Food allergy

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Diagnosis

What is allergy? Which of these cases are allergy?

- 1- Abdominal pain and diarrhea in 5 years old girl after milk but NL PMH?
- 2- pruritus of lips after eating eggplant but not always?
- A. Case one

B. Case Two

C. Both

D. Non

TABLE Classification of Food-Allergic Disorders Based on Pathophysiology			
Disorder	IgE-Mediated Response	IgE- and Cell-Mediated Response	Non–IgE-Mediated Response
Generalized	Food-dependent, exercise-induced anaphylaxis		
Cutaneous	Urticaria, angioedema, flushing, acute morbilliform rash, acute contact urticaria	Atopic dermatitis, contact dermatitis	Contact dermatitis, dermatitis herpetiformis
Gastrointestinal	Oral allergy syndrome, gastrointestinal anaphylaxis	Allergic eosinophilic esophagitis, allergic eosinophilic gastroenteritis	Allergic proctocolitis, food protein- induced enterocolitis syndrome, celiac disease, infantile colic
Respiratory	Acute rhinoconjunctivitis, acute bronchospasm	Asthma	Pulmonary hemosiderosis (Heiner syndrome)

IgE AND NON-IgE-MEDIATED DISORDERS:

- Eosinophilic esophagitis:

Children: chronic or intermittent symptoms of gastroesophageal reflux, emesis, dysphagia, abdominal pain, and irritability

Adults: abdominal pain, dysphagia, and food impaction

improvement with elimination diet within 6-8 wk; elemental diet may be required; often responds to swallowed topical steroids - Allergic eosinophilic gastroenteritis

Chronic or intermittent abdominal pain, emesis, irritability, poor appetite, failure to thrive, weight loss, anemia, protein losing gastro enteropathy

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NON-IgE-MEDIATED DISORDERS

- Allergic proctocolitis

Blood-streaked or heme-positive stools; otherwise healthy appearing

History, prompt response (resolution of gross blood in 48 h) to allergen elimination; biopsy conclusive but not necessary for most

Food protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome

Chronic: emesis, diarrhea, failure to thrive on chronic exposure Subacute: repetitive emesis, dehydration (15% shock), diarrhea on repeat exposure after elimination period; breastfeeding protective

Most of non IgE diseases resolve in 1-3 Y

Approach

Which is best diagnostic approach for food allergy?

A. Skin Prick test
B. Response to Avoidance
C. Oral Food Challenge
D. RIDA Blood test

Main diagnosis is based on History

Skin Prick Test (SPT) is most sensitive and specific test in IgE mediated and mixed reactions

Blood test are less sensitive RIDA is not useful at all Immunoicap is best in blood tests





A medically supervised oral food challenge (OFC) is considered the most specific test for food allergy.



PST; skin prick test, slgE; specific lgE





TABLE II. Tests to assess the likelihood of obtaining a positive or negative OFC in children				
	Serum food-IgE (kIU/L)*		SPT wheal (mm)*	
Food	~95% Positive	~50% Negative†	~95% Positive	~50% Negative†
Cow's milk	≥15 ¹⁶	$\leq 2^{23}$	$\geq 8^{21}$	
	\geq 5 if younger than 1 year ¹³²			
Egg white	$\geq 7^{16}$	$\leq 2^{23}$	$\geq 7^{21}$	$\leq 3^{22}$
	≥ 2 if younger than 2 years ¹³³			
Peanut	$\geq 14^{16}$	\leq 2 with and \leq 5 without history of peanut reaction ²⁴	$\geq 8^{17,21}$	$\leq 3^{17}$
Fish	$\geq 20^{16}$			

children with about 50% chance of experiencing a negative challenge are the optimal candidates for an office-based OFC. However, serum levels of food-specific IgE antibodies and SPT wheal sizes are not absolute indications or contraindications to performing an OFC laboratory test results are never an absolute indication or contraindication to performing an OFC

And that laboratory test results need to be interpreted in the context of a clinical history of an individual patient An OFC is preceded by a period of dietary elimination, performed either therapeutically or for diagnostic reasons specially when

food hypersensitivity is under consideration as a cause for a chronic disease such as atopic dermatitis or eosinophilic gastroenteropathy that symptoms, resolve after the suspected food(s) is removed from the diet OFC is diagnostic in IgE mediated and mixed disorders and is mentioned as response to elimination diet in non IgE mediated disorders like proctocolitis

Where and how do the OFC?

Cumulative dosing§:

Time (min)	% of total food	Amount of challenge food, g	Amount of wheat flour, g
00	0.1%	0.1	0.01
05	0.5%	0.5	0.05
20	1%	1	0.1
35	4%	4	0.4
50	10%	10	1
60	20%	20	2
70	20%	20	2
80	20%	20	2
90	24.4%	24.4	2.44
Total	100%	100 g	10 g

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a general challenge schedule consisting of 3, 10, 30, 100, 300, 1000, and 3000 mg of food protein at intervals of at least 20 minutes

TABLE I. Equivalent amount of food in milligrams (and milliliter) for the major foods in various forms often used in challenges				
Food protein	Pasteurized cow's milk with 3.3% protein content	Skim milk powder with 36% protein content	Pasteurized whisked hen's egg with 12.8% protein content	Hen's egg powder with 47% protein content
3 mg	91 mg ≈ 0.1 mL	8.3 mg	23.4 mg	6.4 mg
10 mg	303 mg ≈ 0.3 mL	27.8 mg	78.1 mg	21.3 mg
30 mg	909 mg ≈ 0.9 mL	83.3 mg	234.4 mg	63.8 mg
100 mg	3,030 mg ≈ 3.0 mL	277.8 mg	781.3 mg	212.8 mg
300 mg	9,091 mg ≈ 9.1 mL	833.3 mg	2,343.8 mg	638.3 mg
1000 mg	30,303 mg ≈ 30.3 mL	2,777.8 mg	7,812.5 mg	2,127.7 mg
3000 mg	90,909 mg \approx 90.9 mL	8,333.3 mg	23,437.5 mg	6,383 mg

Protein Fraction and Nomenclature	Percent of Total Food Protein*	Molecular Mass (kD)
CLASS I FOOD ALLERGENS ANIMAL Cow's milk		
Caseins α _{s1} -Casein, Bos d 8 α _s -Casein β-Casein κ-Casein Whey β-Lactoglobulin, Bos d 5 α-Lactalbumin, Bos d 4	76-86 53-70 45-50 25-35 8-15 14-24 7-12 2-5	19-24 27 23 24 19 36 14
Serum albumin, Bos d 6	0.7-1.3	69

cross reactivity among milk proteins in cows, goats, and sheep due to their high degree of homology.

Oral challenge studies indicated that at least 90% of cow's milk-allergic children react to goat's milk

About 10% of milk allergic children react to beef, with a slightly higher percentage reacting to rare beef.

Extensive heating (e.g., boiling at 95° C for about 20 minutes) destroys several of the whey proteins. However, routine pasteurization is not sufficient to denature these proteins, but it may increase the allergenicity of some milk proteins, such as β-lactoglobulin

Until now, camel and donkey milk seems to be the most appropriate substitute for cow milk

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