

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION EXAMINATION

Immune Basis of Allergic Reactions to Food

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CME Items

- Which of the following is incorrect? In experimental models of food allergy, adjuvant activity such as that of bacterial toxin or damage promotes:
 - Maturation of DCs.
 - Induction of Tregs.
 - Production of alarmins by epithelial cells.
 - Breaking of oral tolerance to food antigens.
- Which of the following statements is incorrect with respect to IL-9?
 - It is produced by epithelial cells.
 - It is produced by mast cells and T cells.
 - It is associated with mastocytosis and amplification of allergic responses.
 - It is upregulated in food-allergic patients with respect to healthy controls.
- Which of the following statements is correct?
 - Sensitization to food allergens always develops via the oral route.
 - The “dual exposure hypothesis” states that early oral exposure to food allergens is associated with sensitization to foods.
 - Skin exposure is a risk factor for development of sensitization to peanut.
 - A decrease in IgG4 has been associated with development of primary oral tolerance to foods.
- Which of the following statements is incorrect regarding Tregs?
 - IL-4 production by mast cells and ILC2 promotes generation of Tregs in experimental models of food allergy.
 - Gastrointestinal Tregs are induced by oral antigen feeding in response to antigen presentation by CD103⁺ DCs in experimental models of food allergy.
 - Mutations at the Foxp3 locus have been associated with development of food allergy.
 - There is debate about the involvement of Tregs in the development of sustained tolerance after oral immunotherapy.
- Which of the following supports the hypothesis of cutaneous sensitization to food allergens?
 - The correlation between mutations in filaggrin genes and development of food allergy.
 - The correlation between peanut dust levels and peanut allergy.
 - The enhanced proliferative capacity of CLA⁺ allergen-specific T cells.
 - All of the above.
- Among the factors listed below, which is not a product resulting from the microbial degradation of food compounds?
 - Short-chain fatty acids
 - Amino acid-derived metabolites
 - Butyrate
 - Vitamin A
- Which one of the following statements is true regarding the mechanism associated with oral immunotherapy?
 - Antigen-specific IgE and IgG4 levels always correlate with development of sustained tolerance during oral immunotherapy to food allergens.
 - OIT always induces sustained suppression of basophil activation.
 - It is known that mechanisms mediating primary tolerance to food allergens and therapeutic tolerance during OIT are the same.
 - None of the above.
- Which of the following statements is correct regarding the effect of polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs) on food allergies?
 - n-6 PUFAs have been shown to reduce allergenic responses.
 - n-3 PUFAs promote sensitization to dietary proteins.
 - Infant formulas enriched with n-3 PUFAs reduce the incidence of allergy.
 - n-6 PUFAs induce CD25⁺ Treg generation.
- Which of the following mechanisms has been proposed to have a role in suppressing symptoms during immunotherapy?
 - Induction of allergen-specific IgG4 blocking antibodies.
 - Induction of allergen-specific Tregs.
 - Reduction of T_H2 responses mediated by anergy/deletion.
 - All of the above.
- Which of the followings has not been reported to act as an adjuvant to promote sensitization?
 - Damage
 - Short chain fatty acids (SCFAs)
 - Bacterial toxins
 - Intrinsic adjuvant activity of the allergens