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**Update on Anticytokines**

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**Learning Objectives**

- Understand the concept of biotherapeutics
- Understand the application of biotherapeutics to allergic disease and asthma
- Review current preliminary studies of potential biotherapeutics in asthma
- Understand complex cascades of allergy/asthma pathogenesis and implications for biotherapeutics

**Biotherapeutics**

A field encompassing materials, usually proteins, produced by biological means including recombinant DNA technology. The agents and agonists/antagonists for treatment are usually biological.

**Biotherapeutic Agents**

- Monoclonal Antibodies  
cell surface receptors, ligands, microorganisms
- Cytokines
- Soluble Receptors
- Natural and Synthetic Antagonists
- SiRNA
- Designer Modeled Small Molecules
- Oligonucleotides
- Transcriptional Inhibitors

## Biotherapeutic Targets in Immune Allergic Disorders, Anti-IgE

### Innate Immunity Targets

IL-1, TNF, IL-6  
TLR, Adhesion Molecules  
IFN Modulation  
Chemokines

### Acquired Immunity Targets

Th<sub>2</sub>, Th<sub>17</sub> Cytokines IL-2, 4, 5, 9, 13, 17, 25, 33  
Cellular DC, T, B

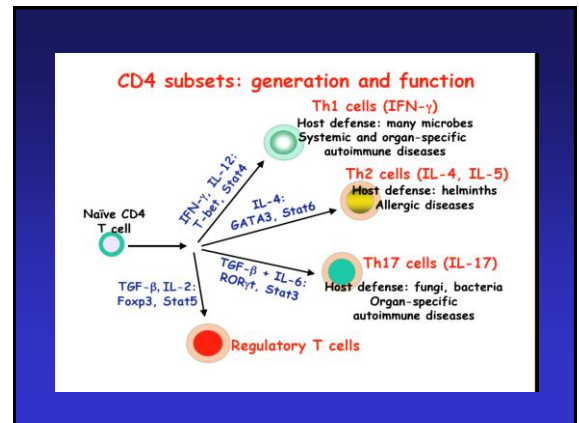
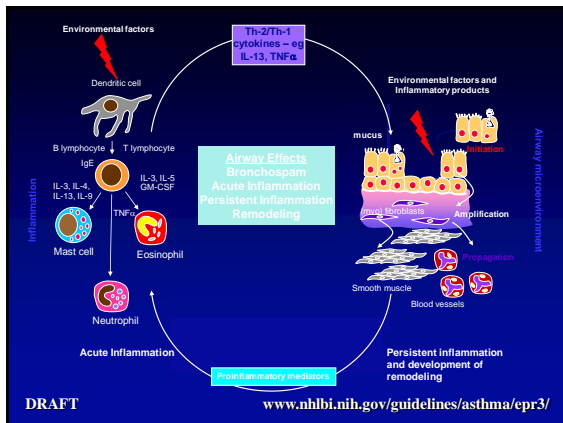
### Other Targets

TSLP  
Adipokines  
Growth and Differentiation Factors

## Characteristics of Asthma

- Narrowing of the airways
- Airway obstruction
- Airway inflammation
- Increased airway responsiveness

NHLBI, NAEPP, 1997.



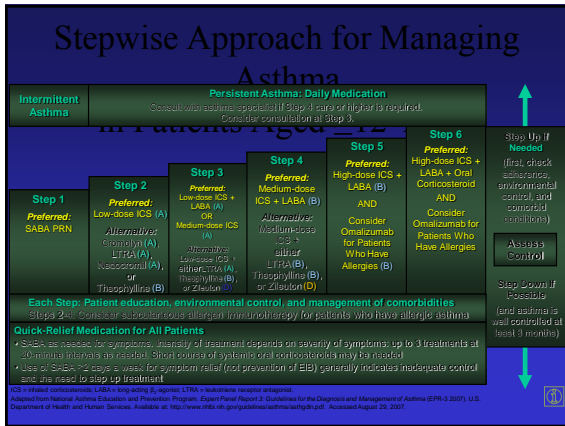
## Regulatory T Lymphocytes

CD4<sup>+</sup>, CD25<sup>+</sup> T lymphocytes

- Regulatory
- Express TGFβ, IL-10
- Suppressive to other T cells
- Express Foxp3 transcription factor
- IL-35 growth factor

## Complexity of Asthma

- Several orders of magnitude more complex
- Microbiome, Proteome, Transcriptome, Genome
- Tissues, Organs, Whole Body, Brain
- Third and Fourth Dimensions



## Anti IgE

- Targets IgE, FcεRI
- Rhu Mab - E25 - Omalizumab, Xolair
- Reduces Free IgE (allergen specific)
- Reduces Eos (sputum, BAL, blood)
- Reduces FcεRI and FcεRII expression
- Efficacy - Asthma, AR

## Emerging Biotherapeutics

- Anti-IL-1
- Anti-IL-5
- Anti-IL-17
- Anti-IL-13

## IL-1 and Allergy/Asthma

- IL-1 in a critical co-factor for Th2 and Th17 T cell activation in vivo and in vitro for Humans and Mice
- Airway and tissue involvement n asthma and allergy

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## Extended IL-1 Family

(Caspase 3 Dependent)

- IL-18 – shared receptor and genetics (IL-18bp)
- IL-32 – TNF inducer
- IL-33 – Ligand for ST2 Induces TH2 Cytokines
- IL-37 – Downregulation of IL-1 family activities

## IL-1 family members – Chr. 2q13

New Name	Other Name	Property
IL-1F1	IL-1 $\alpha$	Agonist
IL-1F2	IL-1 $\beta$	Agonist
IL-1F3	IL-1Ra	Receptor antagonist
IL-1F4	IL-18	Agonist
IL-1F5	FIL15	Anti-inflammatory
IL-1F6	FIL-1 $\epsilon$	Agonist
IL-1F7	IL-37	Anti-inflammatory
IL-1F8	IL-1H2	Agonist
IL-1F9	IL-1 $\epsilon$	Agonist
IL-1F10	IL1HV2	Receptor antagonist
IL-1F11	IL-33	Agonist

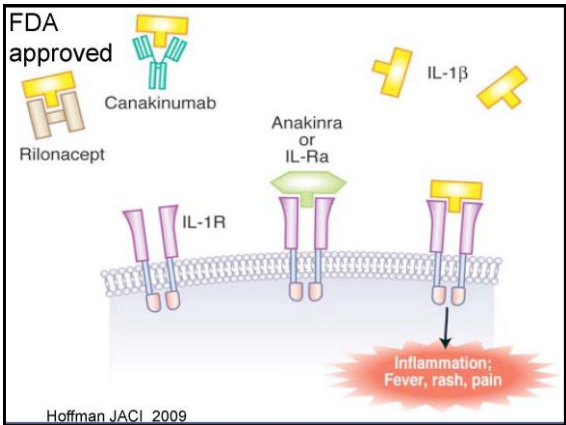
Gene	Cytokine
IL1F5	IL-36 Ra
IL-1F6	IL-36
1F8	IL-36
1F9	IL-36
IL-1F7	IL-37
IL-1F10	IL-38

### Successful IL-1 targeted therapy

- Gout - acute and chronic
- Pseudogout
- Type 2 Diabetes
- Post MI remodeling
- Systemic onset juvenile idiopathic arthritis (Still's)
- Adult onset Still's disease
- Schnitzler's Disease

### Potential disease targets for IL-1 directed therapy

- **Neutrophilic urticaria**
  - Chronic urticaria
- **Neutrophilic lung disorders**
  - COPD
  - Neutrophilic asthma
  - Acute Chest syndrome
- **Neutrophilic CNS disease**
  - Acute Hemorrhagic Leukoencephalitis



### Rilonacept IL-1 TRAP

- Rilonacept: a dimeric fusion protein (251 kDa) that is a specific blocker of IL-1 - incorporating components required for IL-1 signalling
  - IL-1 receptor subtype
  - IL-1 receptor accessory protein
- Prolonged circulation half-life in-vivo (8.6 days)
- Approved for CAPS in 4/08
- Currently over 100 patients on therapy

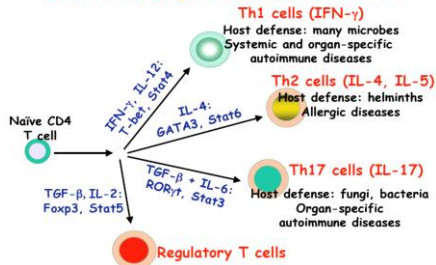
The 3D structure of Rilonacept is shown, consisting of an IL-1RAcP (green) and IL-1R (blue) subunit, with a 'trapped' IL-1 (red) molecule bound to the IL-1R. The Fc region is shown in yellow at the bottom.

### Canakinumab ACZ885

- Fully human IgG1 anti-IL-1β mAb
- Direct binding to IL-1β
- Half life > 21 days
- No cross-reactivity with human IL-1α or IL-1Ra
- Approved for CAPS in 6/09
- Currently over 100 patients on therapy

The 3D structure of Canakinumab (yellow Y-shaped molecule) is shown, along with the IL-1β molecule (orange Y-shaped molecule).

### CD4 subsets: generation and function



### IL-17 Family

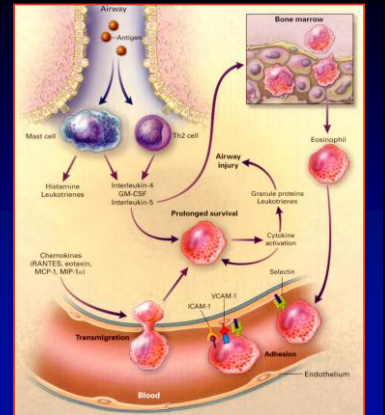
- 20-30 kd
- IL-17A, IL-17F – profibrotic activate chemokines (IL-8) and IL-6
- IL-17E – IL-25
- IL-25 associated with eosinophilia, airways hyperresponsiveness
- Genetics of IL-17 family linked to asthma

### Therapy of Th17 Mediated Autoimmune Disease

Antibody	Target
Ixekizumab	IL-17
Brodalumab	IL-17R
Tocilizumab	IL-6R

Psoriasis, RA, SLE

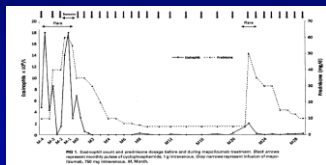
### Key Central Role of IL-5 in Asthma



### IL-5 pathway inhibition in the treatment of asthma and Churg-Strauss syndrome

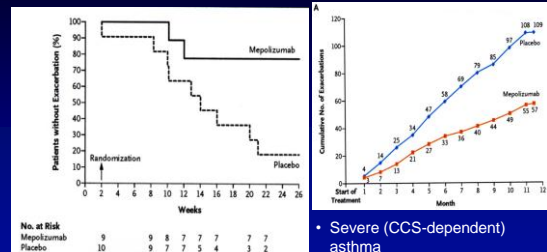
Drug	Target	Mode of action	Recent results	References
Mepolizumab	IL-5	Neutralizing	Steroid sparing and reduction of exacerbations in eosinophilic asthma; steroid sparing in patients with CSS and HES	1, 4, 8
Reslizumab	IL-5	Neutralizing	Steroid sparing and reduction of exacerbations	9
MEDI-563	IL-5Ra	Cytotoxic and neutralizing	Reduction of eosinophilia	6, 7

HES, Hypereosinophilic syndrome.



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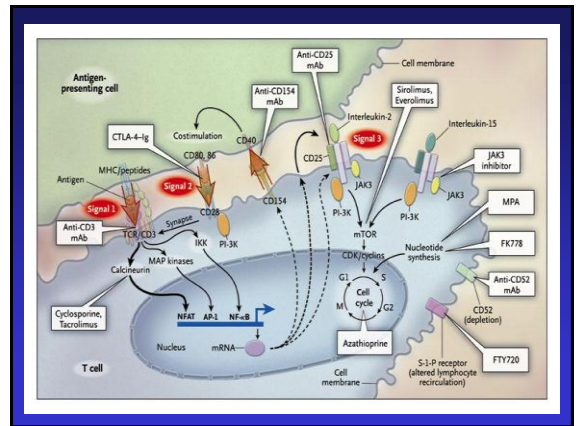
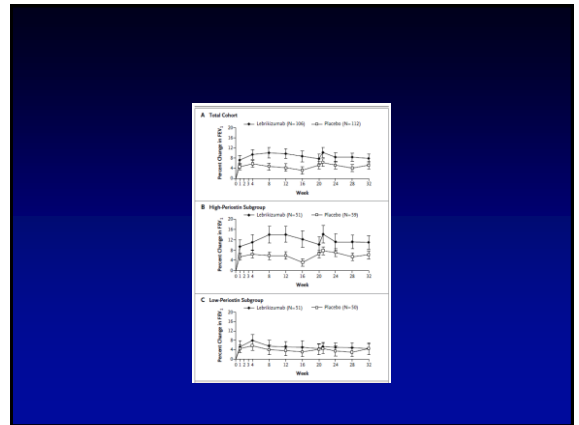
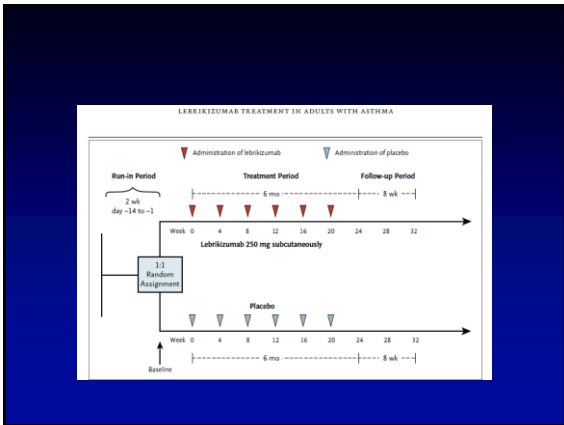
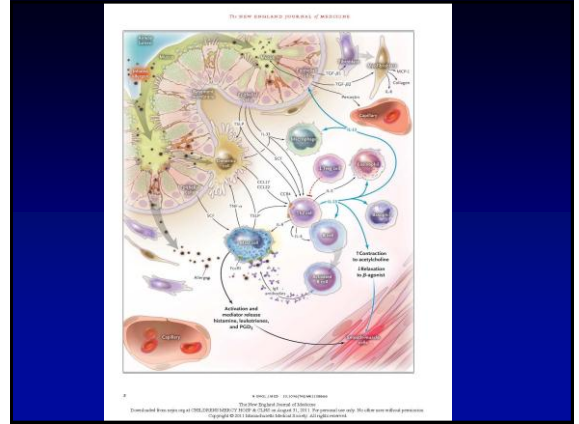
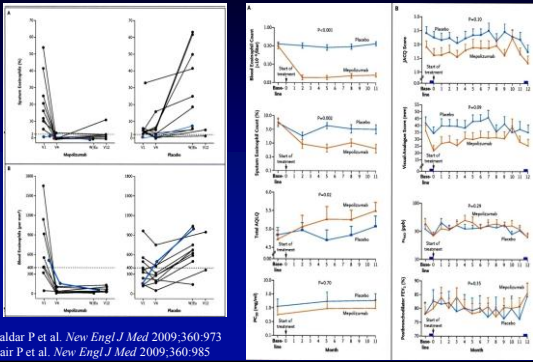
### Anti-IL-5 in Human Asthma: Reduction in Exacerbations

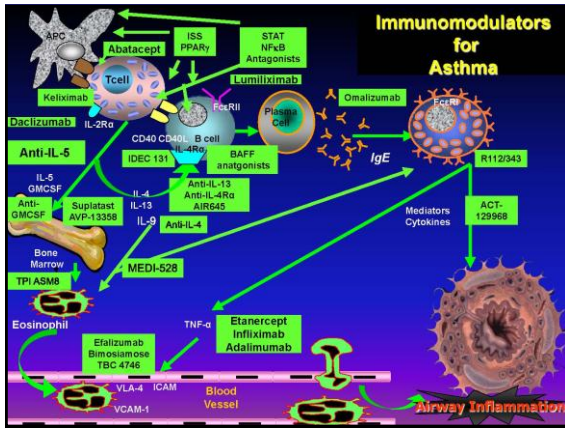


- Severe (CCS-dependent) asthma
- Sputum eosinophilia required for enrollment
- No improvement in FEV1, control, symptoms

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## Anti-IL-5 in Human Asthma:





- ## Allergy - 2030
- Systems Biology Approach to Allergic Cascades
  - Bio Therapeutics
  - Pharmacogenetic Profiling
  - Early Intervention



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