

# Regional Diagnosis & Clinical Challenges

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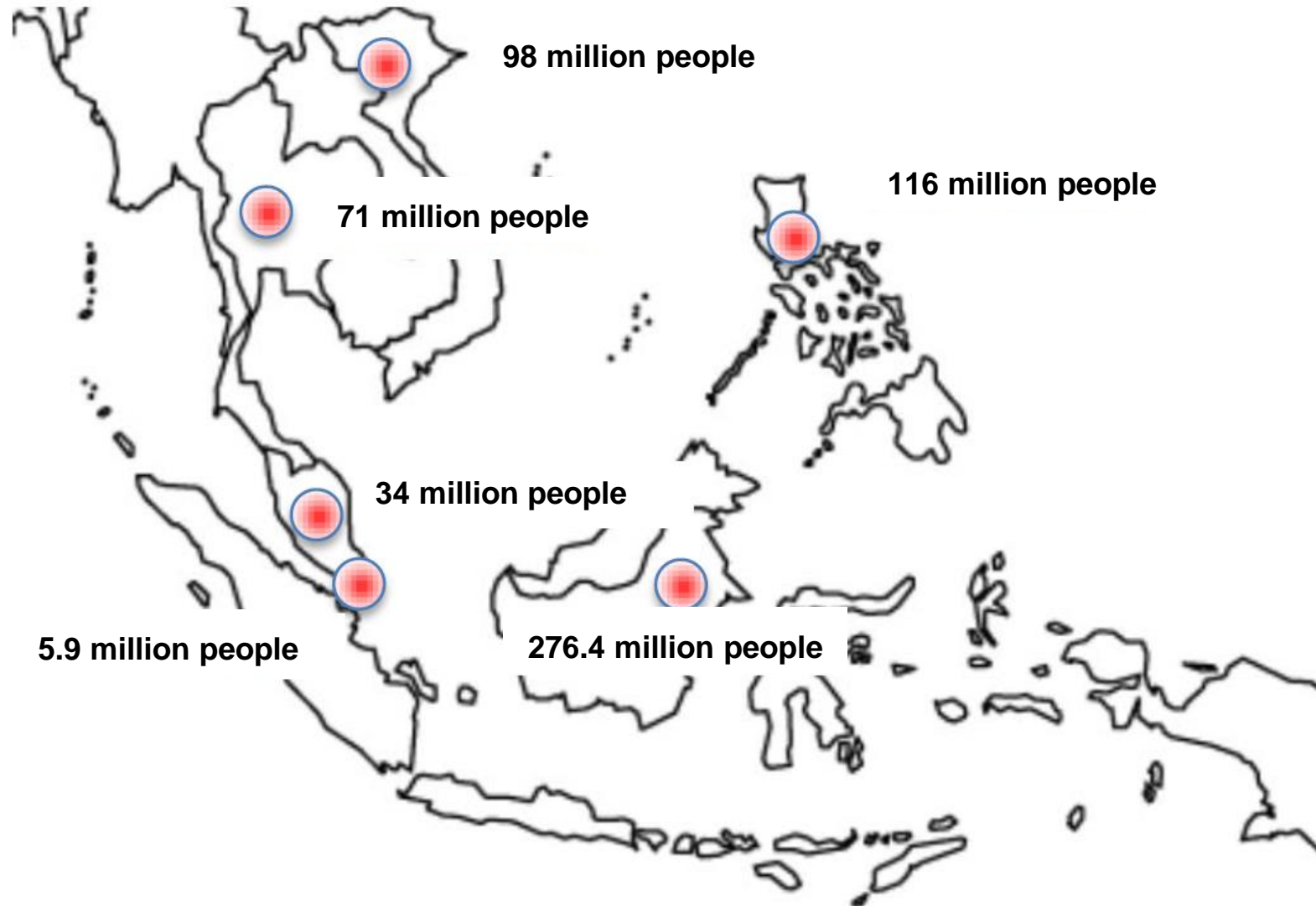
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# Southeast Asia: 600 million population (update 2023)



## Disease awareness



## NGS technology



## Networking



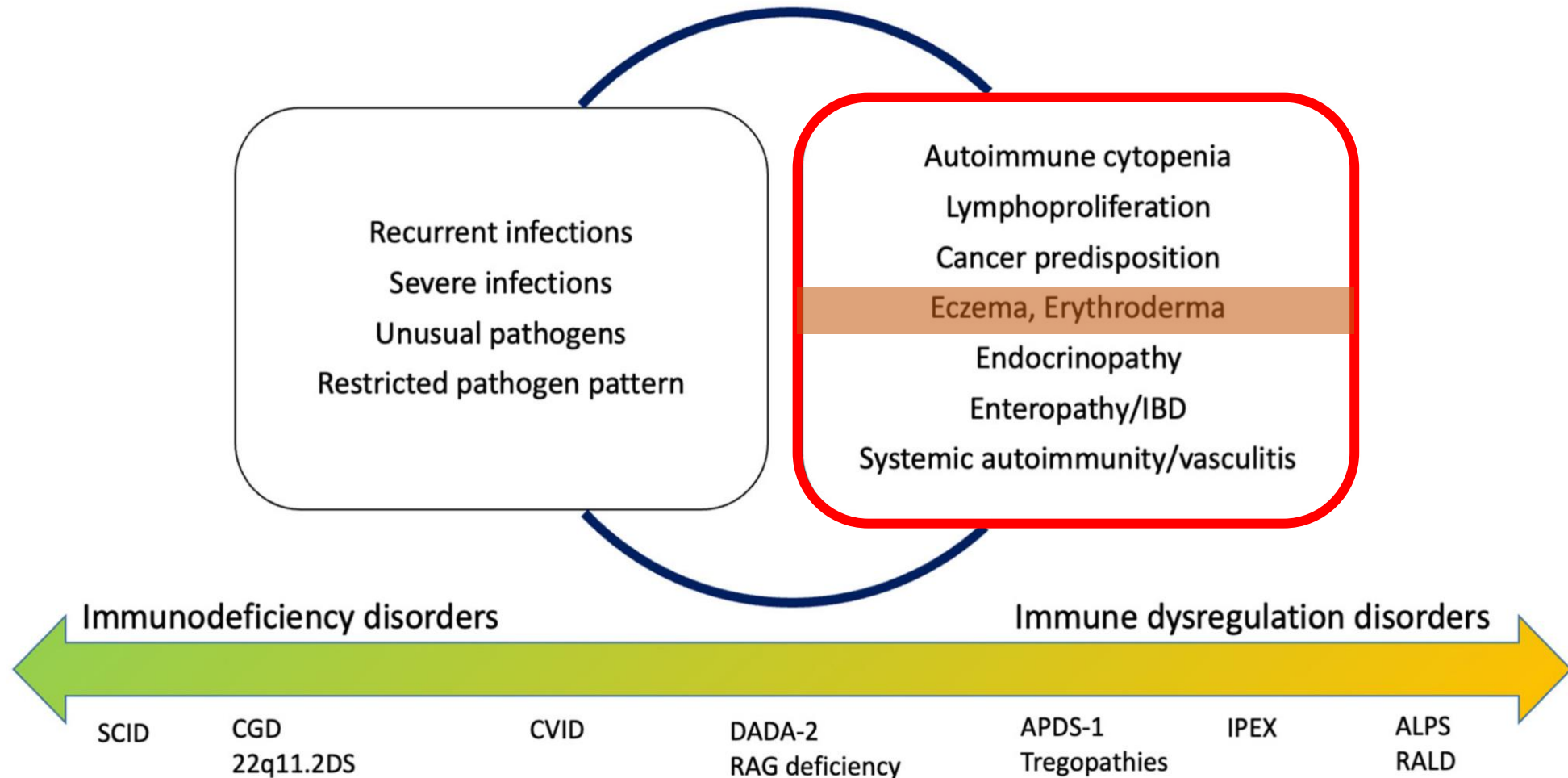


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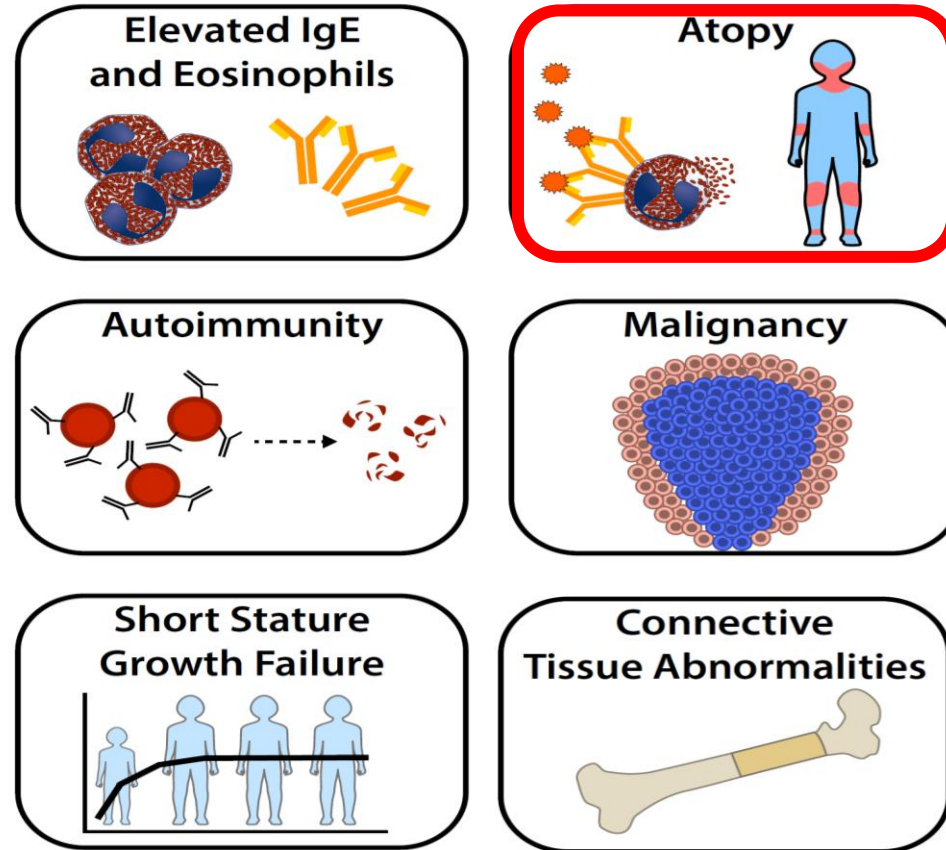
**Novel Primary atopic disorders**



# Beyond Infections: New warning signs of Inborn errors of immunity



# “Primary atopic disorders”



“No recurrent/severe infection”



## The index patient



Six episodes of anaphylaxis with unknown causes

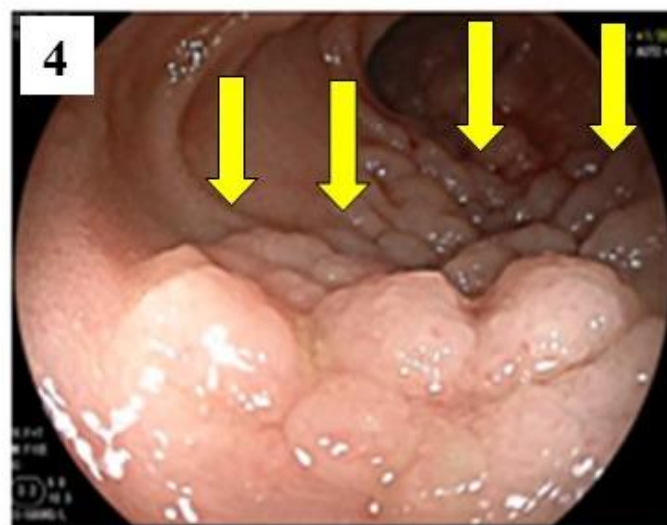
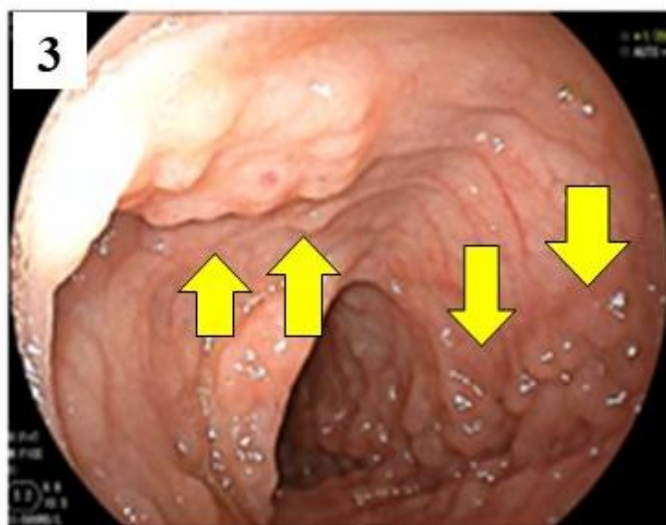
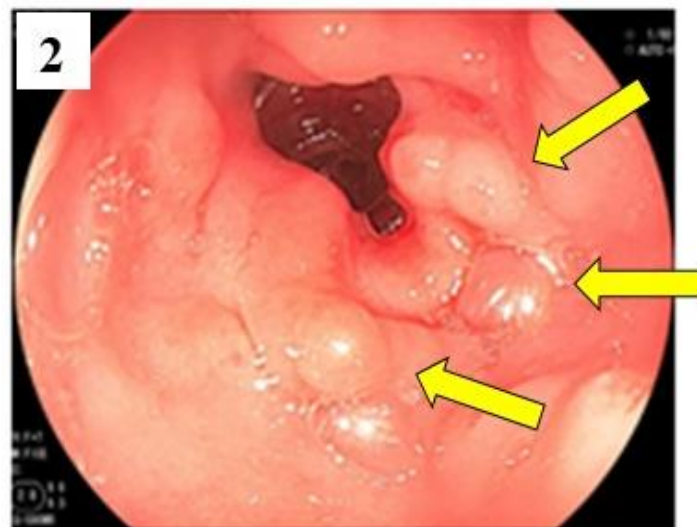
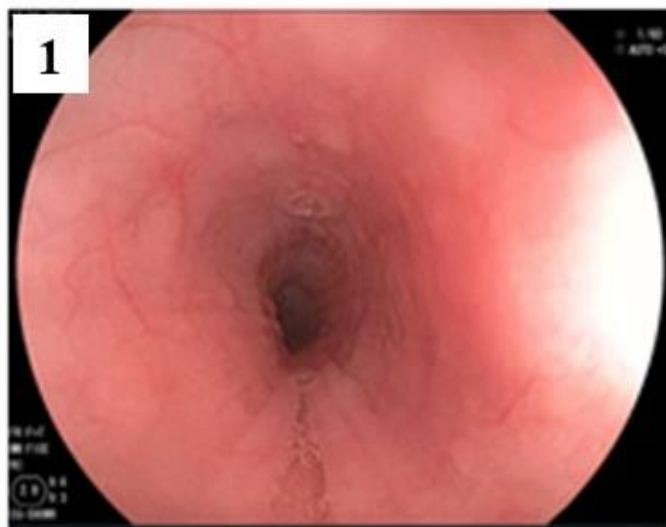
## His younger sister



Severe eczema



Swelling abdomen (ascites) due to too much fluid leakage in your abdomen, related to food allergies

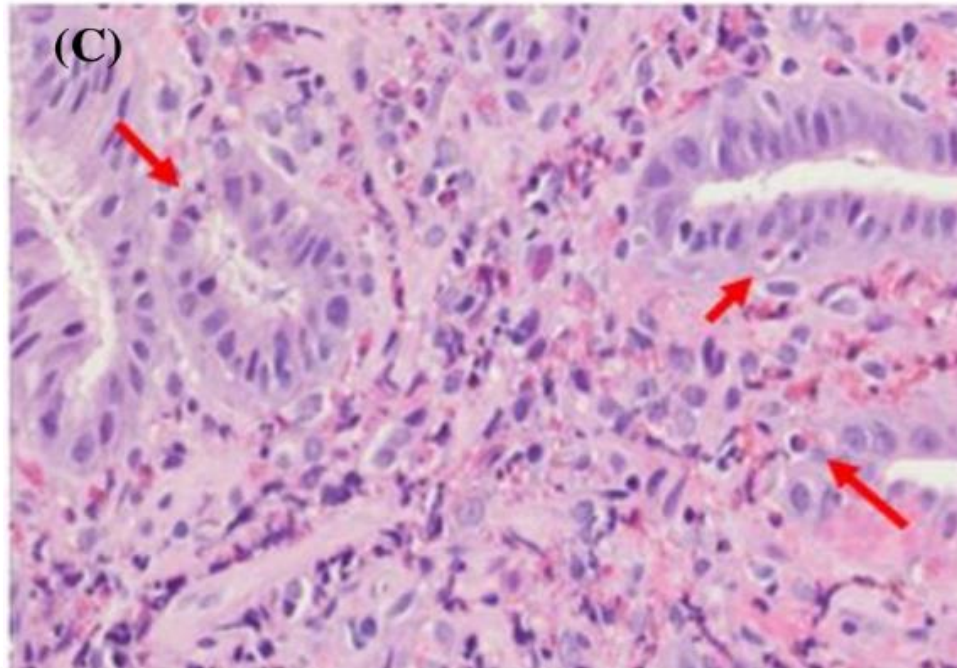


Upper endoscopy shows  
(1) **longitudinal furrows** at  
esophagus

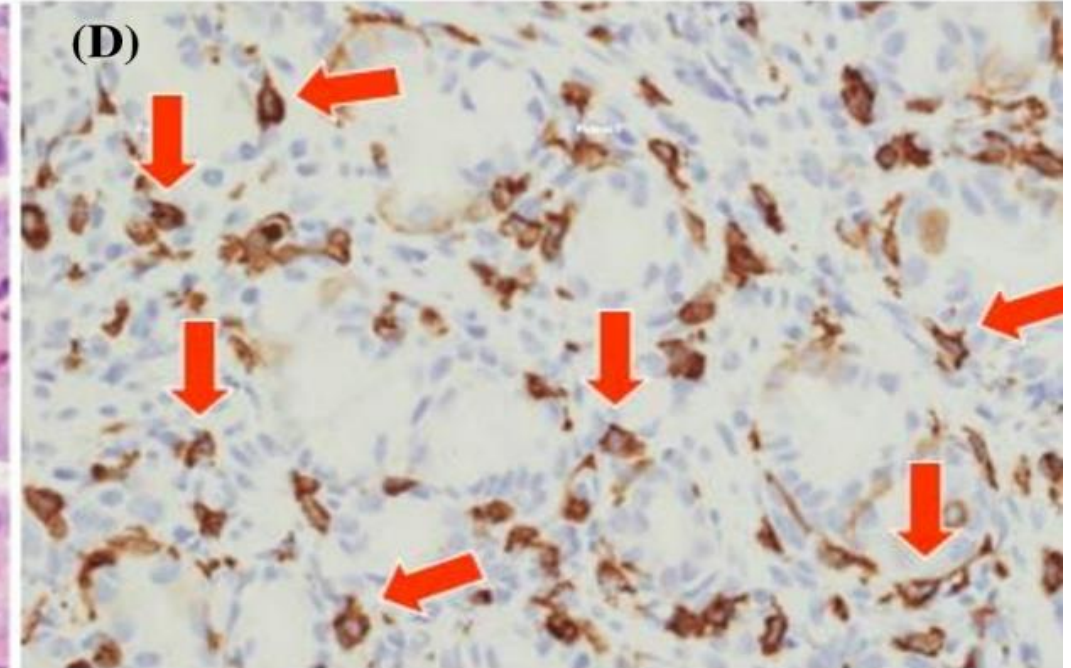
(2) **polypoid-like lesions** of  
the antrum (3) transverse  
colon, and (4) terminal ileum  
(yellow arrow).



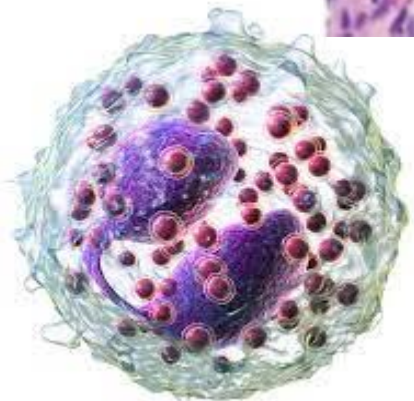
# Allergic eosinophilic gastroenteritis (AEG) with protein-losing enteropathy



**Eosinophilic infiltration in gastric tissues**



**Mast cells infiltrating gastric mucosa**

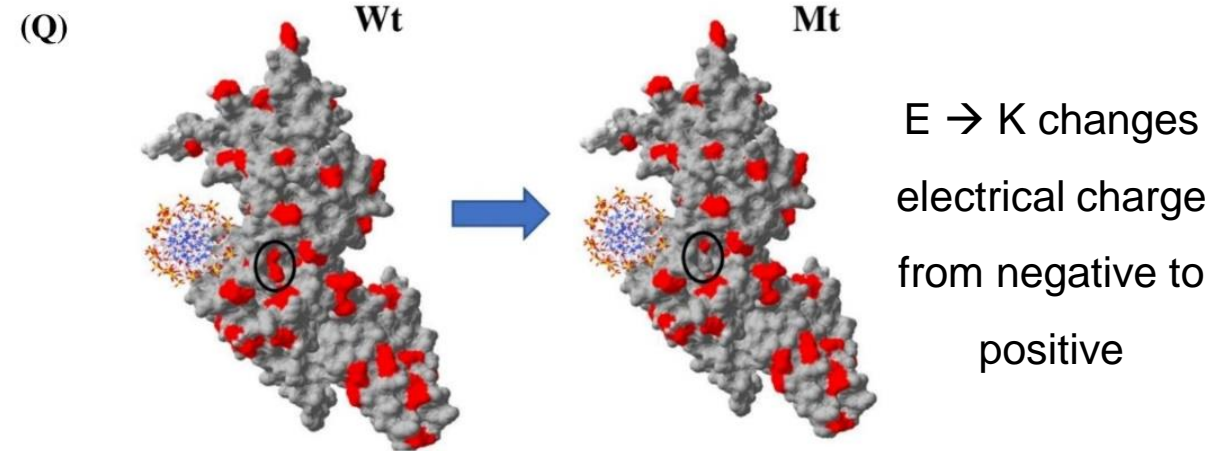
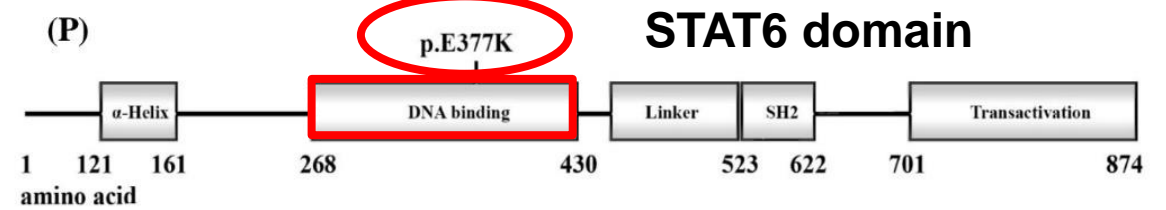
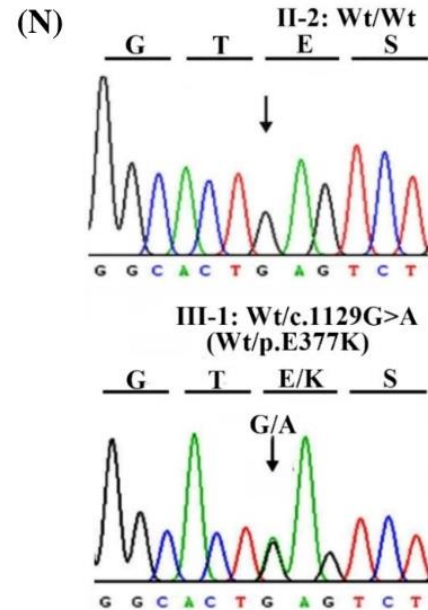
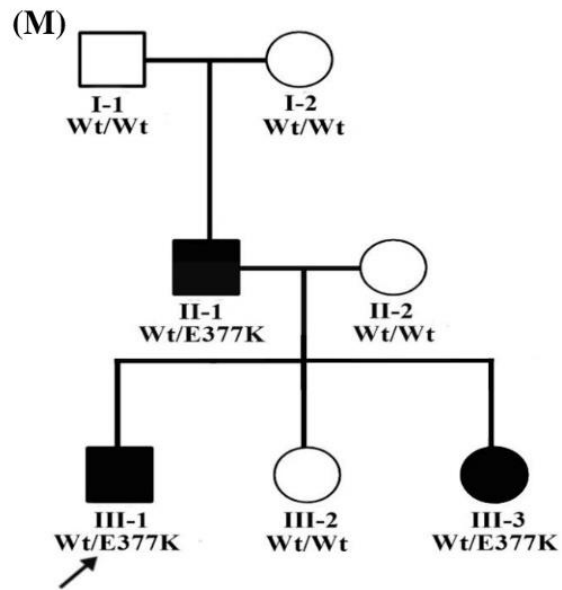




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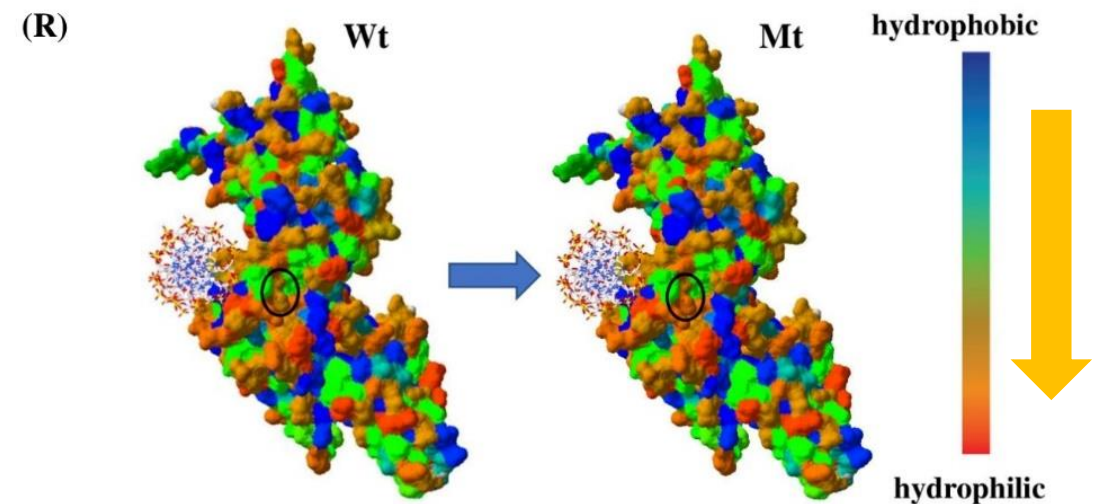
- Multiple food allergies (cow's milk, shrimp, cashew), dry skin, and moderate AD
- Coarse facies and hypotrichosis (lack of hair, axillary hair)
- Chronic renal failure of unknown cause was diagnosed in his adolescent years





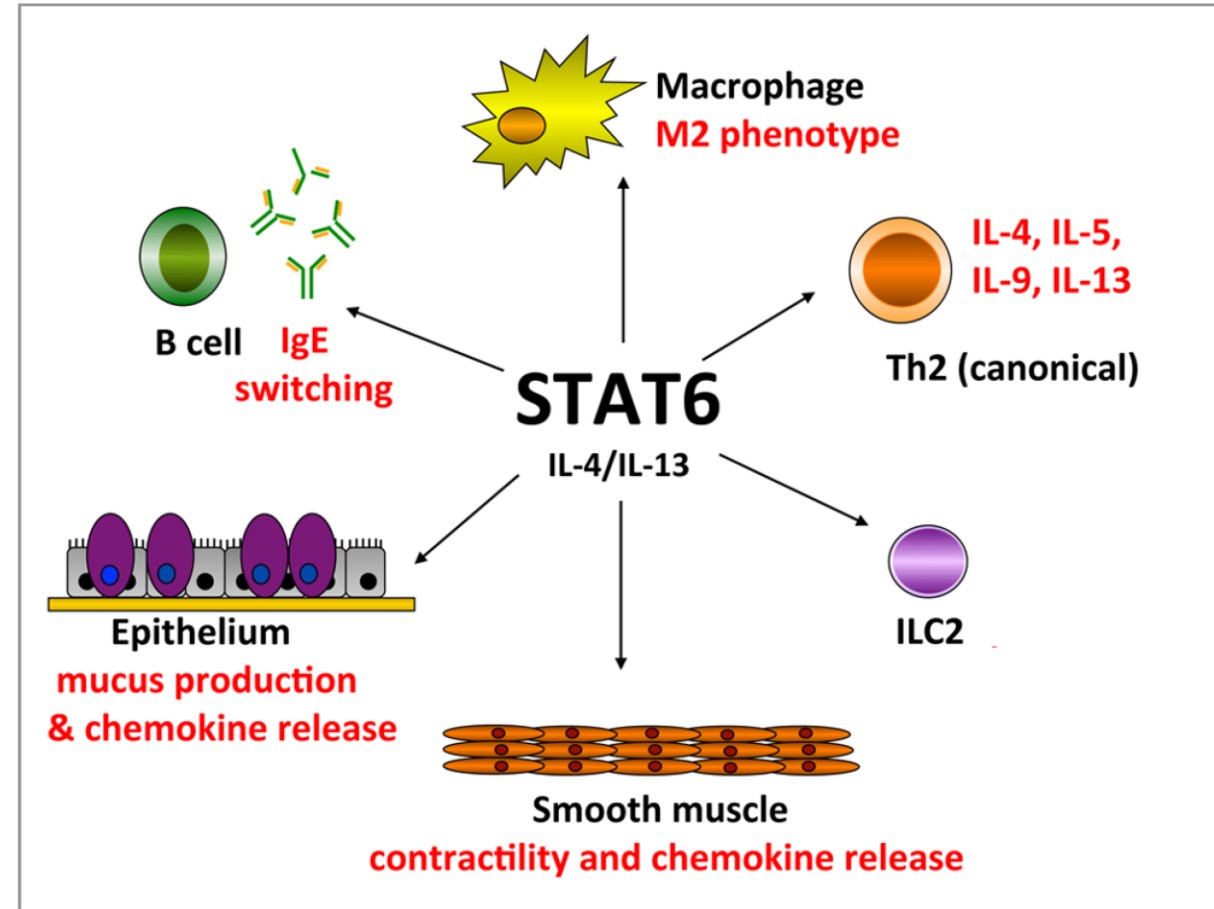
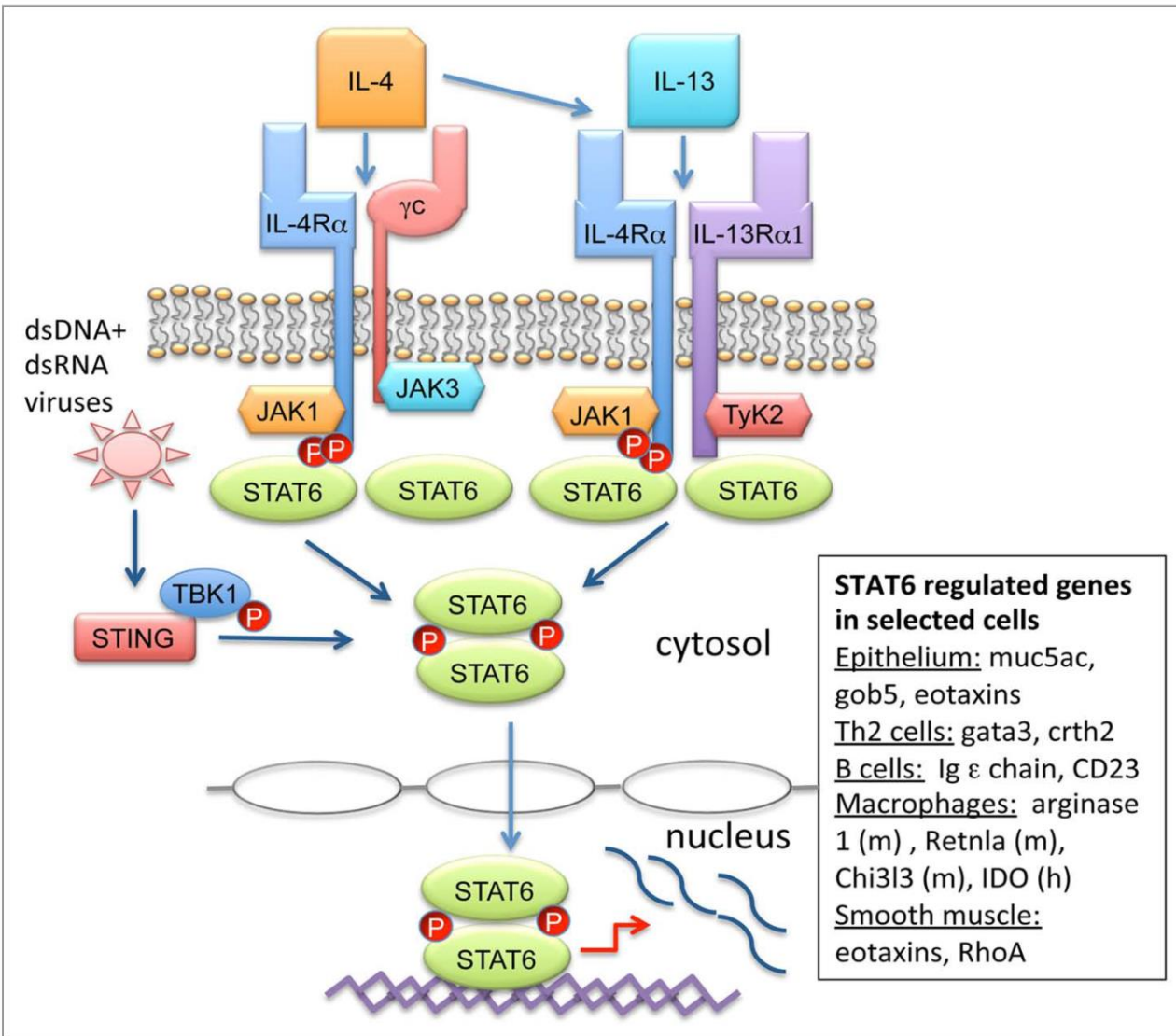
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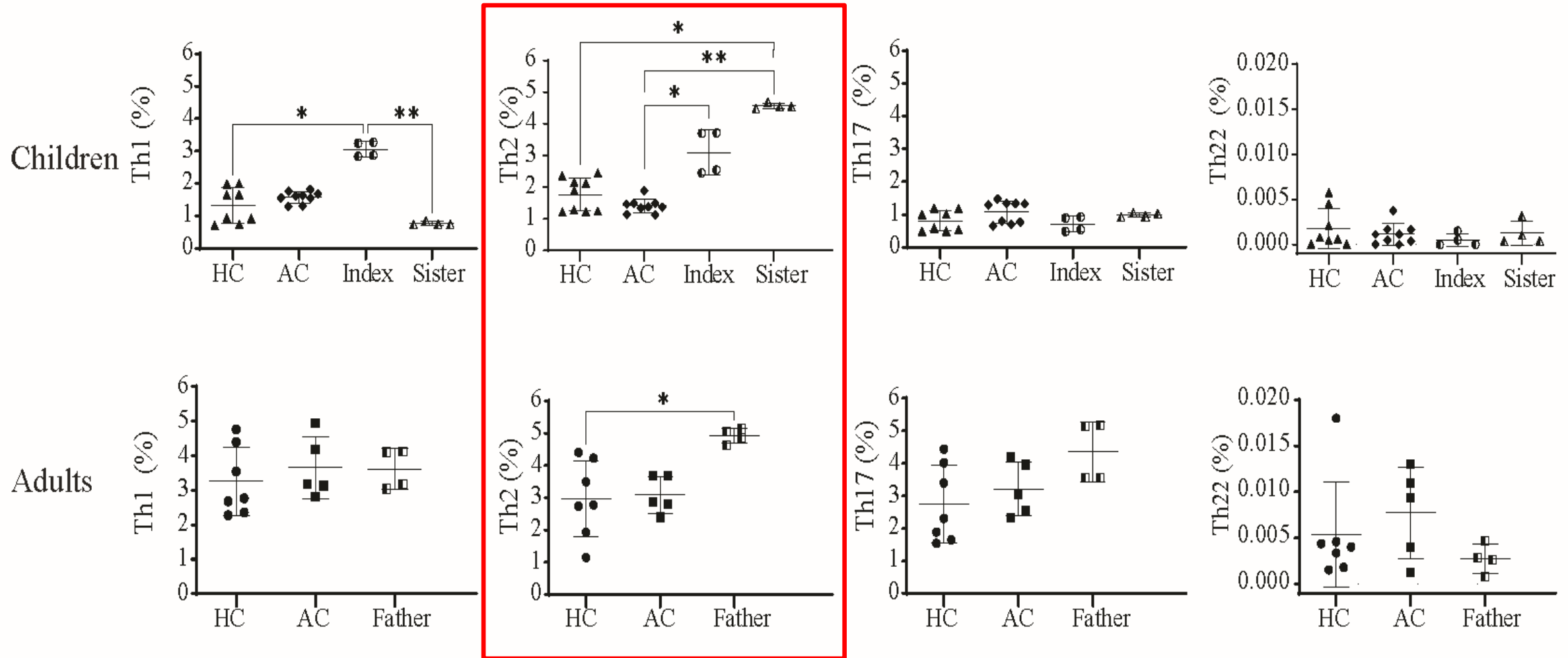




# Effector functions mediated by STAT6 in many cell types



# Increase Th2 cells in the index patient, sister and father



“First description of *STAT6* variant in human”

Brief report

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## A germline *STAT6* gain-of-function variant is associated with early-onset allergies

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**Background:** The signal transducer and activator of transcription 6 (*STAT6*) signaling pathway plays a central role in allergic inflammation. To date, however, there have been no descriptions of

displayed a strong preference for nuclear localization, increased DNA binding affinity, and spontaneous transcriptional activity. Moreover, gastric organoids showed constitutive activation of



Brief report

# STAT6 gain-of-function variant exacerbates multiple allergic symptoms



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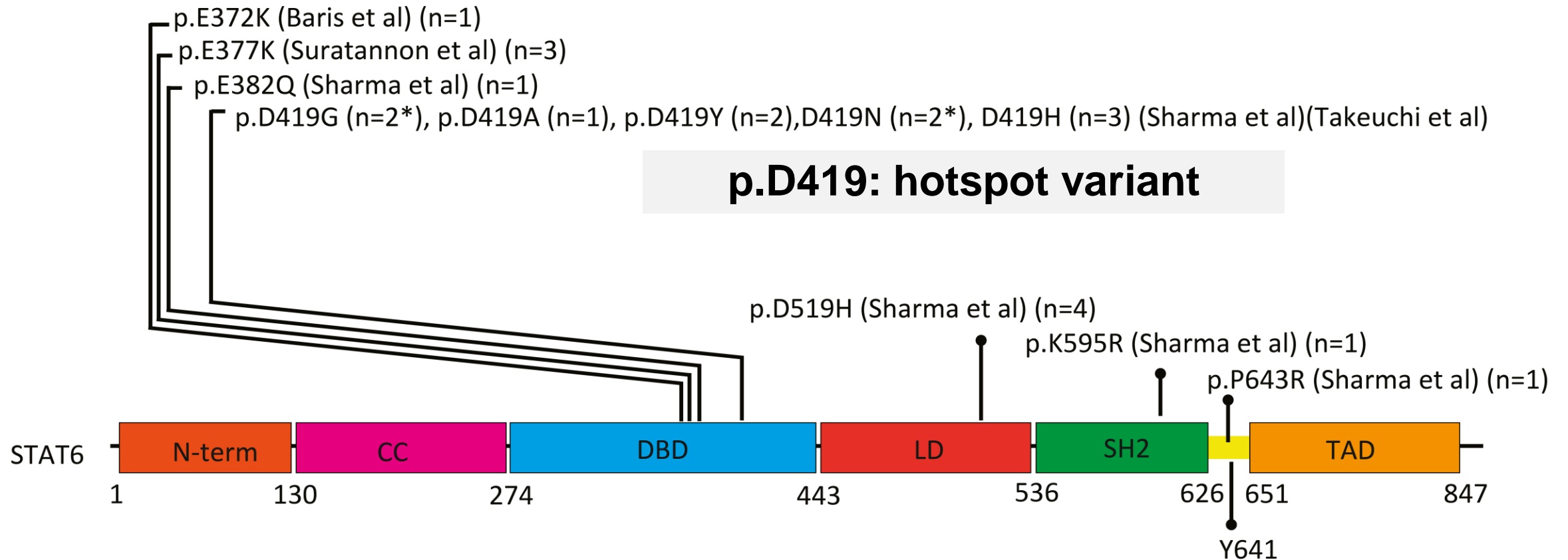


# Autosomal Dominant STAT6 Gain of Function Causes Severe Atopy Associated with Lymphoma

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## 21 affected patients from 13 families were reported worldwide



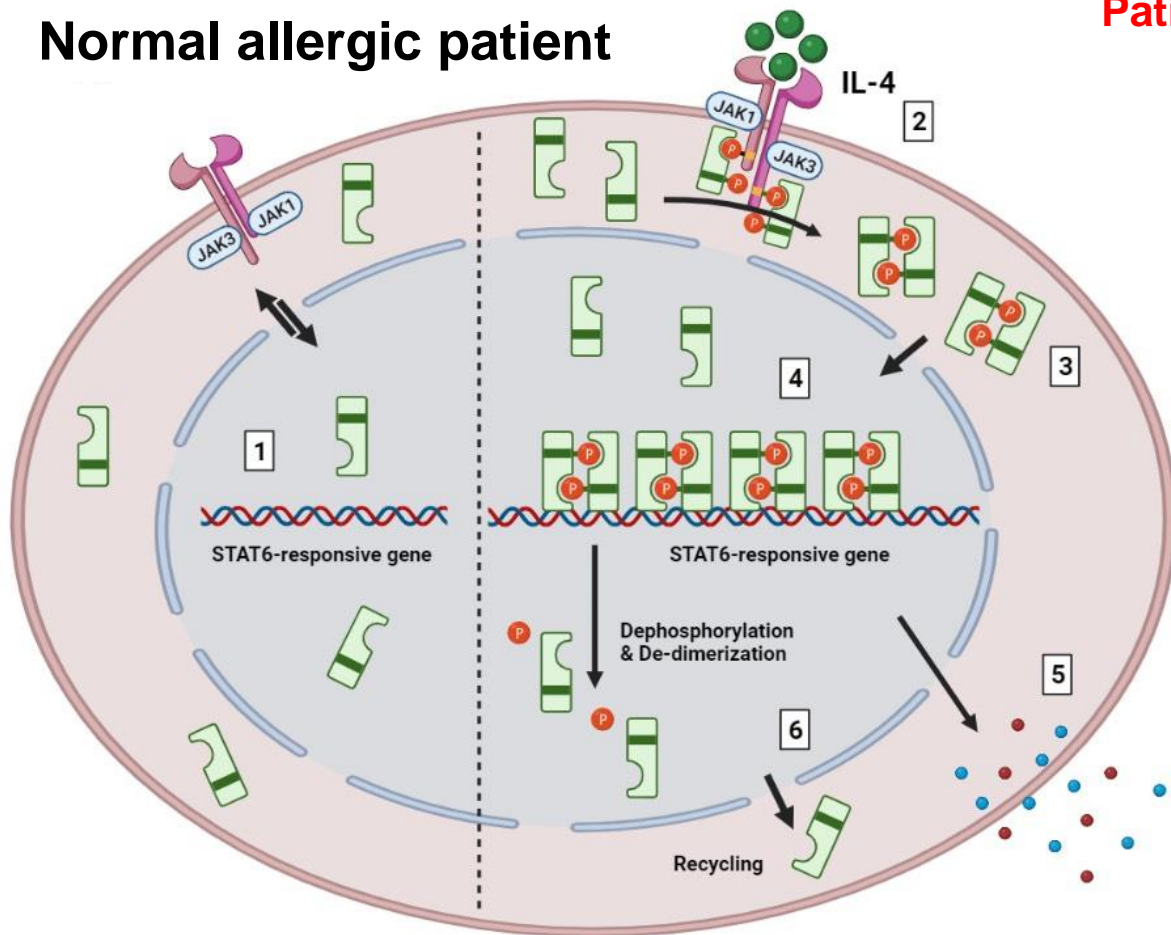
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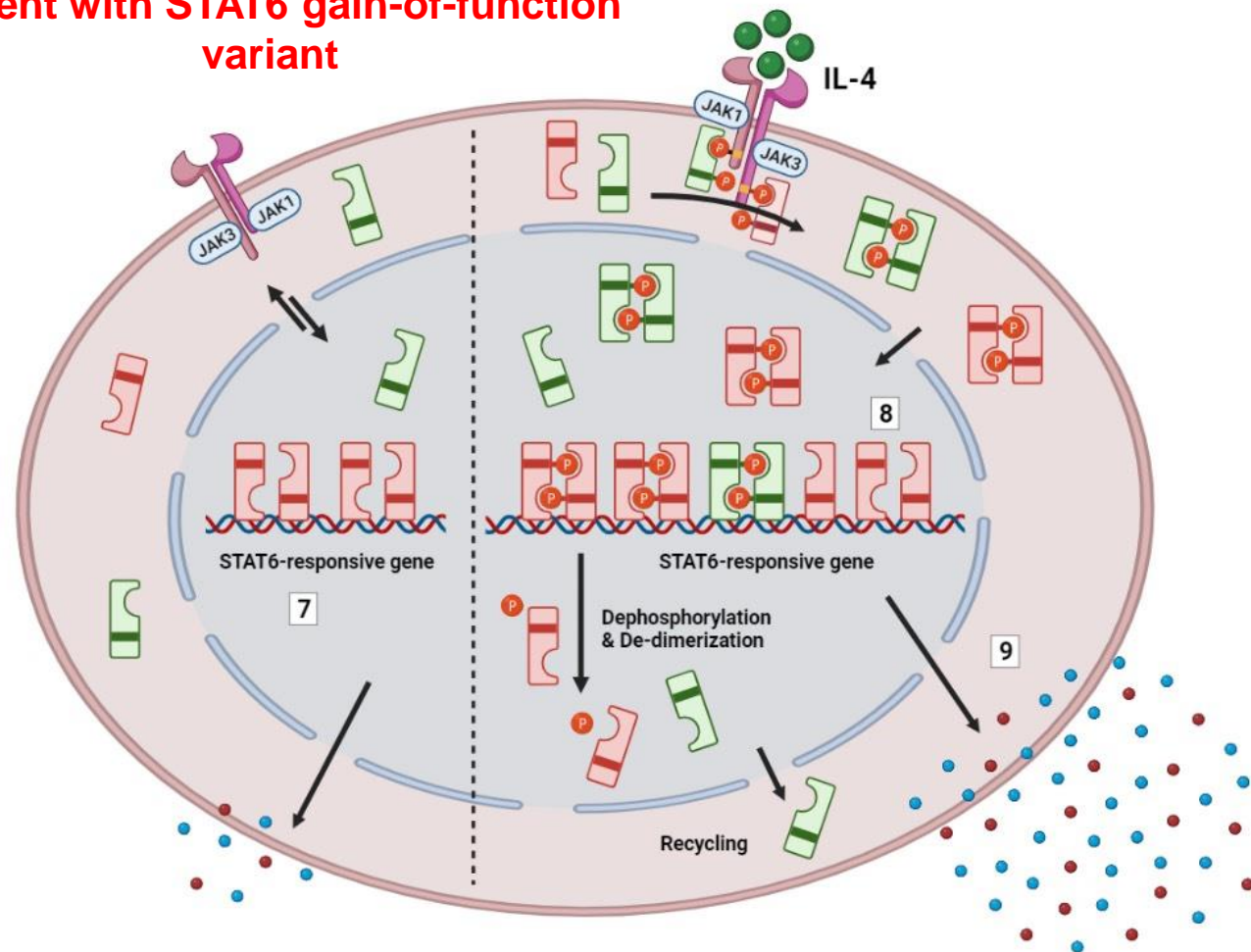
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## Normal allergic patient



Normal allergic response

## Patient with STAT6 gain-of-function variant



Persistent and exaggerated allergic inflammation

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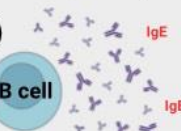
↑ *XBP1, EPS1, BCL6, CISH, IL4R* in T cell    ↑ IL-4 producing TH lymphocytes

↑ STAT-6 related molecules (eotaxin-1, 2, 3, MCP-1)

↑ TH2, TH2-like TFH, TH2-like Tregs, IgE-secreting B lymphocytes

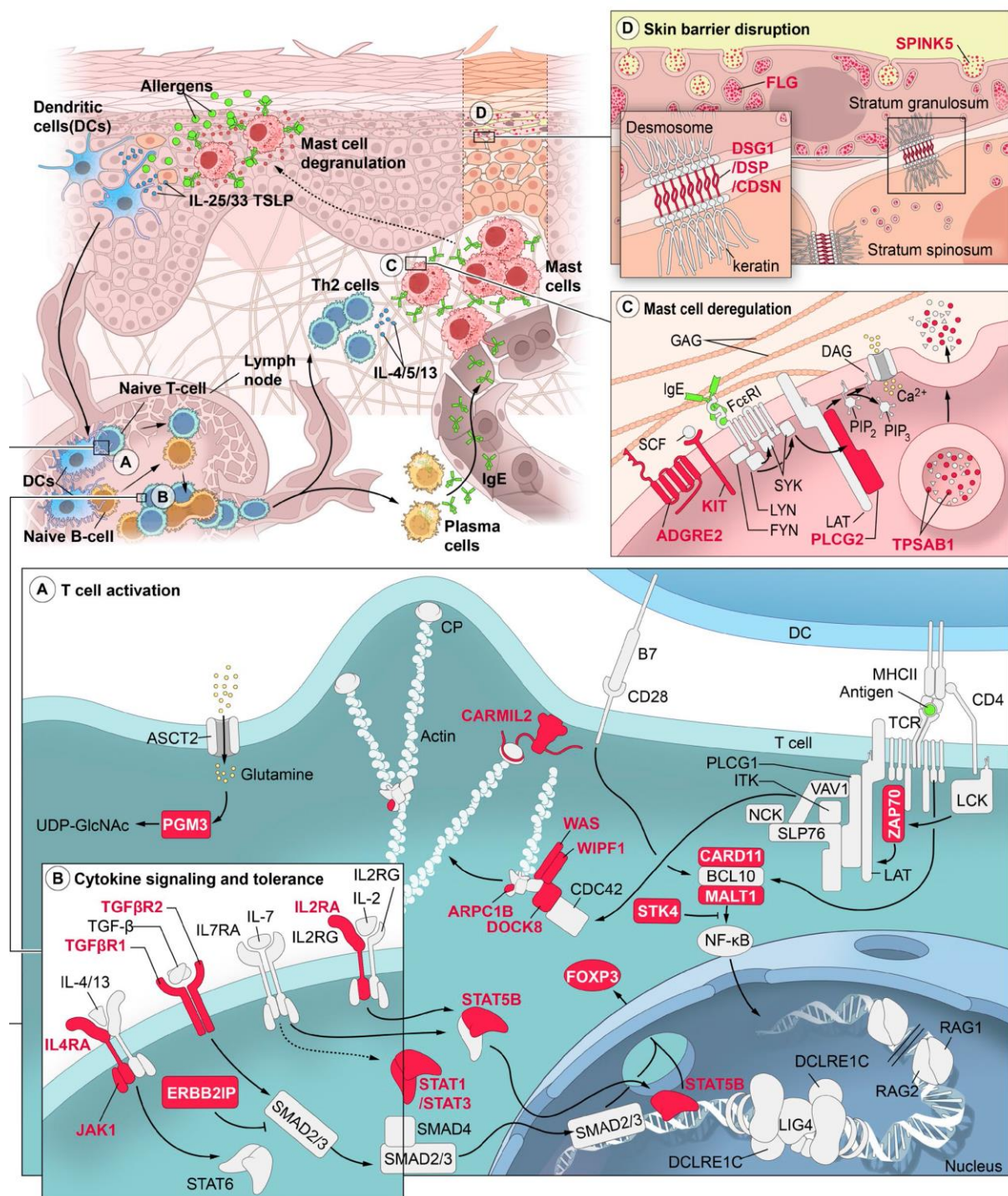
↑ fibrosis- and GC formation-related molecules

↑ Eosinophil





# **Key pathways and molecules involved in monogenic and polygenic allergic diseases**



**What's the matter to identify allergic patients with mendelian inheritance?**

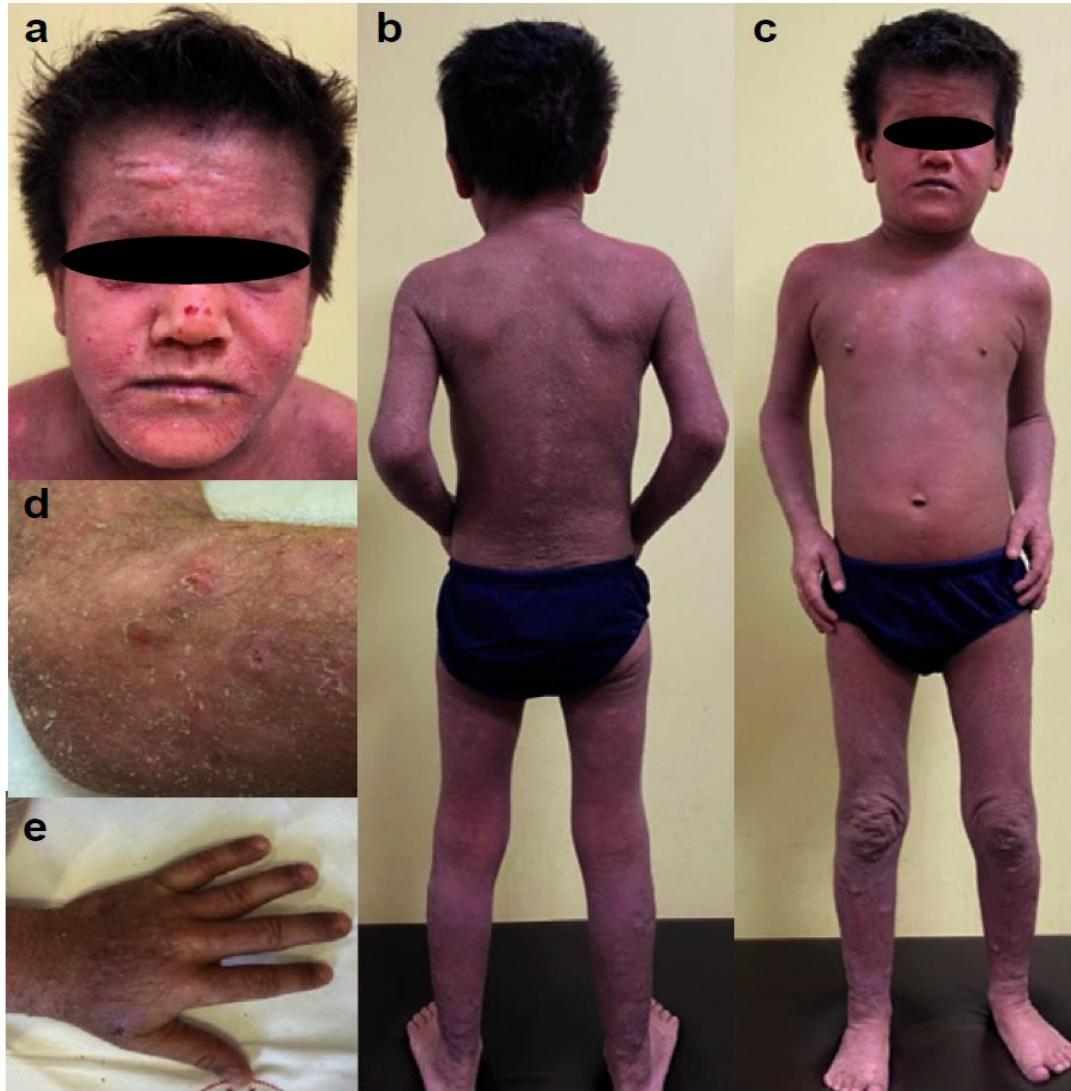




## The patients with *STAT6* GOF variants after IL-4R $\alpha$ antibody

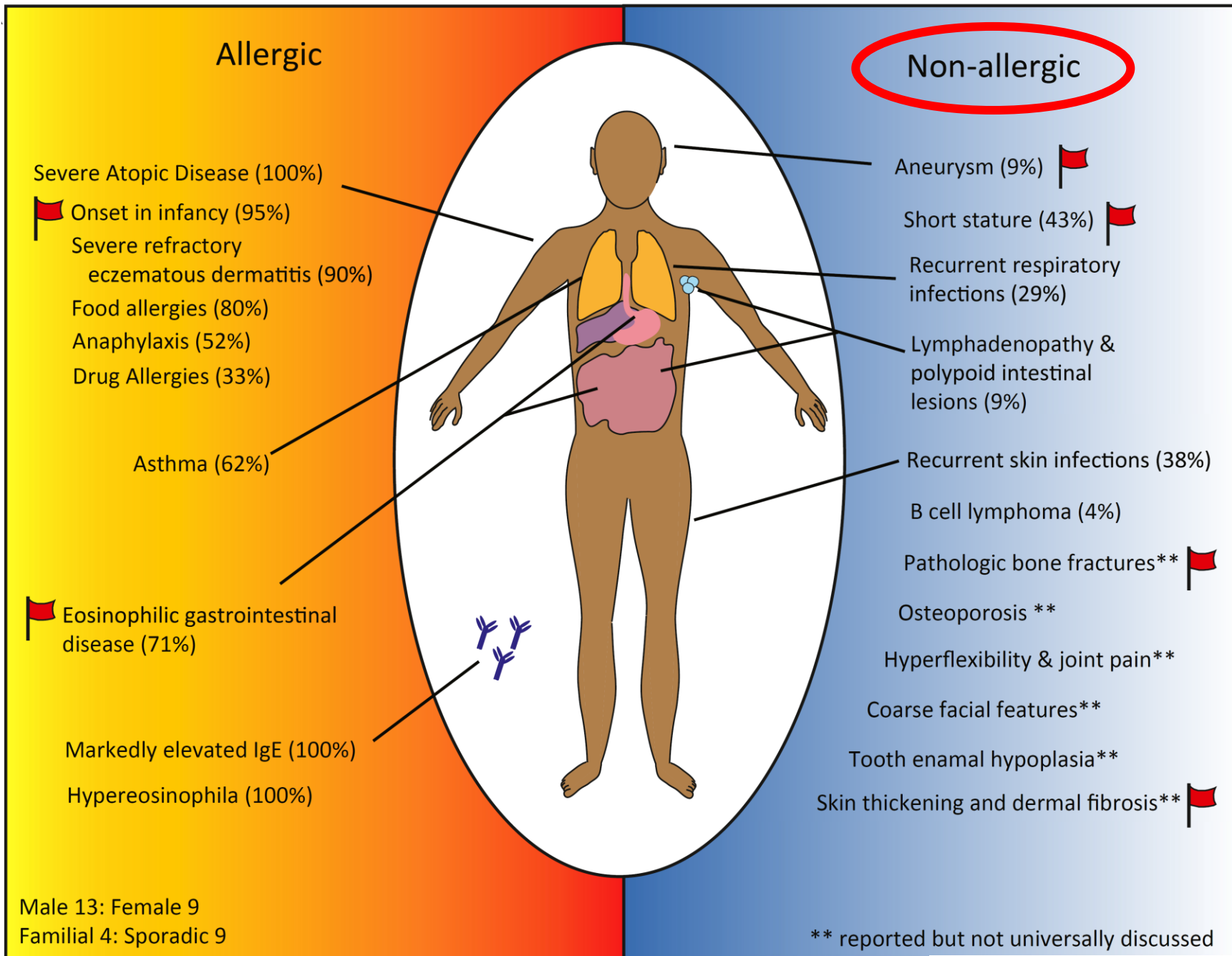


## Before Ruxolitinib



## On Ruxolitinib



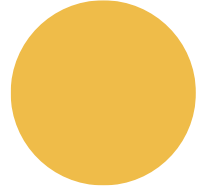




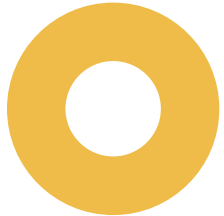
# Extra-allergy manifestations

- A patient from Sharma et al. had **recurrent B-cell lymphomas**.
- Baris et al. noted significant lymphadenopathy in the patient.

# Conclusion:



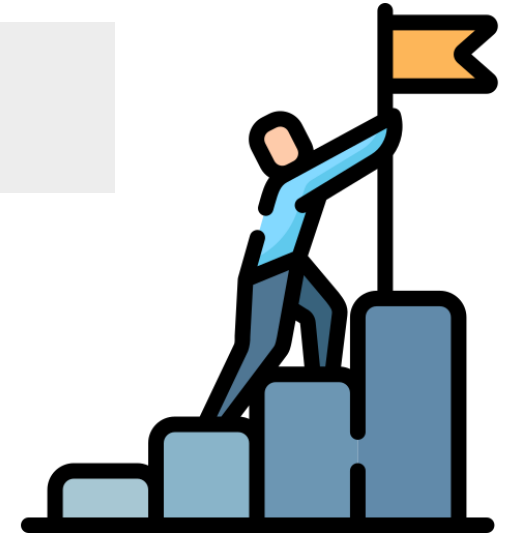
**Treatment-refractory early onset allergies (AD, eosinophilic gastroenteritis): key factors to investigate for the monogenic atopic disorders**



**Different long-term follow-up and early-targeted therapies might be considered.**

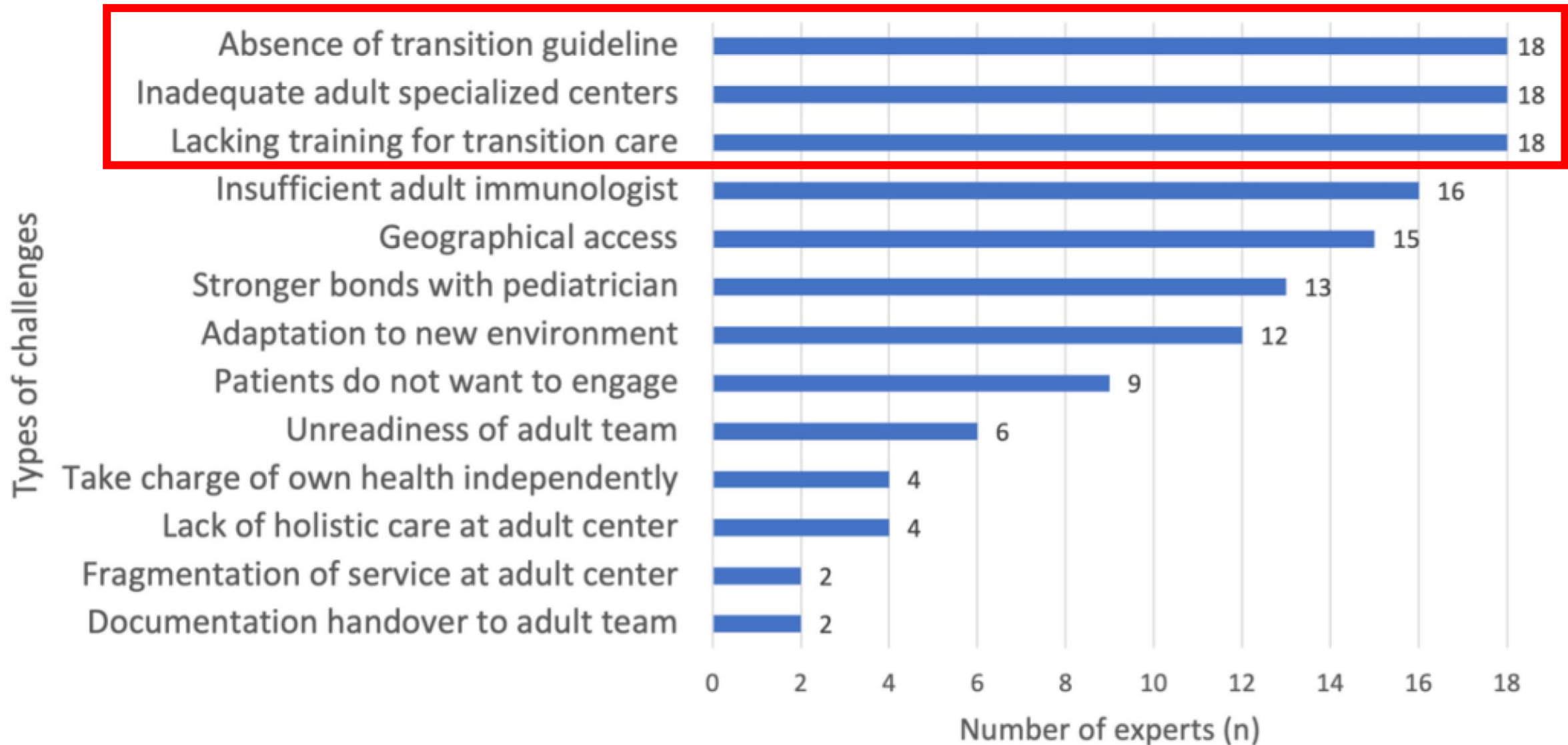
# Challenge

## Transition practice for primary immunodeficiency diseases in Southeast Asia: a regional survey



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■ Challenges of transition care by experts, patients and caregivers



**Thank you for your attention**