

Microbiome

Rosacea
Atopic Dermatitis

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A few facts :

Human body: 10^{13} cells
Microbiota: 10^{14} cells,
 8×10^6 genes (vs 20.000
!)
Weight: 1,5 kg (!)

CUTANEOUS MICROBIOTA

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Whole of
saprophytic and
pathogenic
microorganisms
that colonize
our body

Resident flora stratum
corneum

proteobacterias
firmicutes
bacteriadetes
actinobacterias

Form microbial imprint
25% in hair follicles and
sweat glands

Transitory flora

streptococcus
neisseria
pseudomona
E coli
C albicans
S aureus

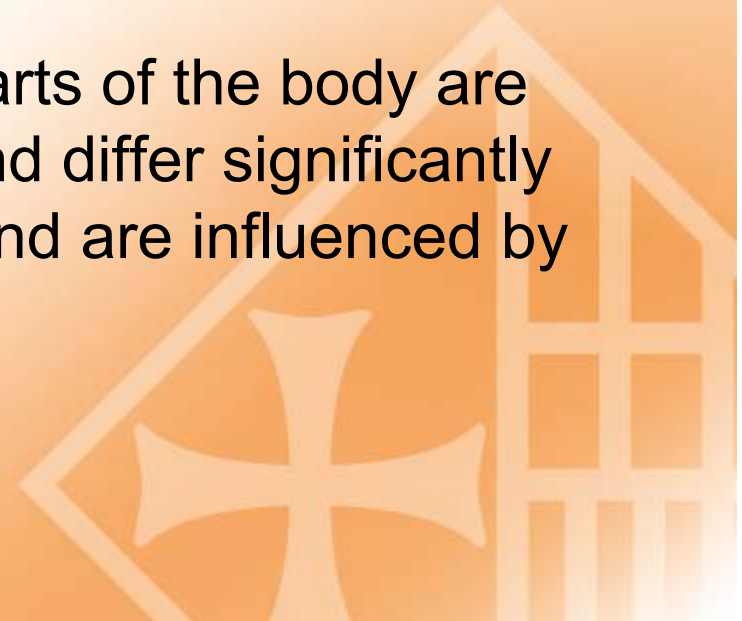
Takes advantage of
habitat modification to
proliferate

An average healthy human body possesses 10^{14} microorganisms – 10-fold the number of human cells.

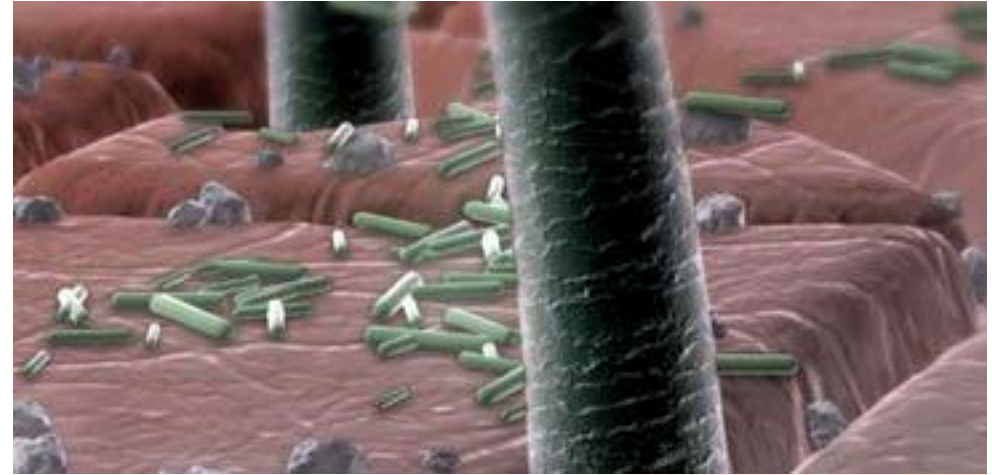
These bacterial, viral, fungal and eukaryotic microorganisms are absolutely essential to everyday life

The gut microbiome is by far the most extensively studied. The human gut contains nearly 10 trillion bacterial cells and over 2000 different species

The bacterial communities in other parts of the body are quite distinct from those in the gut, and differ significantly depending on body site differences and are influenced by pH, temperature and oxygen content.



MICROBIOTA



- A single square centimetre of the human skin can contain up to one billion microorganisms. A single square centimetre of the human skin can contain up to one billion microorganisms
- Distinct skin microbial communities arise, becoming increasingly diverse over time.
- These microbial niches and their inhabitants continue to transform over time with puberty, aging and environmental exposure

Leyden JJ, McGinley KJ, Mills OH *et al.* Age-related changes in the resident bacterial flora of the human face. *J. Invest. Dermatol.* 1975; **65**: 379–81.

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2008 The human microbiome project

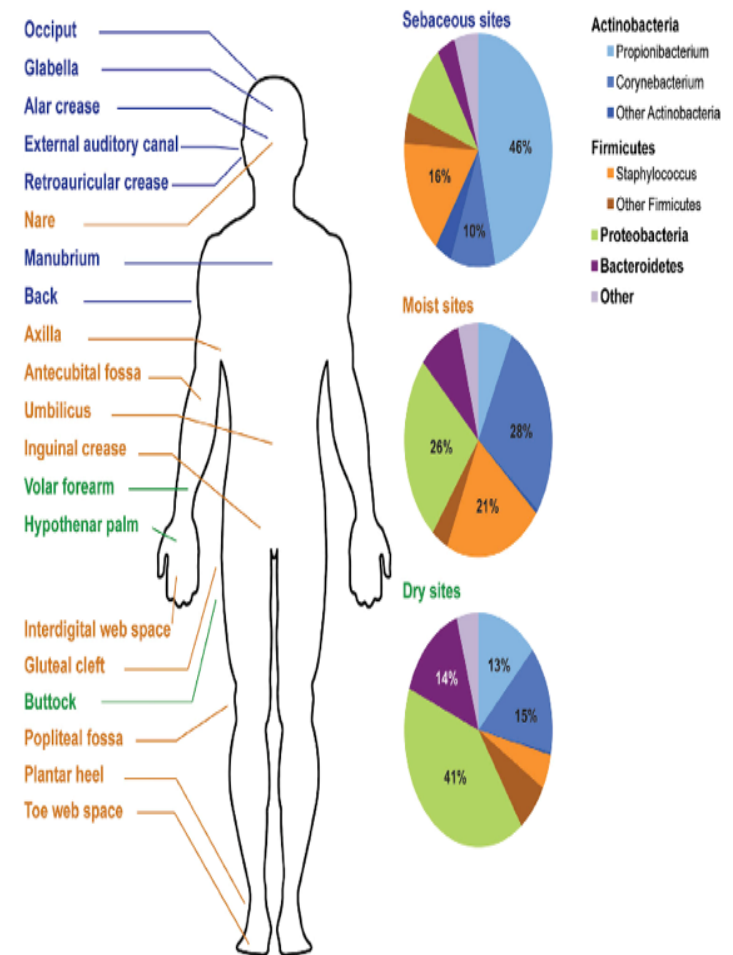
Has helped to characterise the skin microbiome

Studied healthy volunteers and discern how it varies across different niches, individuals and time

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Chen and Isao



- There is a specific relationship between the immune system of each tissue and the naturally colonizing bacteria



- There are skin diseases where there is a modification of the local microbiota
 - ACNE / **ROSACEA** (sebaceous area)
 - PSORIASIS (dry area)
 - **ATOPIC dermatitis** (wet area)

There is a break in balance between inflammatory versus anti-inflammatory flora
Resident bacteria are not passive to protect against infection but are a necessary element for the development of immunity



ROSACEA

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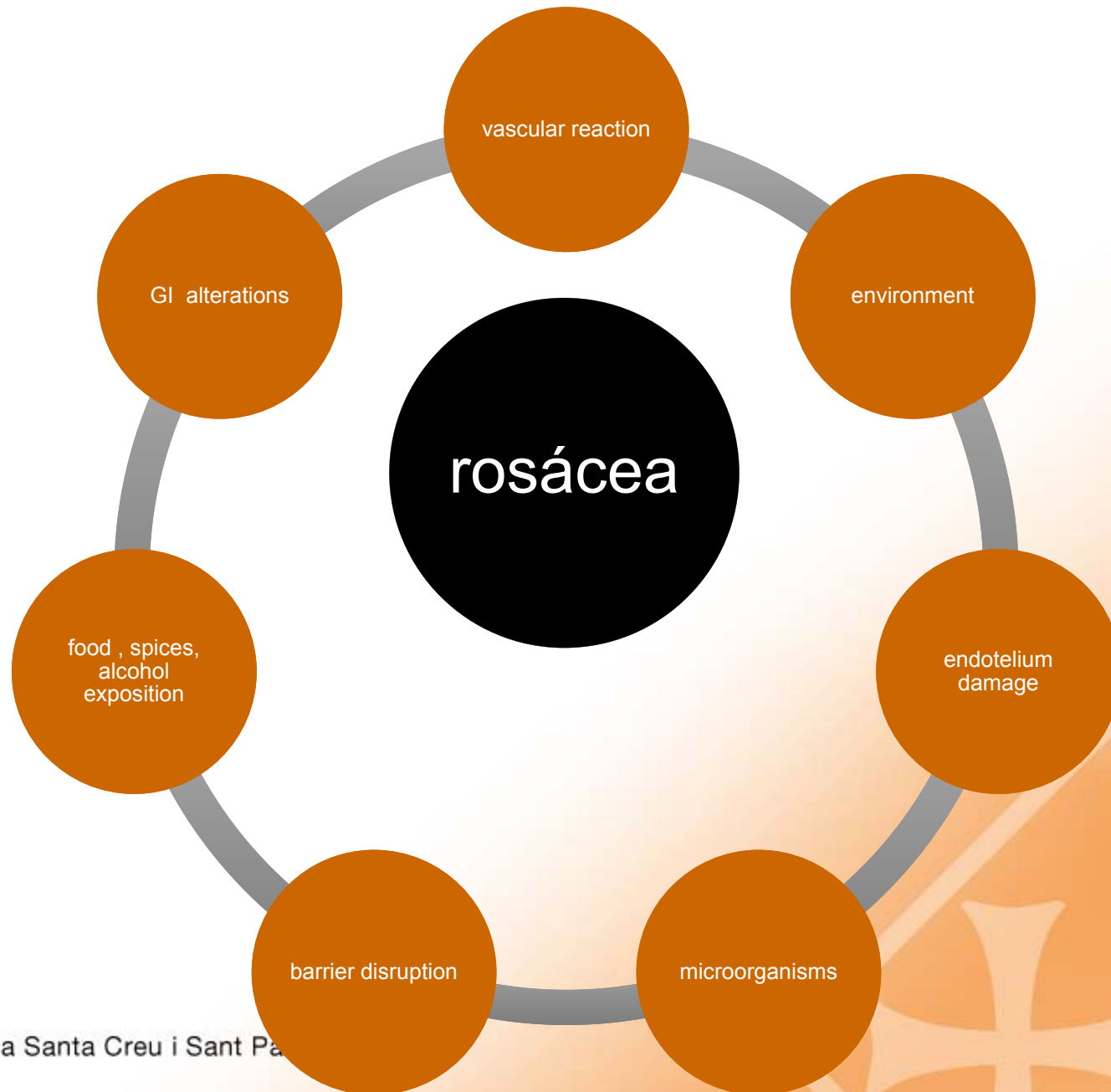


- Rosacea is a chronic disease, with evolution in outbreaks, characterized by an inflammatory process and vasculopathy.



- usually rosacea is primarily characterized by erythema of several and persistent degree, which worsens suddenly (flushing), with or without papular inflammatory or even pustular lesions, similar to acne, and, in more chronic forms, of telangiectasias.





- National Rosacea Society (NRS) developed a classification according to the clinical findings, regardless of evolutionary or pathogenic aspects (erythematotelangiectatic, papulopustular, phymatous and ocular) and only one variant, the granulomatous .

Jansen T, Plewig G. Rosacea: classification and treatment.
J R Soc Med. 1997;90:144-50.

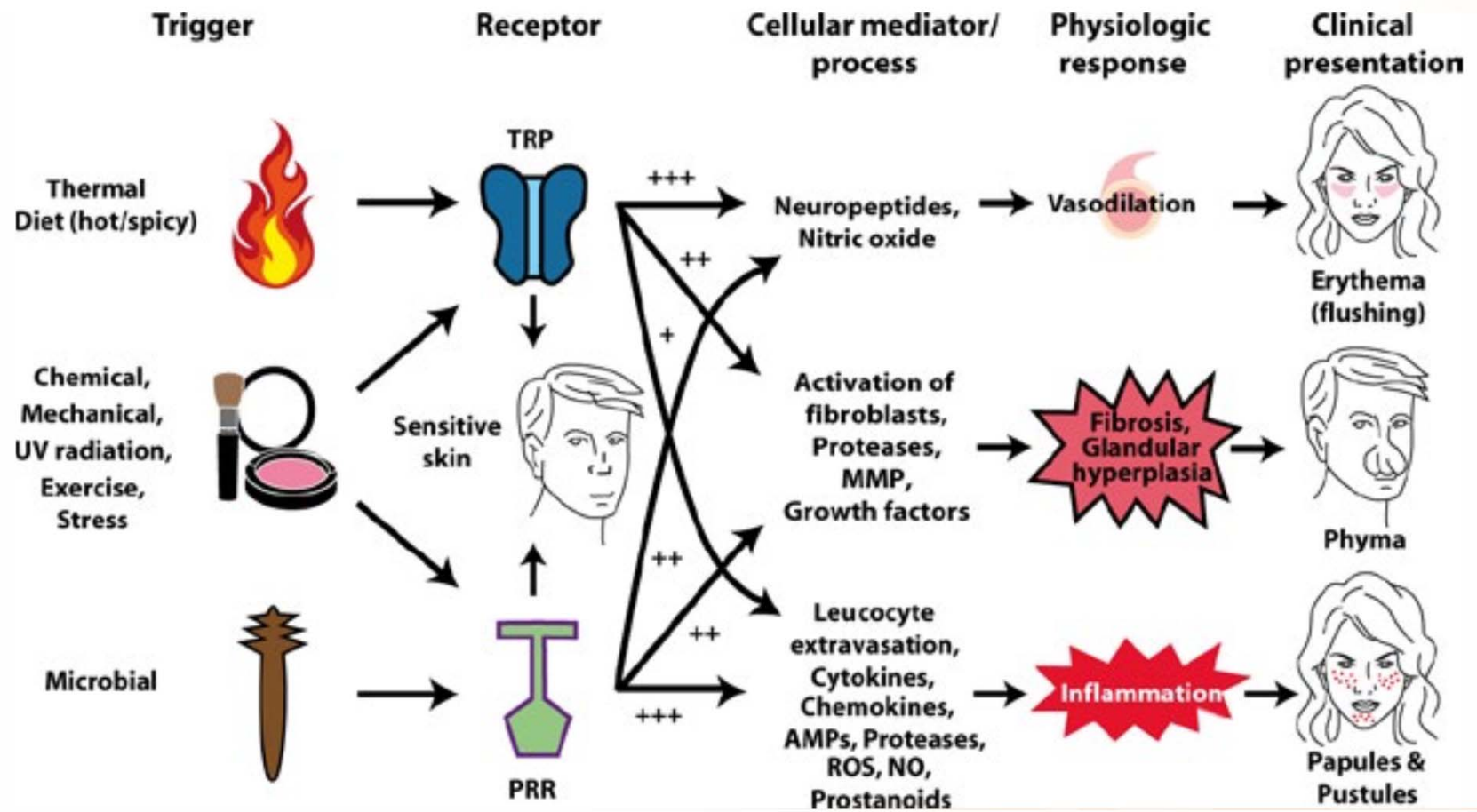
- Rosacea may occur in patients with dry skin or skin with important seborrheic levels, not being necessarily linked to a skin type.
- A recent study evaluated 135 patients with rosacea and without treatment, and showed that the erythematotelangiectatic form of the disease is more common in dry skin than in seborrheic skin.

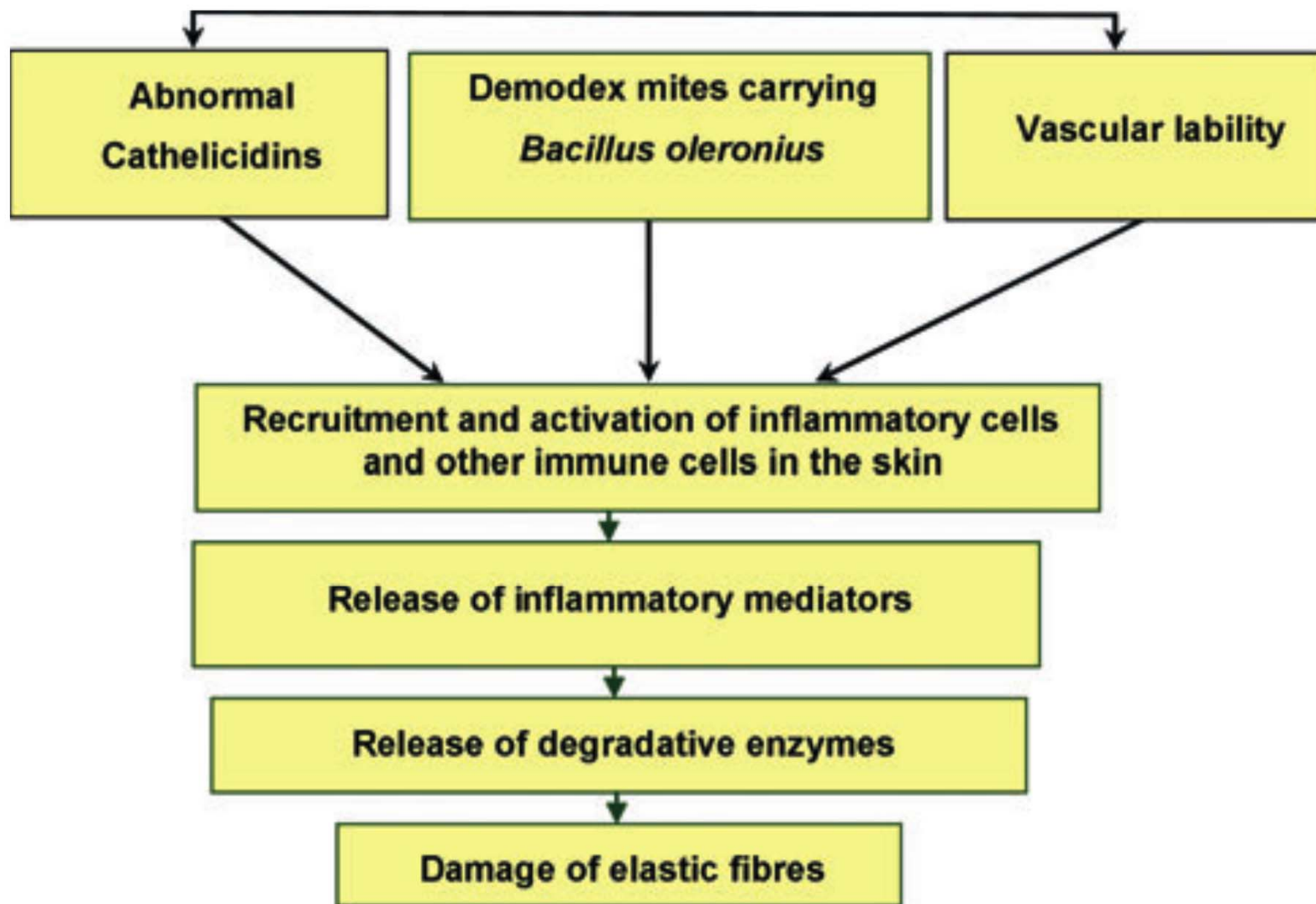
- Papulopustular form
 - sebaceous levels were normal, but with a significant reduction in hydration levels.
 - imbalance in the fatty acid concentration in sebum
 - myristic acid was present in higher concentration in sebum of these patients compared with a control group without the dermatosis
 - saturated long-chain fatty acids (behenic, tricosanoic and lignoceric), as well as monounsaturated cis-11-eicosanoic, were in lower concentrations

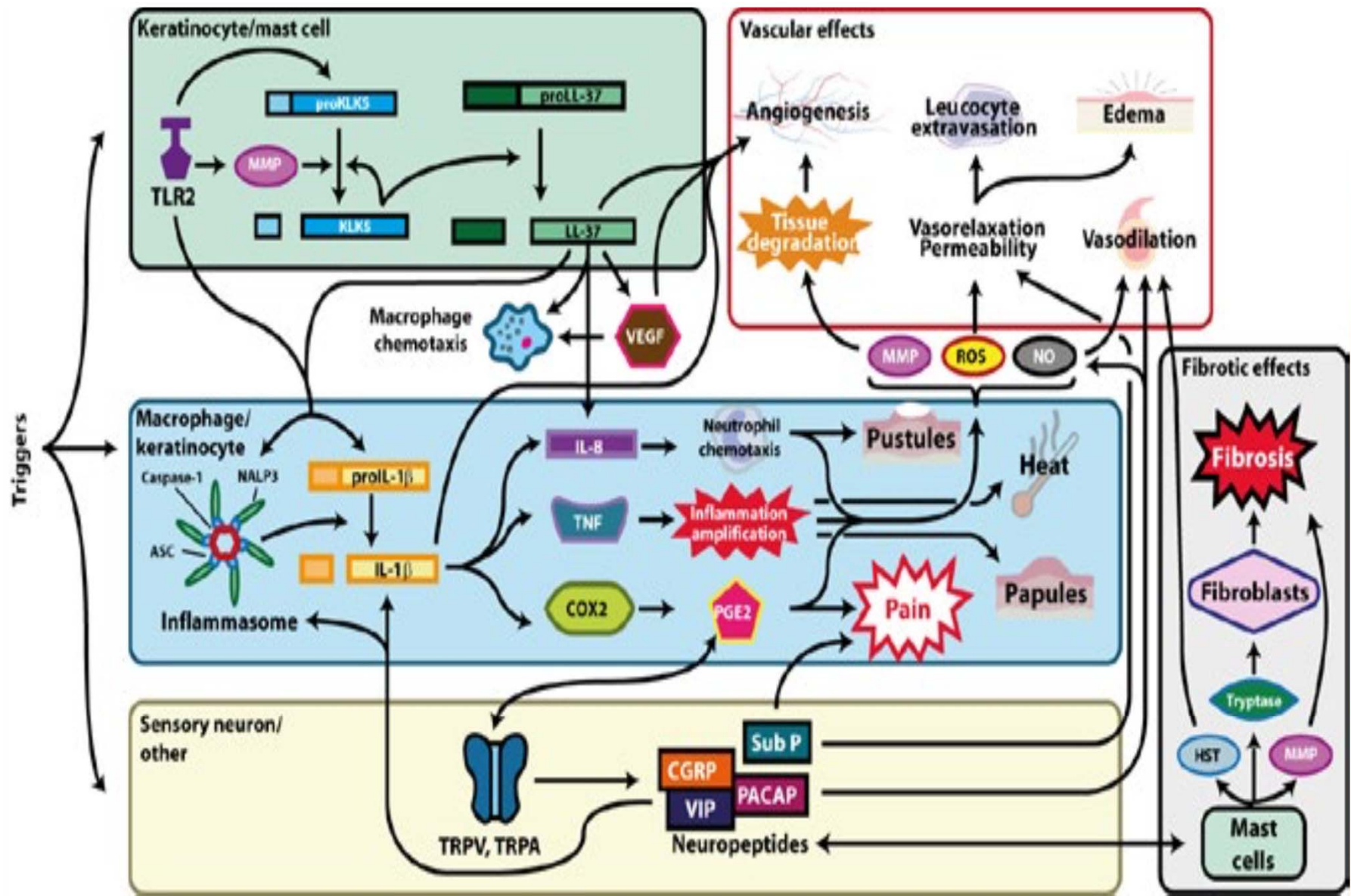
- these patients exhibit a modified innate immune response to environmental stimuli, favoring inflammation. Over time, these inflammatory outbreaks lead to dermal fibrotic conditions
- However, not all patients with erythematotelangiectatic form necessarily progress to phymatous or papulopustular form.



- The innate response involves the secretion of antimicrobial peptides (AMP), from the keratinocytes, sebocytes and mast cells. Expression of these peptides is strictly regulated, because although it is an important line of defense, it can also cause tissue damage.
- Among AMPs, the group of cathelicidins has received special attention in the physiopathology of rosacea.
- Cathelicidin LL-37 is an important molecule in the innate metabolism, and in inflammatory diseases such as rosacea, there is a disturbance in its processing, which results in peptide fragments that cause inflammation







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Epidemiology

5% USA (16 million)

Germany 2.2%

Sweden 10%

Estonia 22%

Prevalence increase from south to north

Phototypes I and II

Older adults . Women early onset.

Fimas in men Poor QoL stigmatization, loss of self-esteem and anxiety

Berg M, Lidén S: An epidemiological study of rosacea. Acta Derm Venereol 1989, 69:419-23.

Abram K, Silm H, Oona M: Prevalence of rosacea in an Estonian working population using a standard classification. Acta Derm Venereol 2010, 90:269-73.

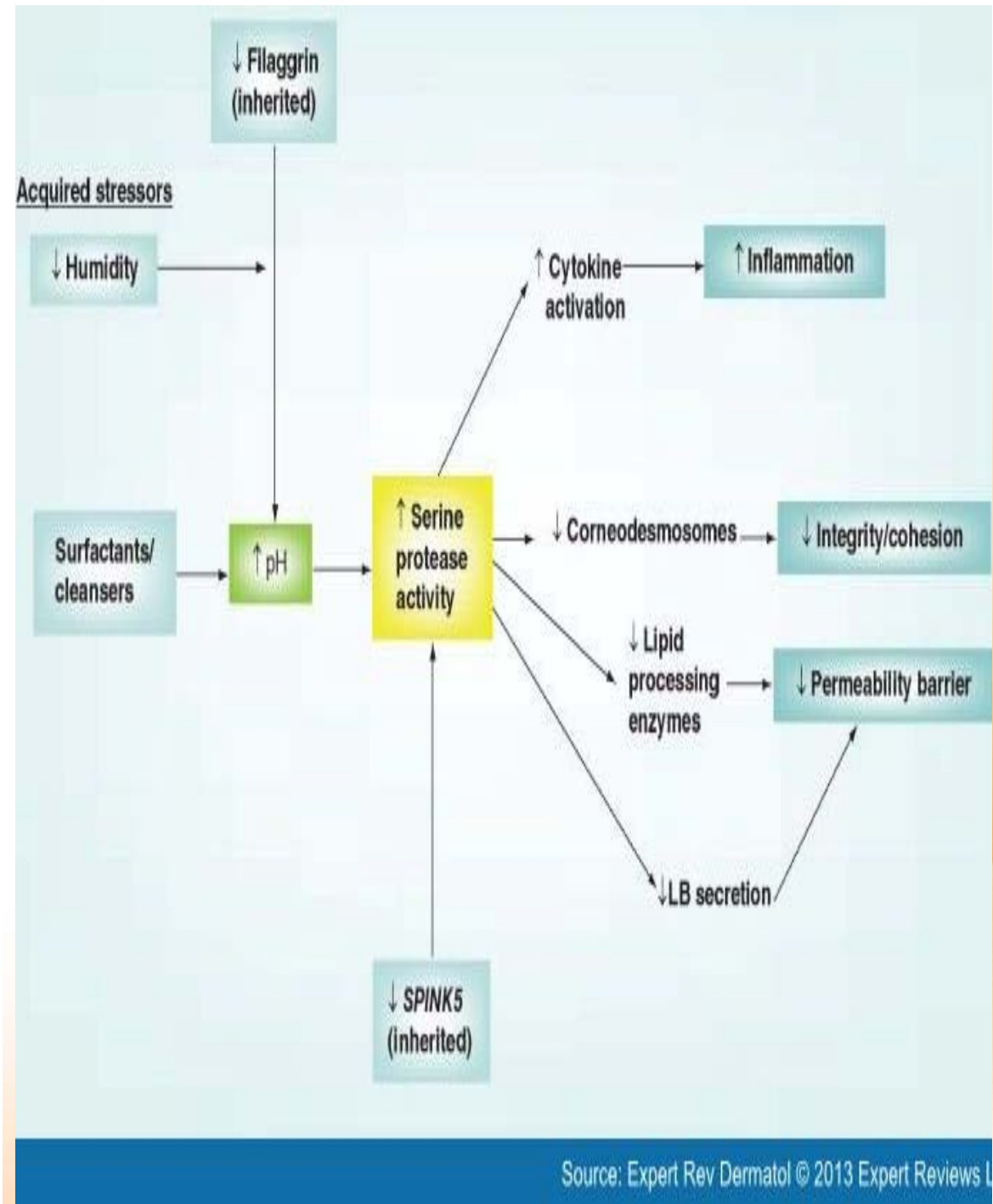
Böhm D, Schwanitz P, Stock G, Gissendanner S, Schmid-Ott G, Schulz W: Symptom severity and psychological sequelae in rosacea: Results of a survey. Psychol Health Med 2013; in press.

Pathophysiology

- Innate immunity altered
- Neurogenic inflammation
- Vascular changes
- Environmental factors
- Genetics: 30-40% patients have a relative with rosacea



- High association of rosacea with sensitive skin
- Concept of alteration of the barrier function in this entity
- Restricted to facial area *///* a DA
- Increased TEWL activates epidermal proteases (serine proteases stratum corneum)



Innate immunity– microbiome

expression PRR modified

- Are innate immune receptors expressed by keratinocytes, which release cytokines, chemokines and AMP
- TLR2 Recognize Bacterial Wall Constituents

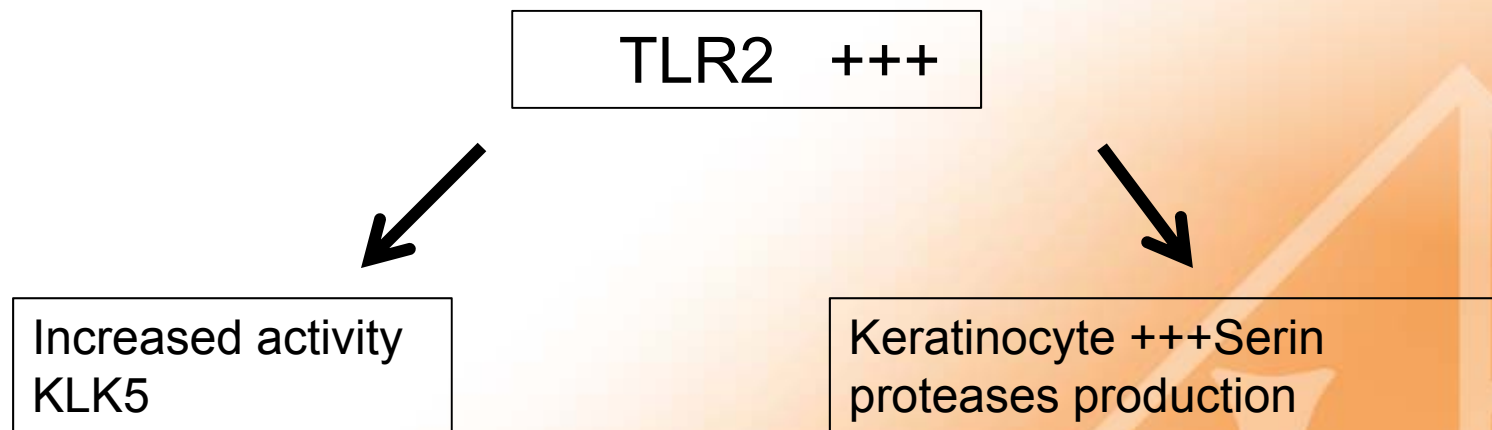
PRRs

- **TLR** Toll like receptors----TLR2.....IL-10
- **NOD** nucleotide oligomerization domain
- **NLR** nucleotide like receptors
- **CLR** c-type lectin receptors
- **GRR** G-protein coupled receptors
- **RIG** retinoid acid inducible gene
- **RLR** retinoid I like receptors

PRR = pattern recognition receptors
PAMP = pathogen associated molecular patterns

In rosacea there is increased expression TLR 2
Hence greater susceptibility to stimulate innate
immune system

LL37 (AMP) increased levels in rosacea (it is
angiogenic, antimicrobial and proinflammatory)



LIVING AGENTS

Demodex Prevalence 60% approx.

It would be an aggravating factor, not causal

Hypersensitivity to Demodex Folliculorum

Distribution in the sebaceous follicle

Demodex folliculorum

- Upper density 5 mites / cm²
- Can activate NOD-like receptors in vitro
- NALP3 activates the 1 β inflammasome activating the immune response



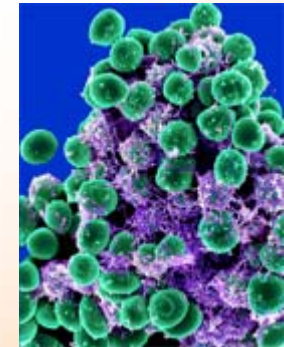
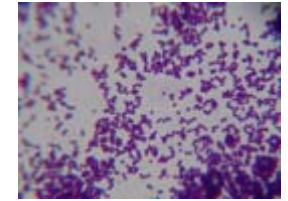
Bacillus oleronius

- Endospores in the mobile gram-negative
- Its pathogenic potential unknown
- Their proteins trigger proliferative response in mononuclear cells in peripheral blood



Staphylococcus epidermidis

- Most prevalent commons of healthy skin
- Presence associated with skin protection against pathogenic species
- Potential pathogen only in wounds and medical devices inserted
- Abundant presence in pustular lesions
- Altered secretion profile



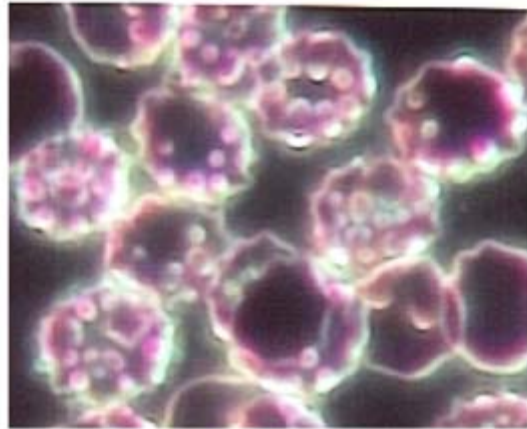
Helicobacter pylori

- Controversial literature on its role
- CagA (virulence factor) inconclusive



Chlamydophila pneumoniae

- Intracellular pathogen
- Study single uncontrolled detection Ag C pneumoniae in 40% samples malarial biopsies and Ac in 80% of sera

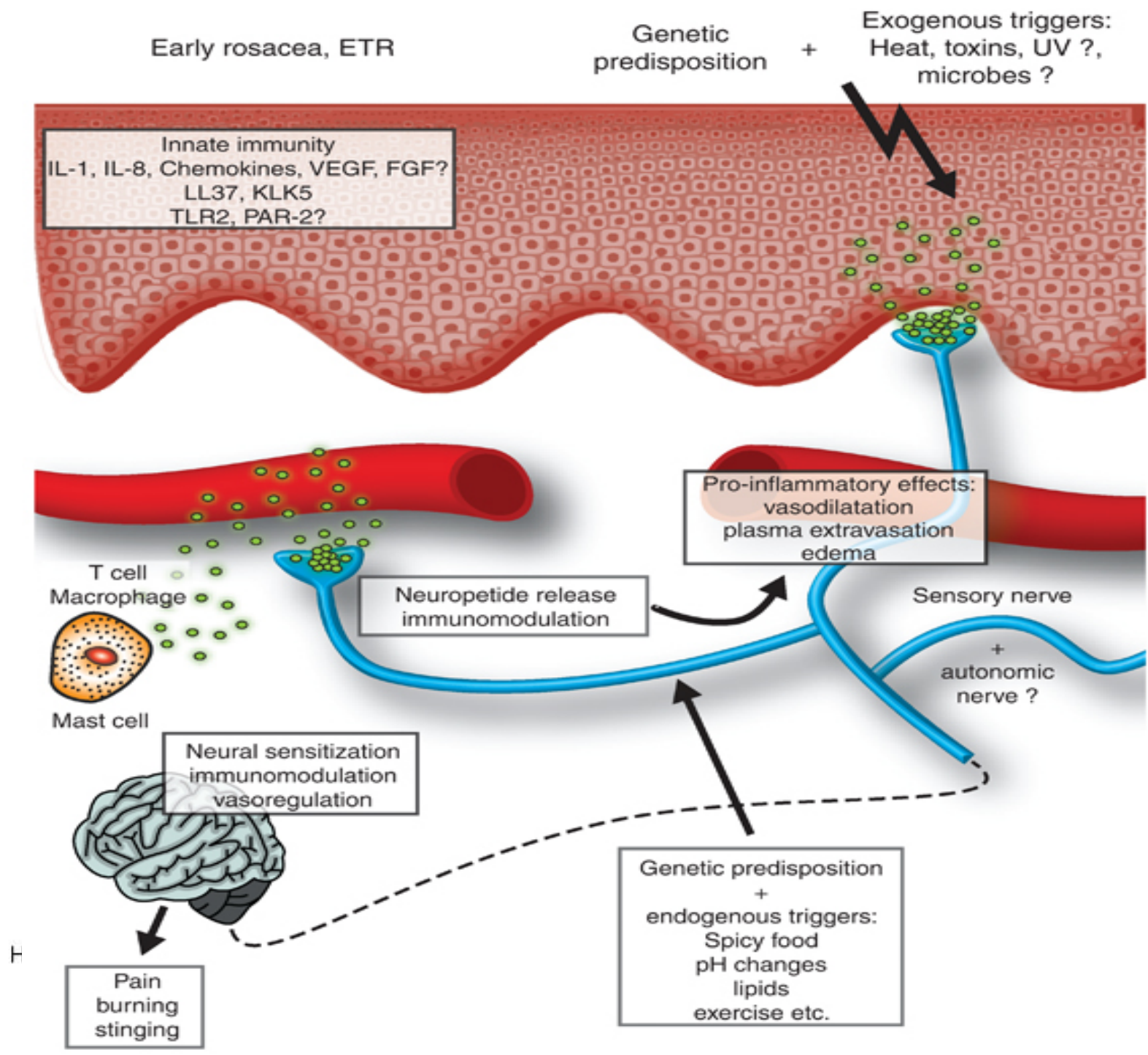


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Neurogenic inflammation

Vascular changes

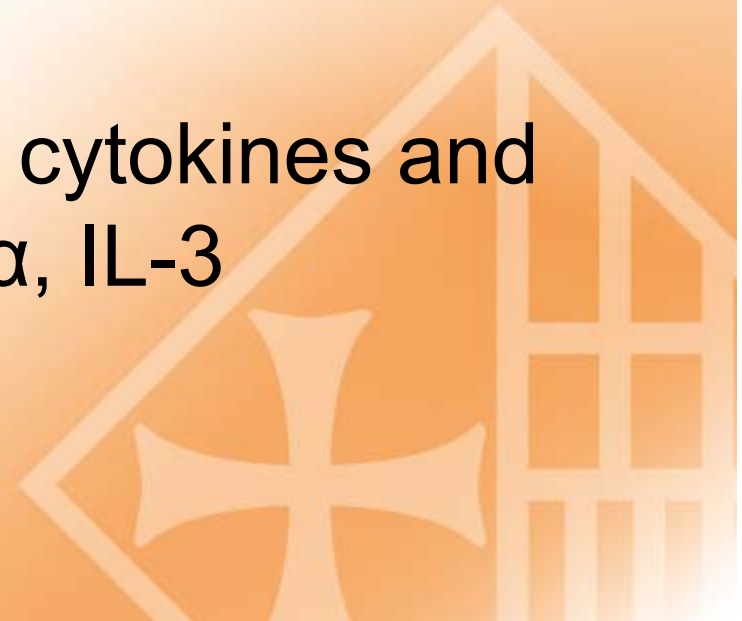
- Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) is present in the epidermis and is expressed by infiltrating cells
- VEGF receptor-ligand binding contributes to vascular changes and cellular infiltrate
- The intestinal vasoactive peptide (VIP) is increased in the serum and in the cutaneous blood vessels of the phymomatous R
- LL37 induces cell-endothelial changes promoting vascular effects on rosacea

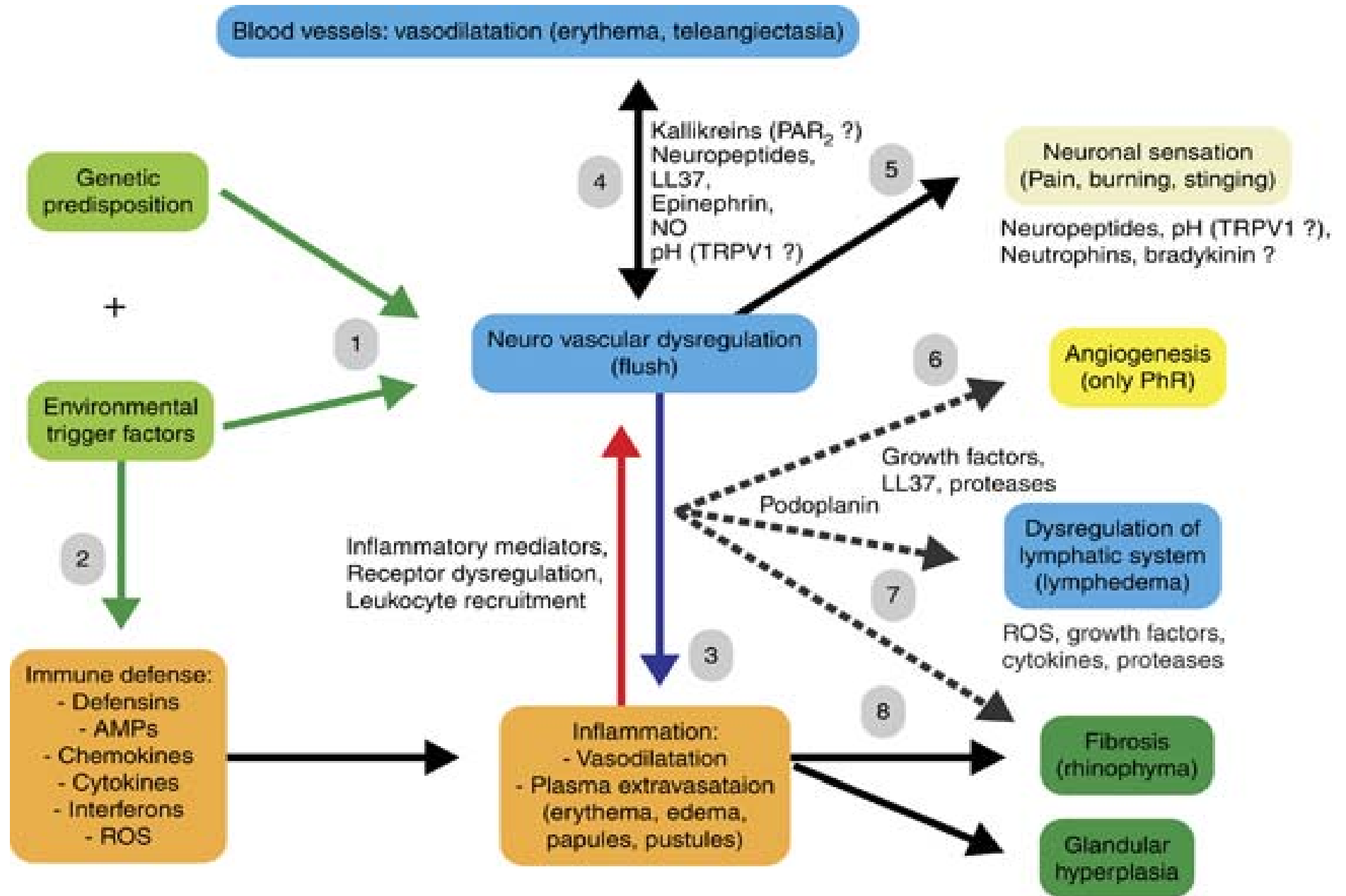


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- Sust P has also been linked to rosacea
- Regulates local blood flow
- Induces mast cell degranulation
- Increased proinflammatory cytokines and chemokines CXCL8, TNF- α , IL-3





- The affected skin of rosacea has a lower heat sensitivity threshold than normal skin.
- Possible participation of transient potential receptors of vanilloide ions TRPV1 and ankirin 1 (TRPA1) ions as heat and cold cellular sensors
- Its activation increases the release of sust P
- The expression of TRPV1 genes is increased in type 1 rosacea
- The immunoreactivity of TRPV2, TRPV4 and TRPV2 gene expression is increased in type 2 of rosacea
- TRPV3 and TRPV4 increased in type 3

Environmental factors

- Food: food temperature, alcohol
- Stress as a trigger for seborrhea
- Climate: temperature variations.
- Solar exposure as a triggering factor UV induces ROS formation (reactive oxygen species) TLR2-ROS interaction increases levels CXCL8
- Myeloid differentiation factor (MyD88) overexpressed



Table 1. Questionnaire scores in the two rosacea categories and in controls

	Controls (<i>n</i> = 86)	Mean ± SD		Statistical significance	
		Mild rosacea (<i>n</i> = 19)	Severe rosacea (<i>n</i> = 12)	<i>F</i> ratio	Partial η^2
Blushing propensity	35.5 ± 8.6	41.7 ± 10.3	49.6 ± 7.6 [†]	11.15***	0.165
Stress	10.7 ± 6.8	11.2 ± 4.3	17.8 ± 10.9 [†]	4.82**	0.079
Anxiety	4.9 ± 5.2	4.8 ± 4.7	5.1 ± 3.2	0.06	0.001
Depression	4.6 ± 6.2	3.7 ± 4.4	7.1 ± 8.4	1.18	0.021
Fear of negative evaluation	12.6 ± 7.4	15.6 ± 7.7	15.2 ± 8.3	1.78	0.030
Social interaction anxiety	18.0 ± 9.1	19.5 ± 13.5	24.9 ± 17.4	1.40	0.024
Social phobia	10.8 ± 7.1	12.6 ± 10.3	18.7 ± 12.8 [†]	3.89*	0.064

SD = standard deviation.

[†]Greater than the control and mild rosacea group ($p < 0.05$ in tests of simple main effects).

* $p < 0.05$.

** $p < 0.01$.

*** $p < 0.001$.

SPECIAL REPORT

**Health-related Quality of Life in Patients with Cutaneous Rosacea:
A Systematic Review**

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Out of 984 references, 12 studies were included. Three HRQoL instruments were used: Short Form-36 (SF-36), Dermatology Life Questionnaire Index (DLQI) and Rosacea Quality of Life Index (RosaQoL). Because of the heterogeneity of the included studies, data synthesis was hardly feasible. All studies reported a negative impact on HRQoL, which appeared to be associated with disease severity and age. Results regarding the association with sex and subtype were mixed. With regard to the clinical relevance of HRQoL scores of rosacea patients, it seems that rosacea has a small to moderate effect on HRQoL.



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Atopic dermatitis



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- Atopic dermatitis (AD) is characterized by intense itch, disruption of the skin barrier, and upregulation of type 2 (including type 2 helper T cell [Th2]) immune responses^{1,2}
- AD significantly impairs quality of life in both adults and children^{3–5}
- There is relatively little qualitative information on patient perception of AD and impact of the disease on their life

- The most annoying symptom is a recalcitrant pruritus
- There is an 'itch-scratch cycle' response
- Epidermal epithelial terminal differentiation anomalies
- Contains a defective stratum corneum
- Increased penetration of allergens and IgE sensitization

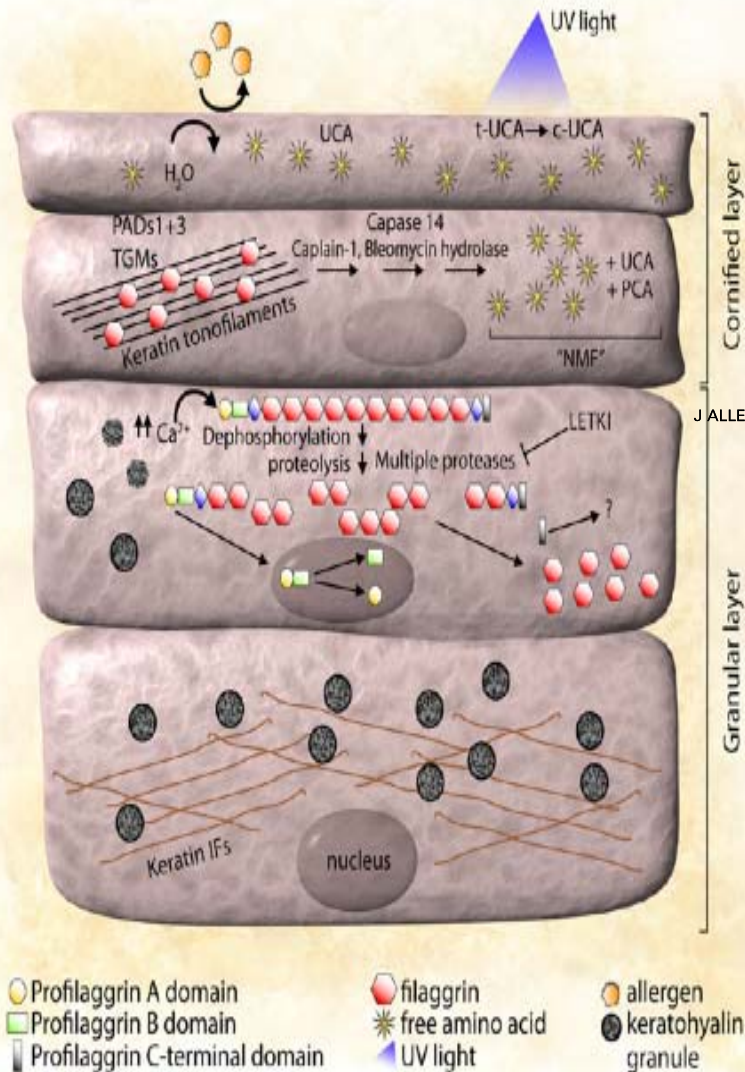


- Usual onset at early age apr.20%
- Prevalence in adults 2-5%
- Chronic and relapsing course
- Requires safe and long-term treatment strategies

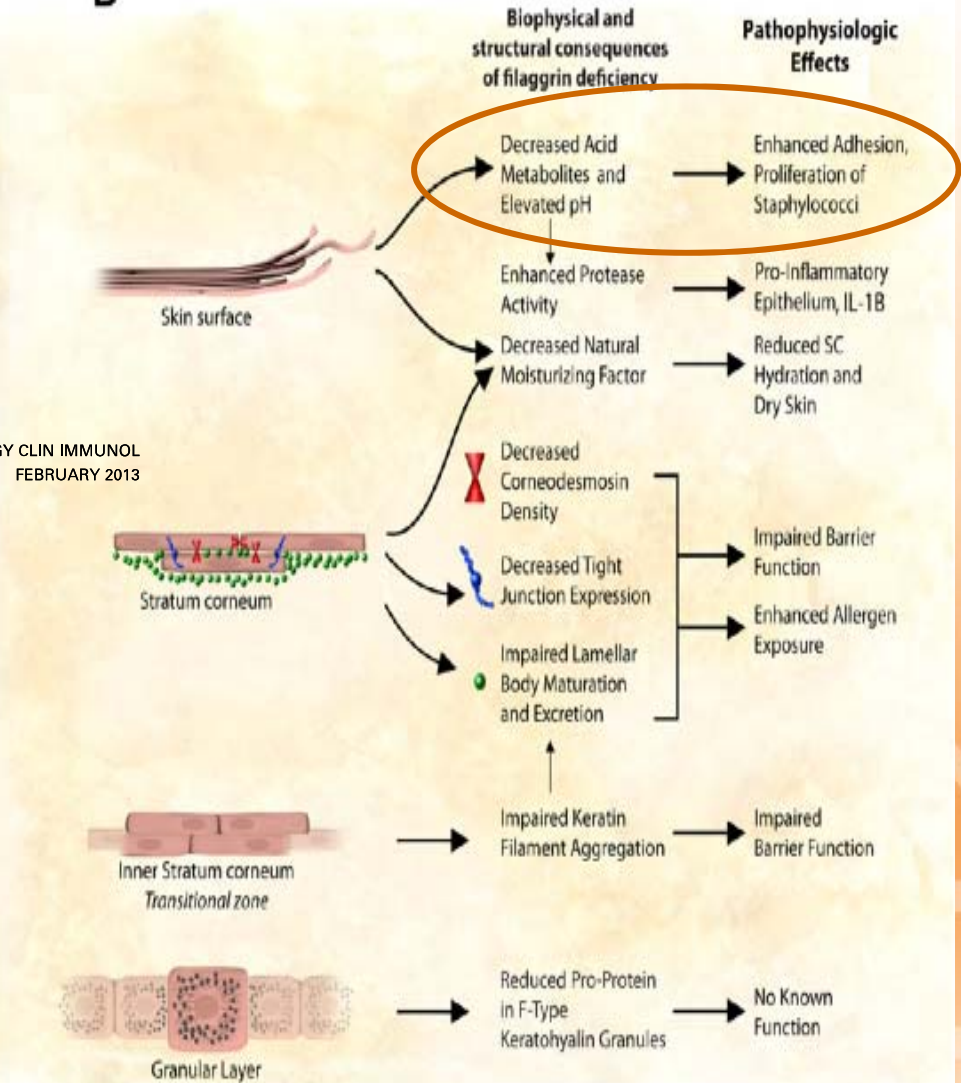


Cutaneous barrier

A



B



Clinical phenotype AD

Childhood onset,
disappearance adolescence

Childhood onset, persistent
severe eczema

Adolescent onset / adult mild
eczema

Adolescent onset / adult, severe
eczema

Intrinsic (IgE N) 20%

Extrinsic (elevated IgE),

Food / sensitization,
aeroallergens

Infection / colonization *S aureus*

Disseminated infection (viral)



- **Biomarkers**

to assess polarized immune end-points in patients with AD

Defines patients who are TH2 polarized vs. non-TH2

IgE ↑

Eosinophilia

TSLP serum ↑

FUTURE:

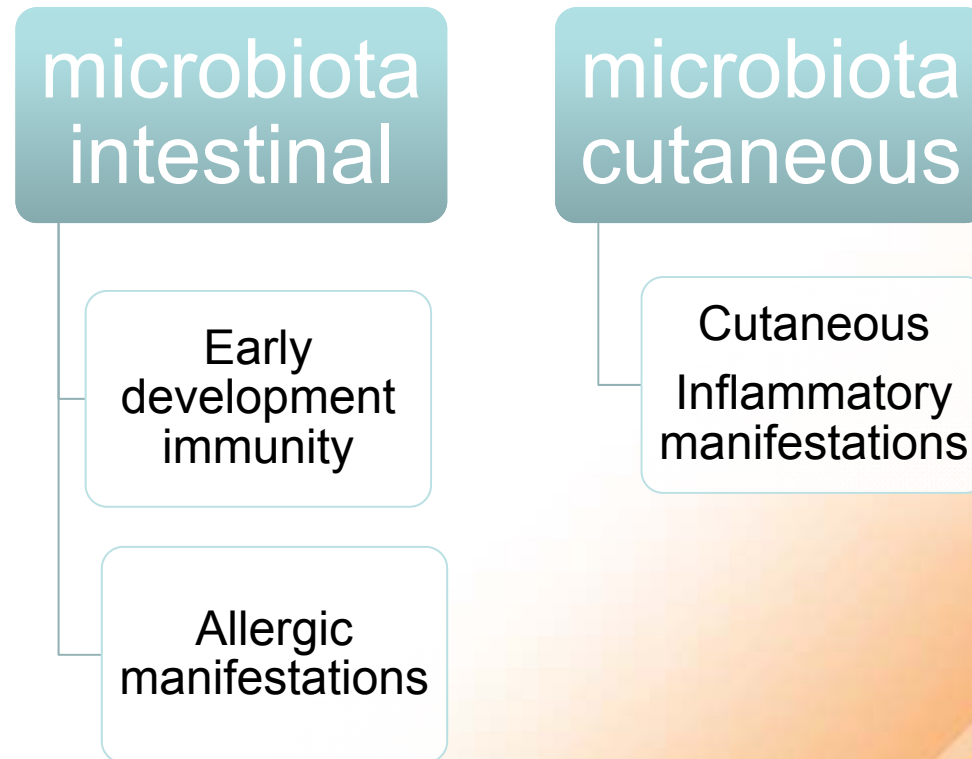
epidermal proteomics

Genomic

Transcriptosomes gene

Blood biomarkers

Microbiota –Levels influence DA



S aureus are present in 90% of patients with AD in healthy or affected skin

Partly because of AMP deficit

The IL4 and IL13 inhibit expression of HBD-2 gene and LL-37

S aureus toxins act as super Ags triggering or aggravating the immune and inflammatory response

Also would be factors of resistance to corticosteroids

In addition, α -toxin induces keratinocyte death

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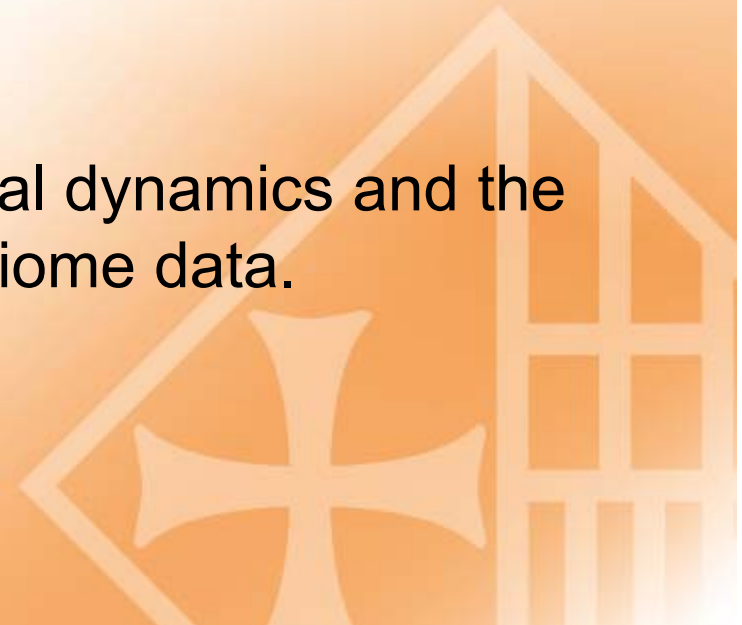


The Role of the Skin Microbiome in Atopic Dermatitis: A Systematic Review

R. Dybboe^{1,*}, J. Bandier², L. Skov², L. Engstrand³ and J. D. Johansen¹

- A systematic literature search was conducted October 21 2016 in PubMed, Embase, Scopus and ClinicalTrials.gov using search terms from the categories: Skin, microbiome and AD – without language and date limitations
- In this systematic review demonstrated that AD skin in humans is characterised by low bacterial diversity and high non-Malassezia fungal diversity. On involved skin the bacterial diversity was even lower.

- The data is not sufficiently robust for good characterisation; however, dysbiosis in atopic dermatitis does not only implicate *Staphylococcus* species, but also microbes such as *Propionibacterium* and *Malassezia*.
- A causal role of dysbiosis in eczema in mice encourages future studies to investigate if this applies in humans too.
- Other important aspects are temporal dynamics and the influence of methodology on microbiome data.



Skin microbiome before development of atopic dermatitis: Early colonization with commensal staphylococci at 2 months is associated with a lower risk of atopic dermatitis at 1 year



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Background: Disease flares of established atopic dermatitis (AD) are generally associated with a low-diversity skin microbiota and *Staphylococcus aureus* dominance. The temporal transition of the skin microbiome between early infancy and the dysbiosis of established AD is unknown.

microbiome sampling at 3 points in the first 6 months of life at 4 skin sites relevant to AD: the antecubital and popliteal fossae, nasal tip, and cheek. They identified 10 infants with AD and compared them with 10 randomly selected control infants with no AD. They performed bacterial 16S ribosomal RNA sequencing and analysis directly from clinical sample

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Results: Bacterial community structures and diversity shifted over time, suggesting that age strongly affects the skin microbiome in infants. Unlike established AD, these patients with infantile AD did not have noticeably dysbiotic communities before or with disease and were not colonized by *S aureus*. In comparing patients and control subjects, infants who had affected skin at month 12 had statistically significant differences in bacterial communities on the antecubital fossa at month 2 compared with infants who were unaffected at month 12. In particular, commensal staphylococci were significantly less abundant in infants affected at month 12, suggesting that this genus might protect against the later development of AD. **Conclusions:** This study suggests that 12-month-old infants with AD were not colonized with *S aureus* before having AD. Additional studies are needed to confirm whether colonization with commensal staphylococci modulates skin immunity and attenuates development of AD. (J Allergy Clin Immunol 2017;139:166-72.)

REVIEW ARTICLE

The microbiome and atopic eczema: More than skin deep

Charlotte L Thomas and Pablo Fernández-Peñas

An early interaction between the microbiome and immune system via multiple routes (skin–gut–lung) could feasibly affect the risk of a subsequent development of atopic diseases.

We understand that the composition of the fungal community may be important in AD, yet we do not know how this pattern changes in flares. Understanding the complex interactions of the human microbiome will aid the development of novel and more targeted treatments to modulate the microbiome and influence AD outcomes. Principles gleaned from the success of faecal transplantation in the treatment of *C. difficile* infections may be translated to AD with organism transplantation used to normalise the skin or gut of those with, or at high risk of developing AD.

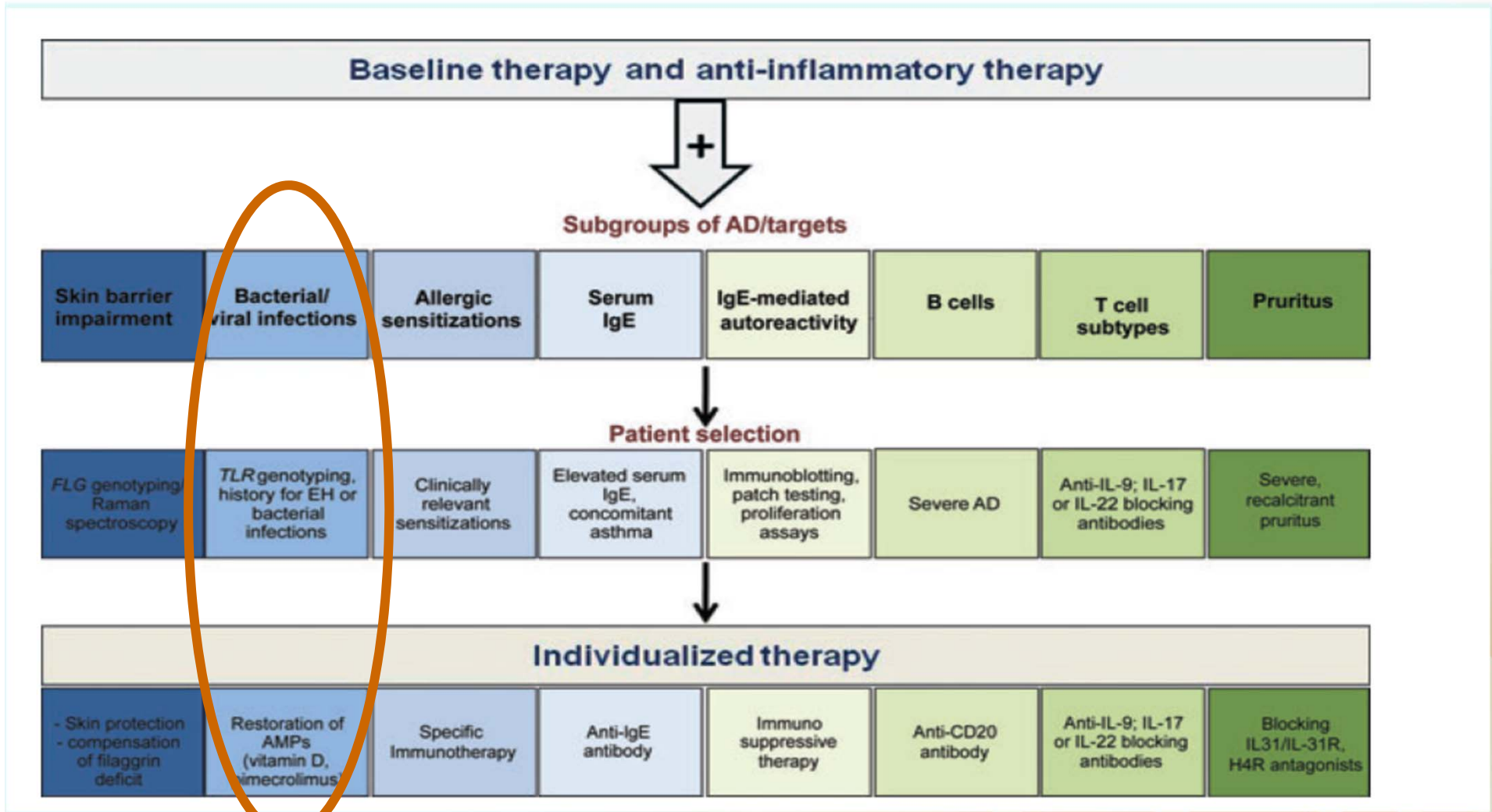


Correcting dysbiosis to a symbiotic state is very important

It can be achieved with non-pathogenic microorganisms

Lysat of *Vitreoscilla filiformis* + TLR2 with production of β defensins

Individualized treatment





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