting equipped for treating anaphylaxis including resuscitation equipment
 2. DPT in intermediate and high-risk patients and patients with immediate-type symptoms should be performed in a hospital setting
 3. Patients with mild MPE may be investigated with DPT in, or outside, a hospital setting in collaboration with allergy specialists
 4. The patient should be well on the day of DPT and baseline measurements before drug administration
 5. Intravenous access should be secured in high-risk patients with immediate reactions
 6. Verbal and written informed consent must be obtained before DPT

Drug challenges

- **Consensus-based Statement**
 1. We suggest that when the clinical probability of a drug allergy is low, in patients without contraindications for a drug challenge, that it be performed with a 1- or 2-step drug challenge (conditional, low)
 2. We suggest that placebo controlled drug challenges be considered in patients with a history of primarily subjective symptoms and/or multiple reported drug allergies (conditional, low)

TABLE V. Open drug challenge protocols for immediate reactions

| | Dose* | Observation |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 1-step | 1 tab or full PO/IV/IM/SC dose† | 30-60 min |
| 2-step | Step 1: $\frac{1}{4}$ tab PO or 1/10 IV/IM/SC dose Step 2: 1 tab or full PO/IV/IM/SC dose† | 30-60 min 30-60 min |
| Criteria for positive reaction | Urticaria, angioedema, exanthem, wheezing, hypoxia, hypotension, anaphylaxis | |
| Criteria for possible reaction‡ | Flushing, vomiting, cough, abdominal cramping, persistent pruritus without rash, fever, mouth or eye soreness | |
| Doubtful reactions‡ | Dizziness, tachycardia, subjective lip/tongue swelling, subjective throat tightness, lump in throat, dyspnea, transient pruritus without rash, headache | |

TABLE VI. Open drug challenge* protocols for nonsevere delayed reactions†‡

| | Dose§ | Observation |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 1-step** | 1 tab or full PO | 60 min to 2 h |
| 2-step | Step 1: 1/10 IV/IM/SC dose Step 2: full PO/IV/IM/SC dose | 30 min 60 min to 2 h |
| Other* | Multiple-day challenge or graded reintroduction | Outpatient procedure |
| Criteria for positive reaction | Fever, urticaria, facial swelling, exanthem, hypoxia, hypotension, mouth, urogenital or eye soreness, fixed or blistering eruption, target or atypical target lesions | |
| Criteria for possible reaction¶ | Isolated joint pain, appetite change, persistent pruritus without rash | |
| Doubtful reactions¶ | Dizziness, tachycardia, subjective lip/tongue swelling, subjective throat tightness, lump in throat, dyspnea, transient pruritus without rash, headache, transient pruritus without rash | |

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