

Comorbidità di tipo 2

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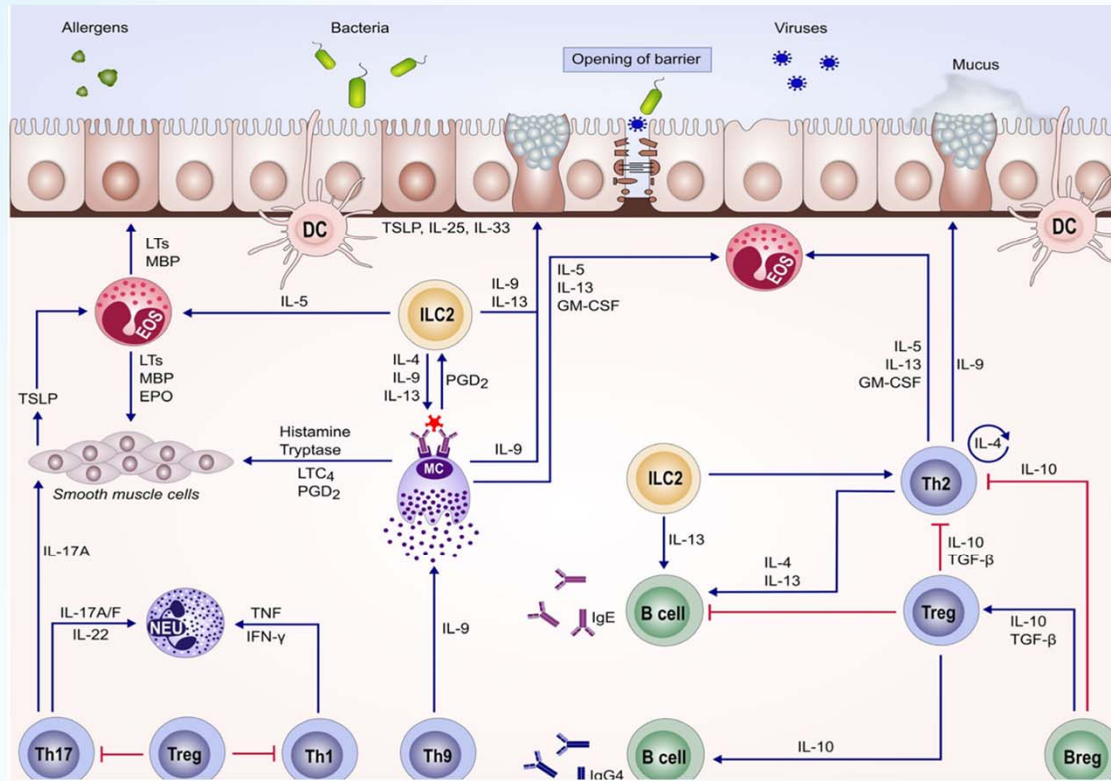
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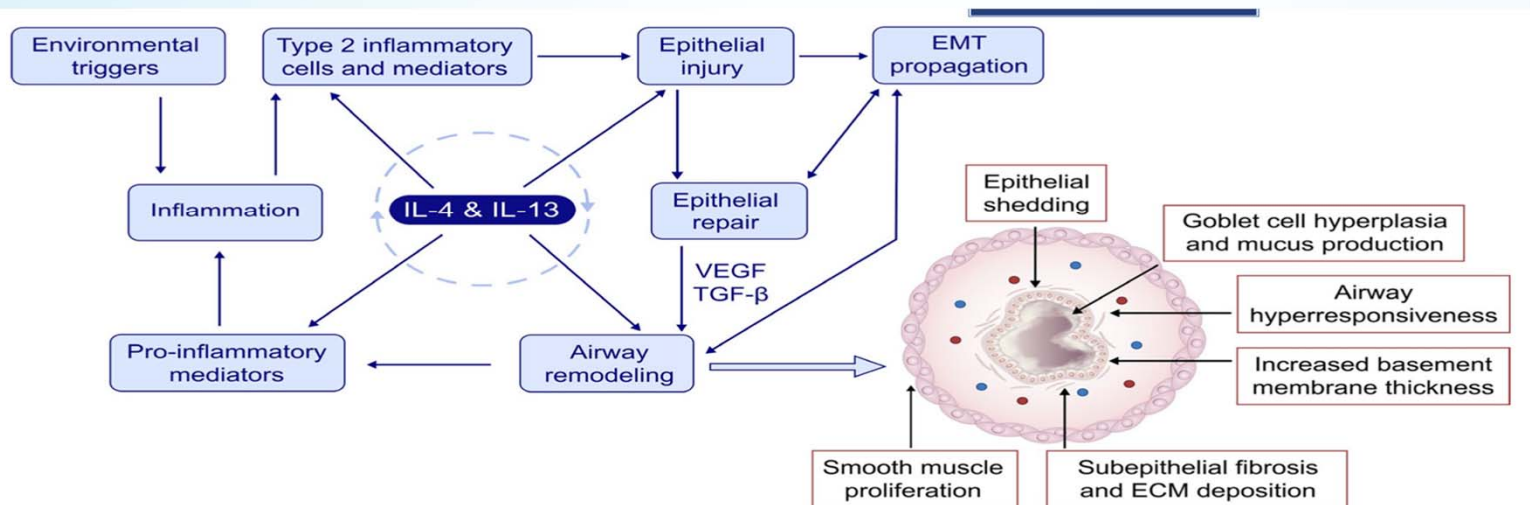


FIGURE 2 The vicious cycle in the pathogenesis of asthma. Exposure to environmental triggers can lead to airway damage and induce alarmin (IL-25, IL-33, TSLP) production, followed by type 2 inflammation. Impaired airway and its repair may go on to develop tissue remodeling and sustained inflammation. Increased activation of the epithelium leads to signaling to inflammatory cells and also activation of the underlying mesenchymal cells, such as smooth muscle cells and fibroblasts. It leads the epithelial-mesenchymal transition (EMT) propagation. Both structural and inflammatory cell produce growth factors, such as transforming growth factor (TGF)-superfamily, vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), and interleukin (IL)-13. Progressive structural changes include proliferation of fibroblasts and airway smooth muscle and vascular remodeling together with excessive and dysregulated extracellular matrix (ECM) deposition, which may lead to an airway hyperresponsiveness and airway obstruction. In turn, the pro-inflammatory environment generated by airway remodeling sustains the inflammatory response. IL, interleukin; TSLP, thymic stromal lymphopoietin

EUFOREA consensus on biologics for CRSwNP with or without asthma

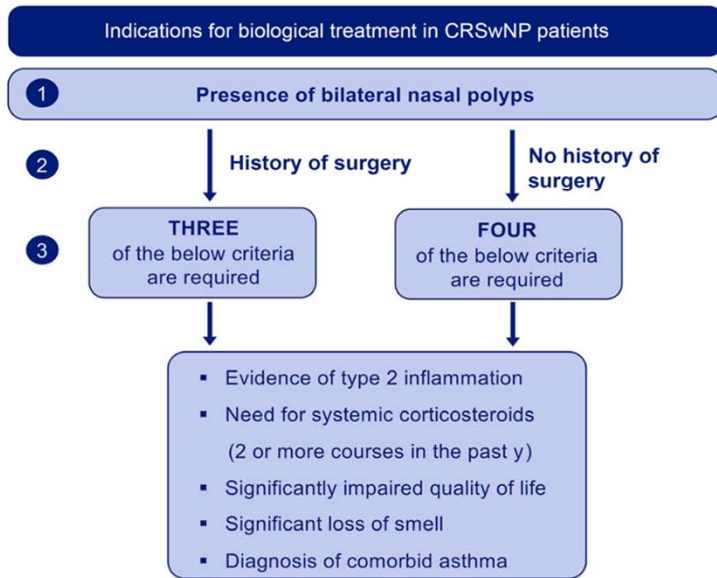
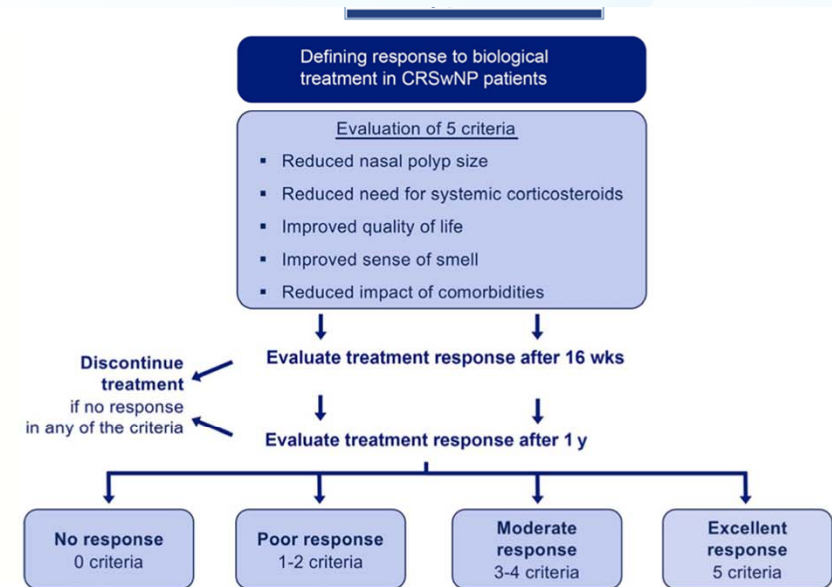


FIGURE 1 Indications for biological treatment in patients with CRSwNP: proposal of the multidisciplinary EUFOREA Expert Board Meeting

FIGURE 2 Response criteria for biological treatment in patients with CRSwNP: proposal of the multidisciplinary EUFOREA Expert Board Meeting



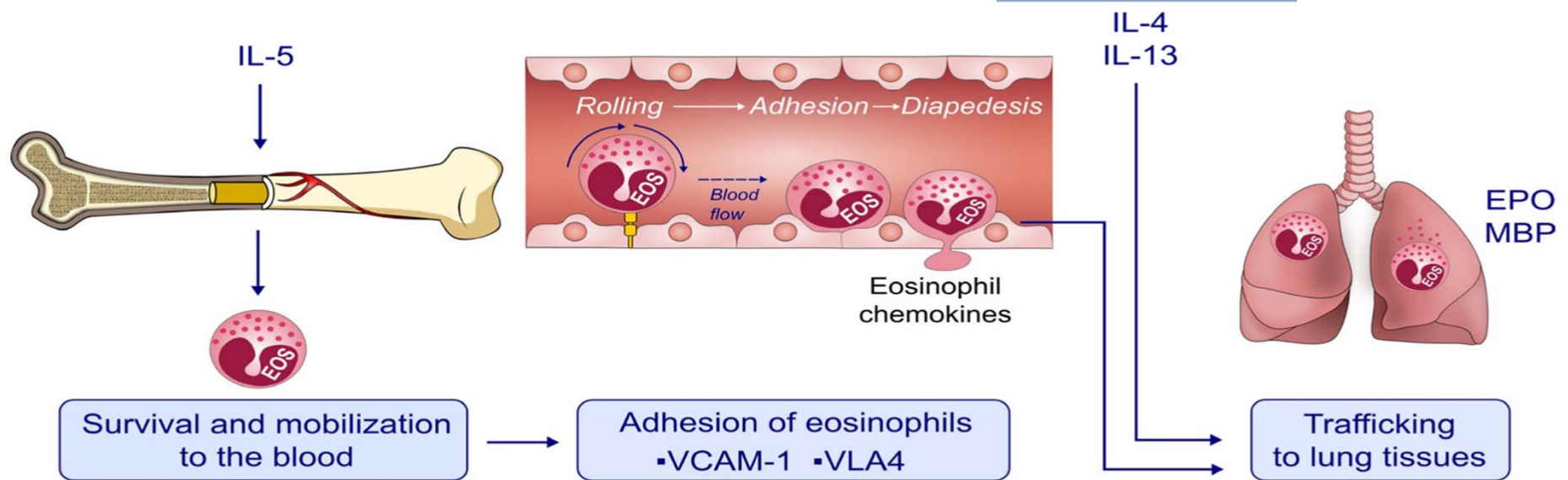


FIGURE 3 Eosinophil trafficking to tissues. The development, maturation, terminal differentiation, and release of eosinophils are controlled by IL-5, and to some extent by IL-3 and granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor (GM-CSF). Eosinophils develop in the bone marrow, where they differentiate from hematopoietic progenitor cells into mature eosinophils. Eosinophil migration out of the bone marrow into the circulation is primarily regulated by IL-5. Circulating eosinophils subsequently interact with the endothelium by a process involving rolling, adhesion, and diapedesis. Depending on the target organ, eosinophils cross the endothelium into tissues by a regulated process involving coordinated interaction between networks of chemokines (CCL5/RANTES, CCL11/Eotaxin-1, CCL24/Eotaxin-2, CCL26/Eotaxin-3, CCL22/macrophage-derived chemokine, CCL17/thymus and activation-regulated chemokine), eosinophil adhesion molecules (eg, VLA-4 [integrin $\alpha 4\beta 1$]), and adhesion receptors on the endothelium (eg, VCAM-1). When activated, eosinophils release granule proteins, such as major basic protein (MBP) and eosinophil peroxidase (EPO), which have profound inflammatory effects on airway tissues. IL, interleukin; VCAM, vascular adhesion molecule; VLA, very late antigen

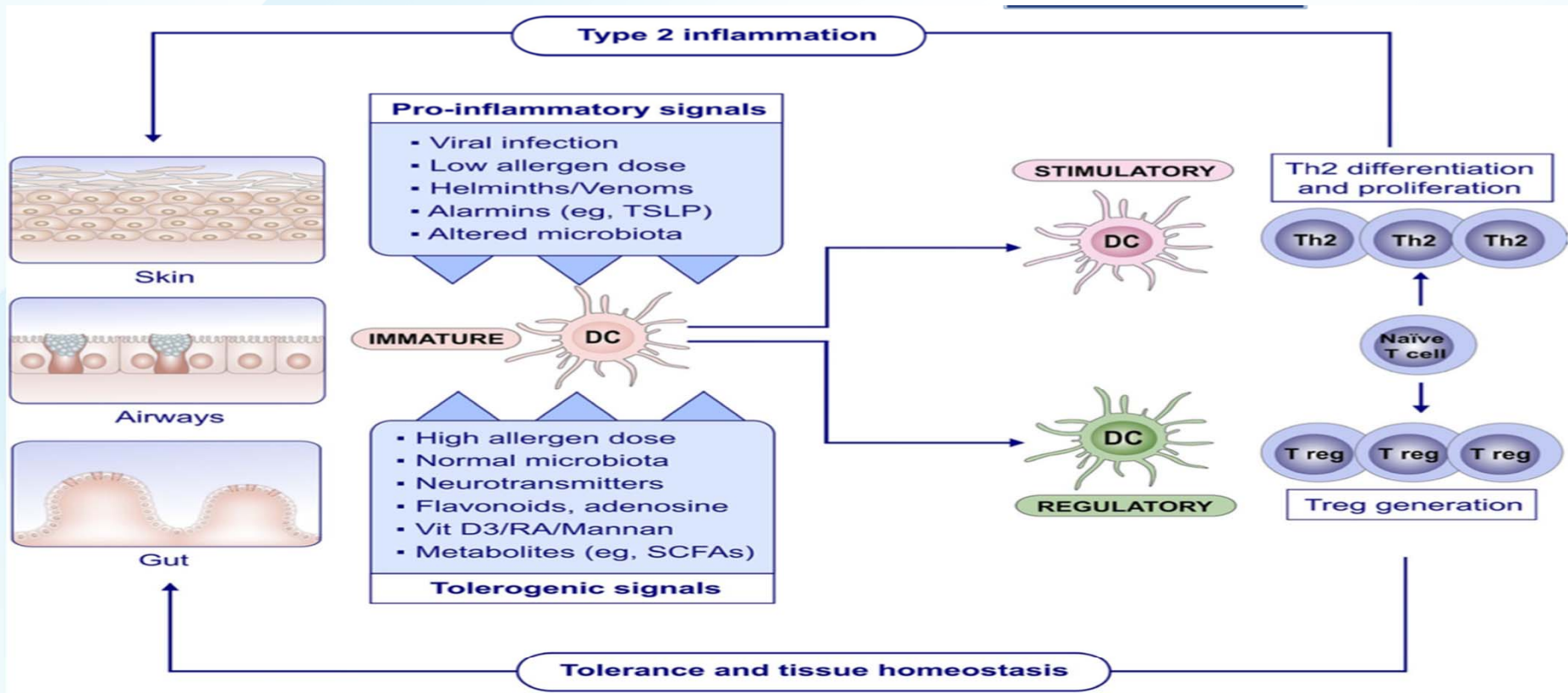
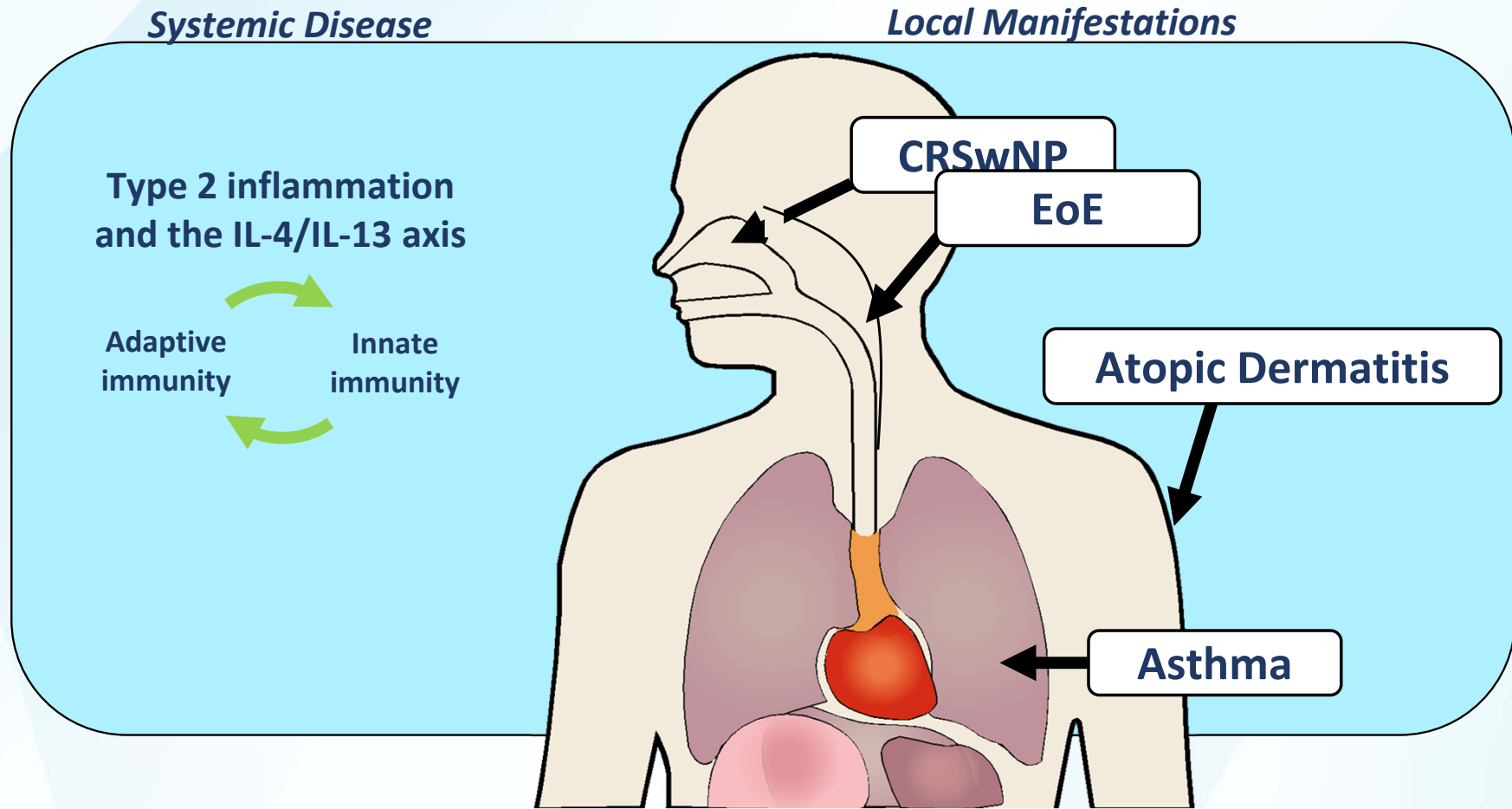


FIGURE 5 Type 2 inflammation versus immune tolerance and tissue homeostasis by dendritic cells. Dendritic cells (DC) are antigen-presenting cells able to process and integrate signals from the microenvironment. Under pro-inflammatory conditions immature DC develop into stimulatory DC and promote an effector immune response by stimulating T-cell proliferation and shaping T-cell responses toward Th1, Th2, or Th17 phenotypes. Once antigen is taken up by DC, they present them to specific CD4⁺ T cells. Low-allergen dose interactions between CD4⁺ T cells and DC result in the priming of Th2 cells, whereas high-dose interactions and tolerogenic signals (eg, vitamin D3) can lead to tolerance induction. Under a tolerogenic environment, DC acquire regulatory functions suppressing T-cell activation and proliferation and providing signals that enable regulatory T-cell (Treg) differentiation and expansion. This function maintains immune tolerance and tissue homeostasis. TSLP, thymic stromal lymphopoietin; RA, Retinoic acid; SCFAs, Short-chain fatty acids

Type 2 Inflammation Is an Important Component of the Pathogenesis of Atopic Dermatitis, Asthma, CRSwNP, and Other Chronic Inflammatory Diseases^{1,2}



What Is the “Type 2 Inflammation” Narrative?

Type 2 inflammation encompasses both **adaptive** (Th2) and **innate** (ILC2) cell types¹⁻⁹

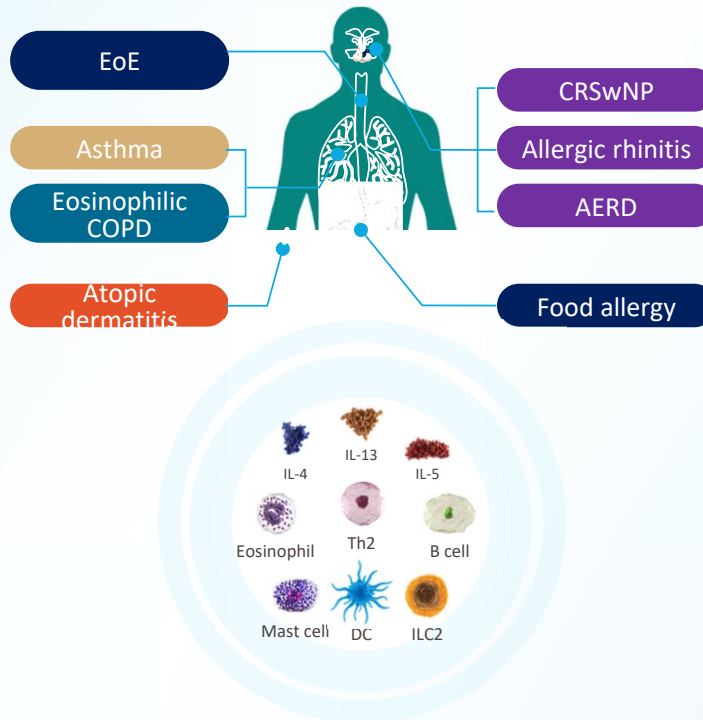


These cell types produce key type 2 cytokines

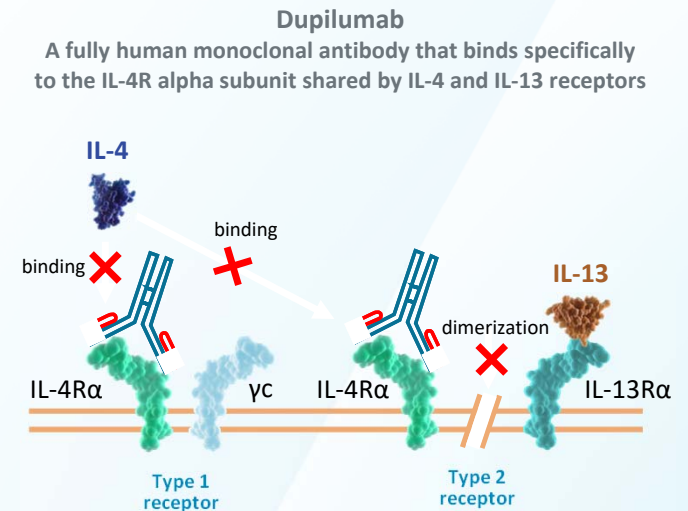


IL-4 and IL-13 are key and central cytokines driving type 2 inflammation

Type 2 inflammation drives pathophysiology across several inflammatory diseases^{3,4,10-15}



Dupilumab is the only biologic that provides **dual inhibition of IL-4 and IL-13 signaling**^{3,16}



Type 2 Inflammatory Diseases Have Distinct Clinical Manifestations, and Their Coexistence Can Add Substantially to the Patient's Overall Disease Burden

Atopic dermatitis (moderate to severe)¹

- Frequent and intense pruritus (itch)
- Diffuse erythematous patches
- Xerosis (dryness)
- Lichenified and excoriated plaques with chronic lesions

- Eosinophil infiltration to the esophagus
- Esophageal fibrosis and narrowing
- Difficulty and/or inability to swallow

Eosinophilic esophagitis⁴

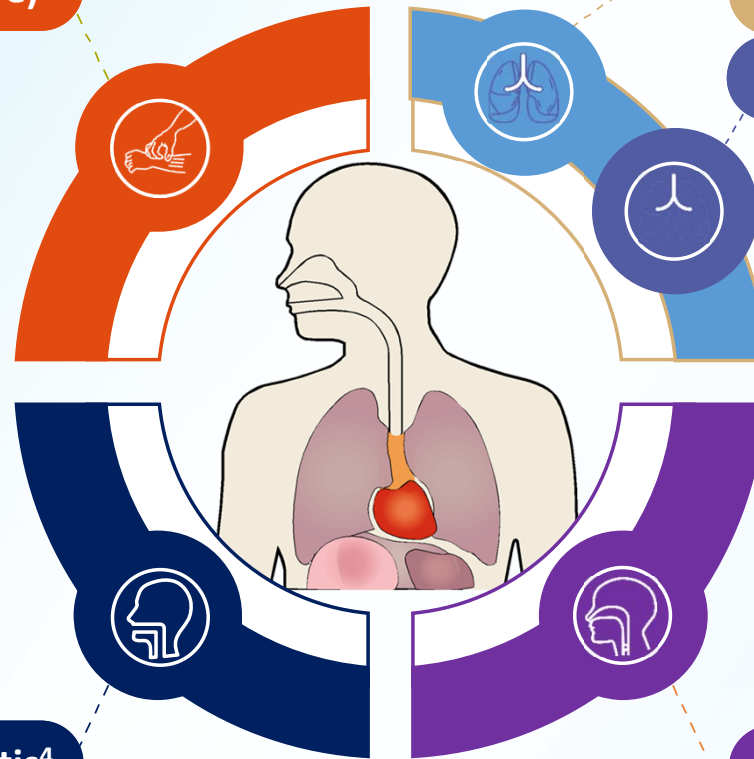
Asthma (uncontrolled persistent)²

COPD³

- Wheezing
- Shortness of breath
- Chest tightness
- Coughing (*chronic with sputum in COPD*)
- Airway obstruction and exacerbations

- Infiltration of eosinophils/mast cells in mucosa
- Bilateral nasal polyps
- Nasal obstruction/congestion
- Reduced or loss of sense of smell/taste
- Nasal drainage/drip

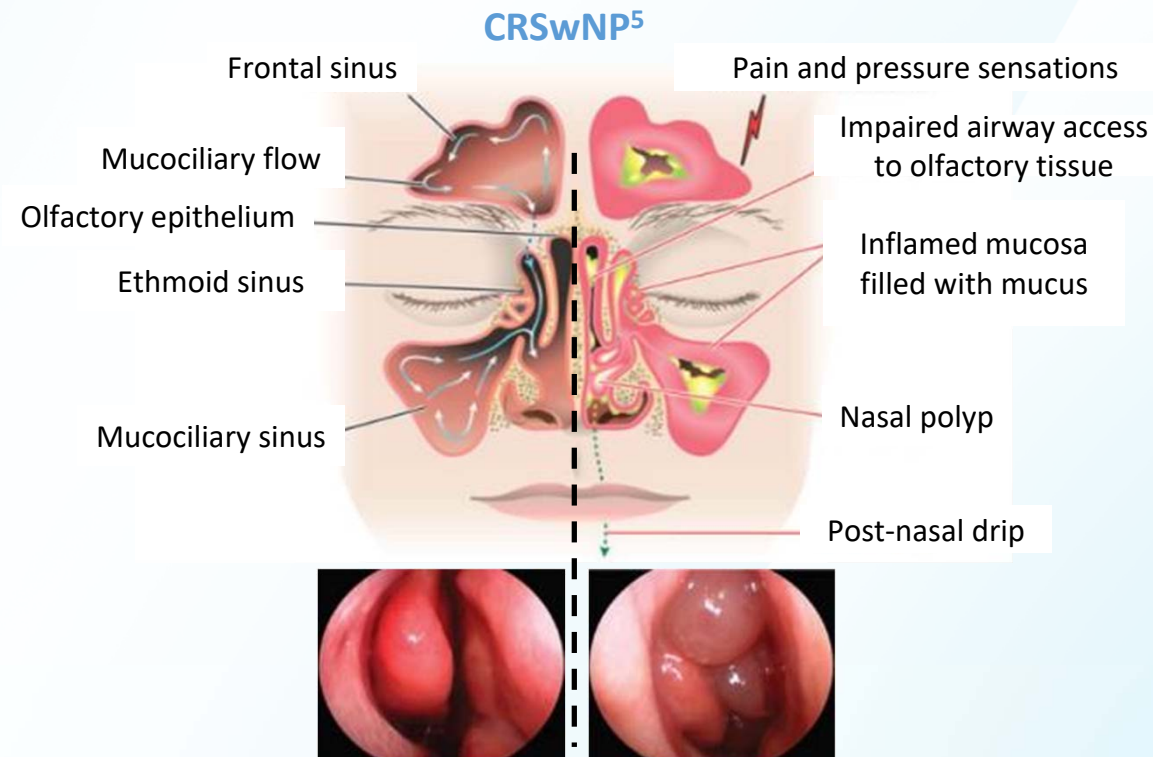
CRSwNP⁵



Severe CRSwNP Is Characterized by Obstruction/Congestion of the Sinuses and Nasal Passages with Debilitating Symptoms

CRSwNP¹⁻⁴

- A chronic type 2 inflammatory airway disease, involving:
 - Intrinsic mucosal inflammation, local microbial community, and mucociliary dysfunction
 - Frequently associated with a **type 2 inflammatory signature** (IL-4, IL-13, IL-5)
- Defined as CRS plus endoscopic evidence of nasal polyps, with symptoms of:
 - Nasal obstruction/congestion
 - Reduced or loss of sense of smell/taste
 - Nasal drainage/drip
 - Facial pain/pressure/pressure
- Standard of care: INCS, followed by functional ESS
 - Recurrence post-surgery in >50% of patients



In ~80% of patients,* CRSwNP is driven by type 2 inflammation²⁻⁴

*In Western countries.

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Type 2 Inflammation Involves a Range of Inflammatory Cells and Mediators

Inflammatory cells



Dendritic cells



ILC2 cells



Th2 cells



B cells producing IgE



Eosinophils



Basophils



Mast cells



M2 macrophages



Inflammatory mediators



IL-4



IL-13



IL-5



IL-33



TSLP



IL-25



Eotaxin



TARC



Patients with CRSwNP have elevations in:

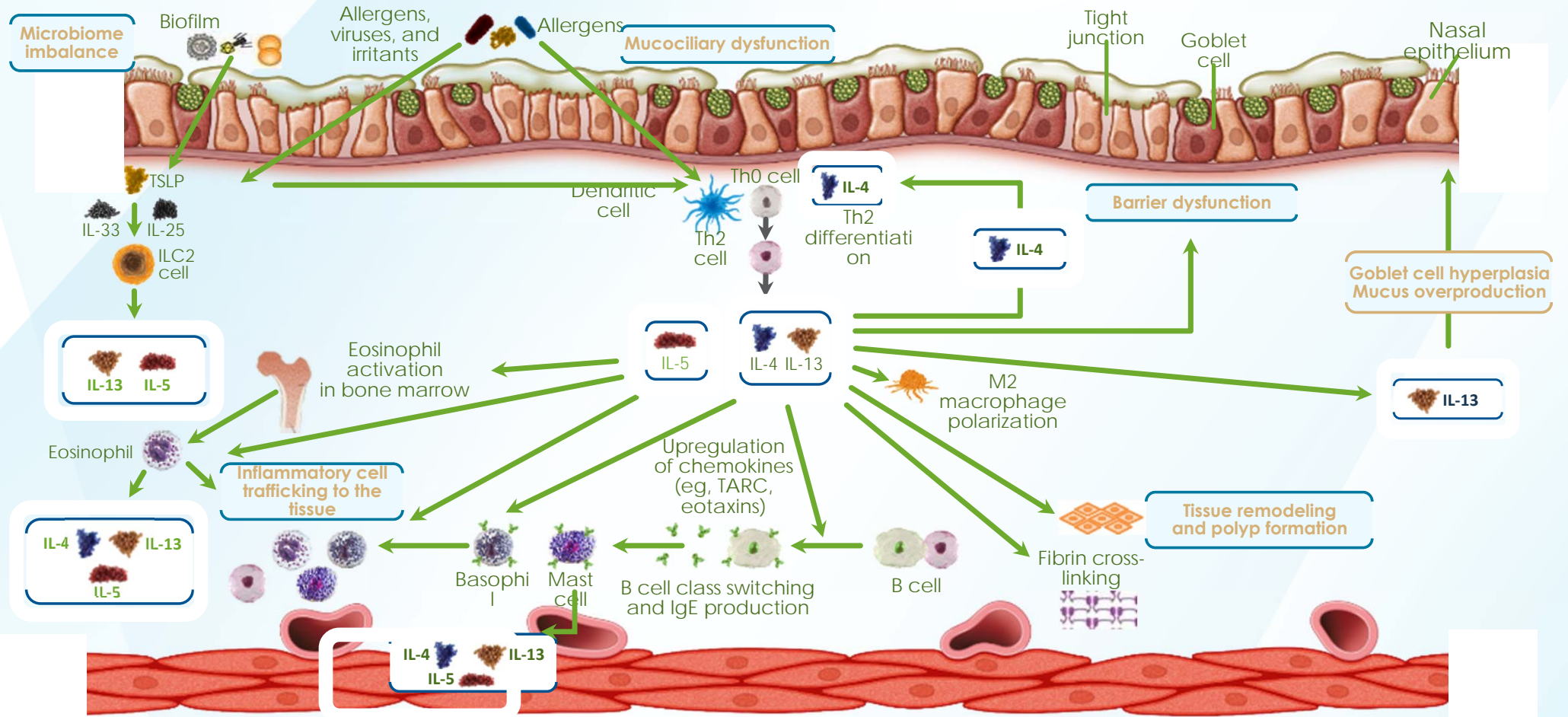
- Type 2 cytokines (IL-4, IL-13, IL-5)¹⁻³
- Type 2 chemokines (eotaxin-2, eotaxin-3, TARC)^{3,4}
- Eosinophils, ILC2 cells, macrophages, and mast cells^{2,3,5}
- **No single biomarker or pathway fully reflects type 2 inflammation in CRSwN**

ILC2=group 2 innate lymphoid cell; TARC=thymus- and activation-regulated chemokine; TSLP=thymic stromal lymphopietin.

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IL-4, IL-13, and IL-5 Are Key Drivers of CRSwN: Pathophysiology



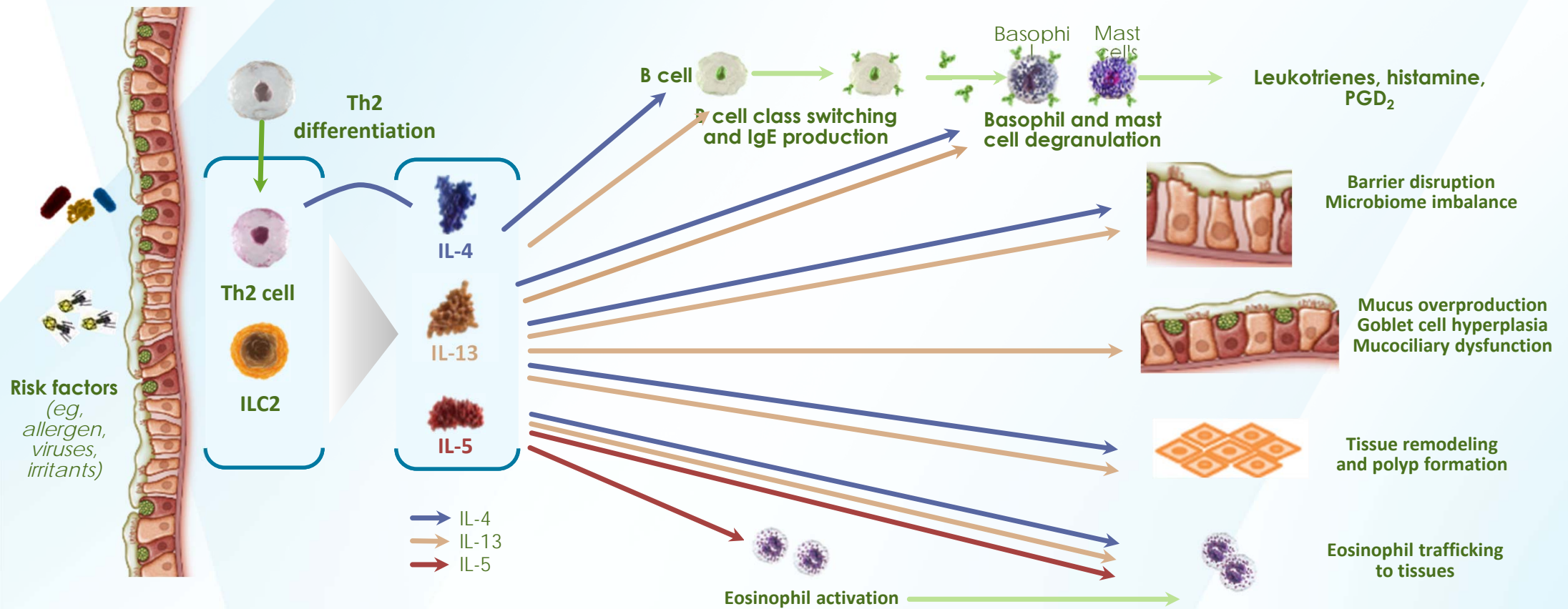
Th0=naïve T cell.

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Type 2 Cytokines Have Unique and Overlapping Roles in the Characteristic Pathophysiology of CRSwNP¹⁻⁴

Type 2 Cytokines

Type 2 Inflammatory Response



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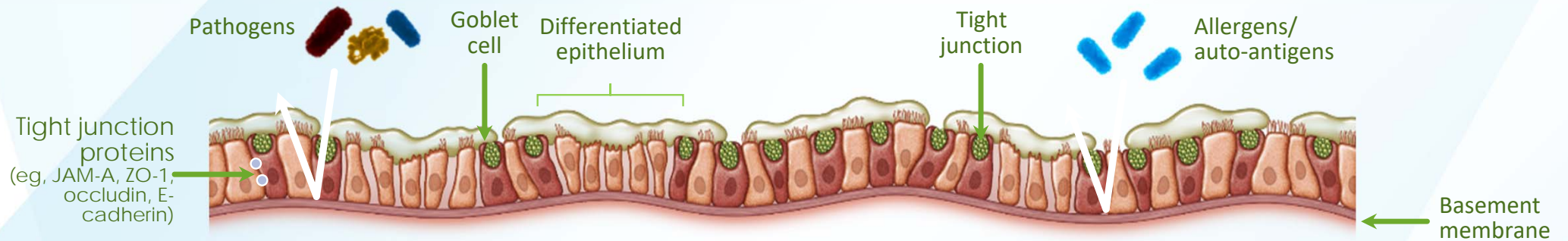
Type 2 Cytokines and their pathophysiologic features

IL-4	IL-13	IL-5
Th2 cell differentiation		
	Goblet cell hyperplasia Mucociliary dysfunction	
	Eosinophil differentiation and survival	
Eosinophil recruitment and trafficking to tissue		
B cell isotype switching and IgE production; mast cell and basophil degranulation		
Epithelial barrier dysfunction; microbiome imbalance		
Tissue remodeling; fibrin cross-linking		
TARC-induced migration of Th2 cells		
Activation of macrophages to M2 type		

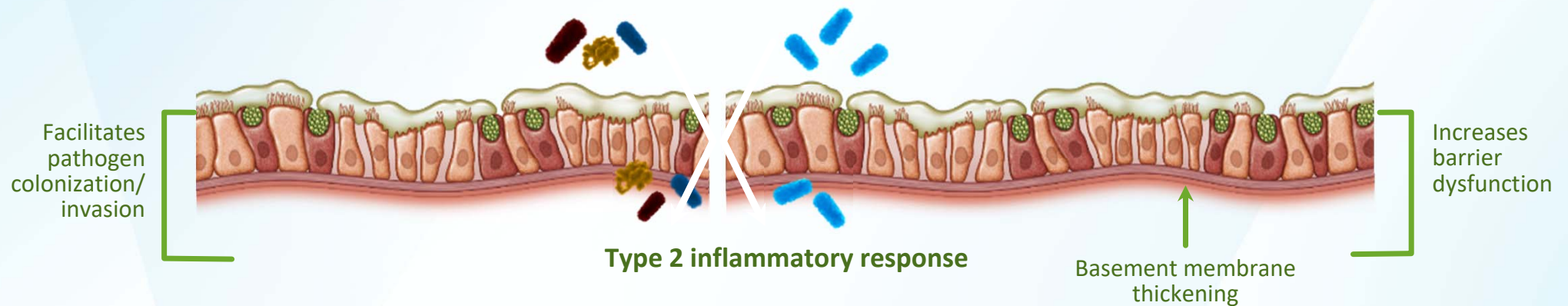
Epithelial Barrier Dysfunction

and Type 2 Inflammatory Responses in CRSwNP¹⁻⁵

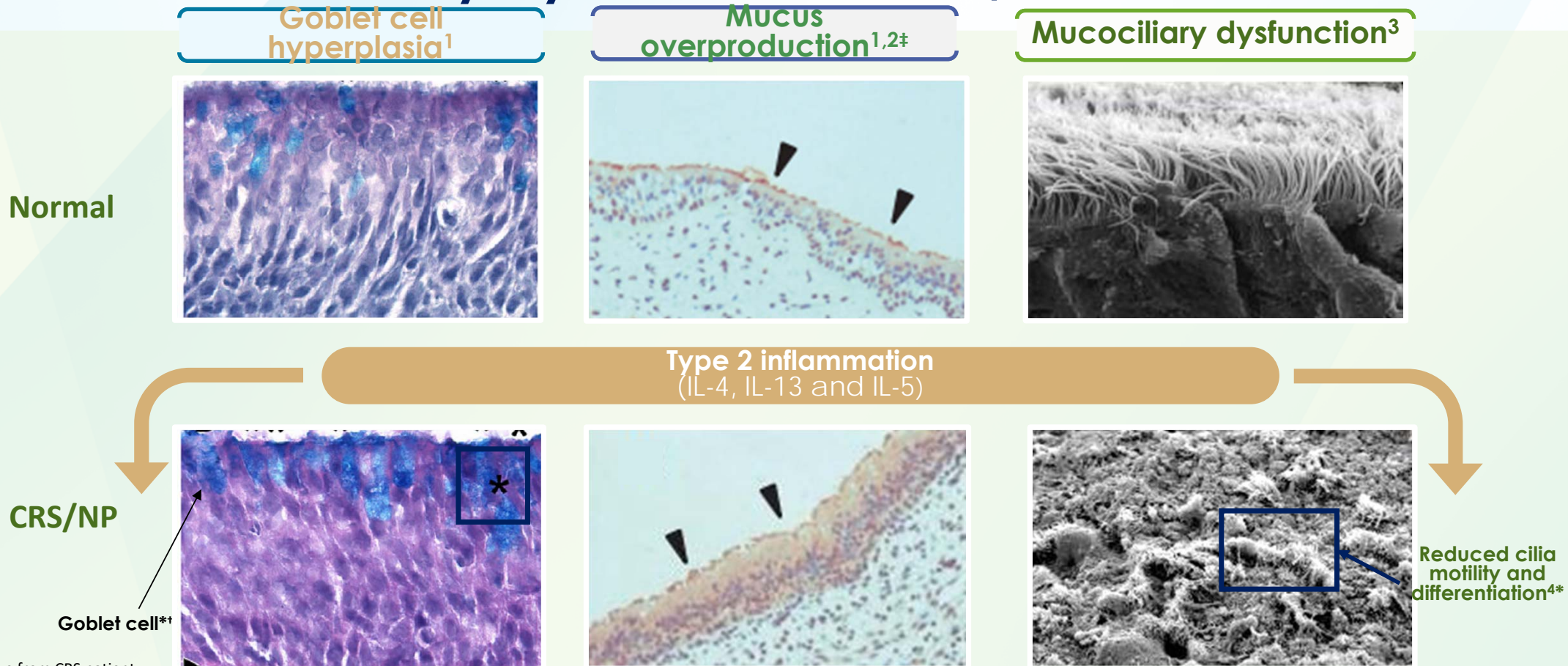
Functional epithelial barrier



Epithelial barrier dysfunction



Goblet Cell Hyperplasia, Mucus Overproduction, and Mucociliary Dysfunction in CRS/NP



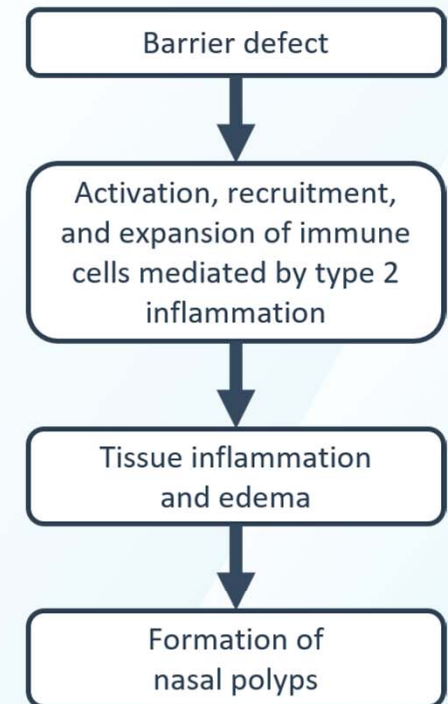
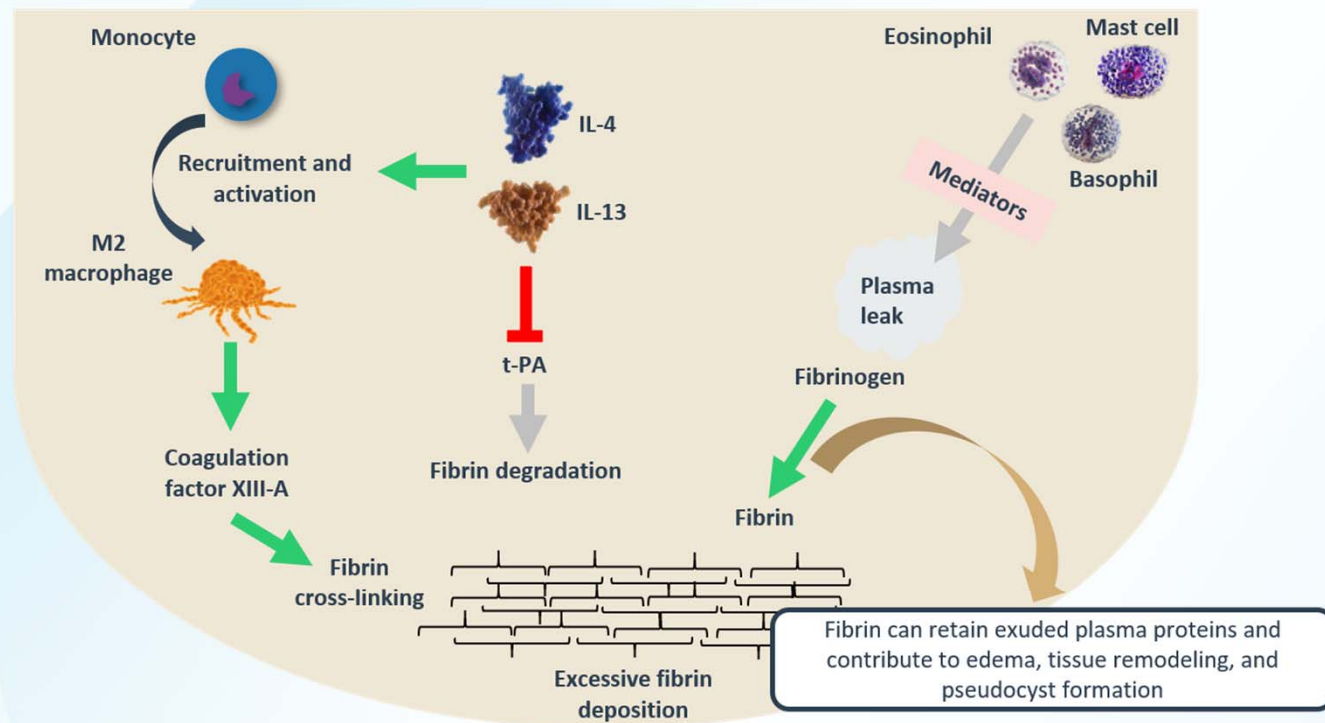
*Tissue from CRS patient.

†Asterisk indicates Alcian Blue-stained goblet cells.

‡Arrows indicate mucus overproduction marked by pendrin staining.

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IL-4 and IL-13 Are Central to the Remodeling Processes Involved in Polyp Formation in CRSwNP¹⁻³



IL-4 and IL-13 contribute to remodeling and nasal polyp formation in CRSwNP by inducing alternative activation of macrophages to M2 macrophages and inhibiting fibrin degradation (IL-13)^{1,2}

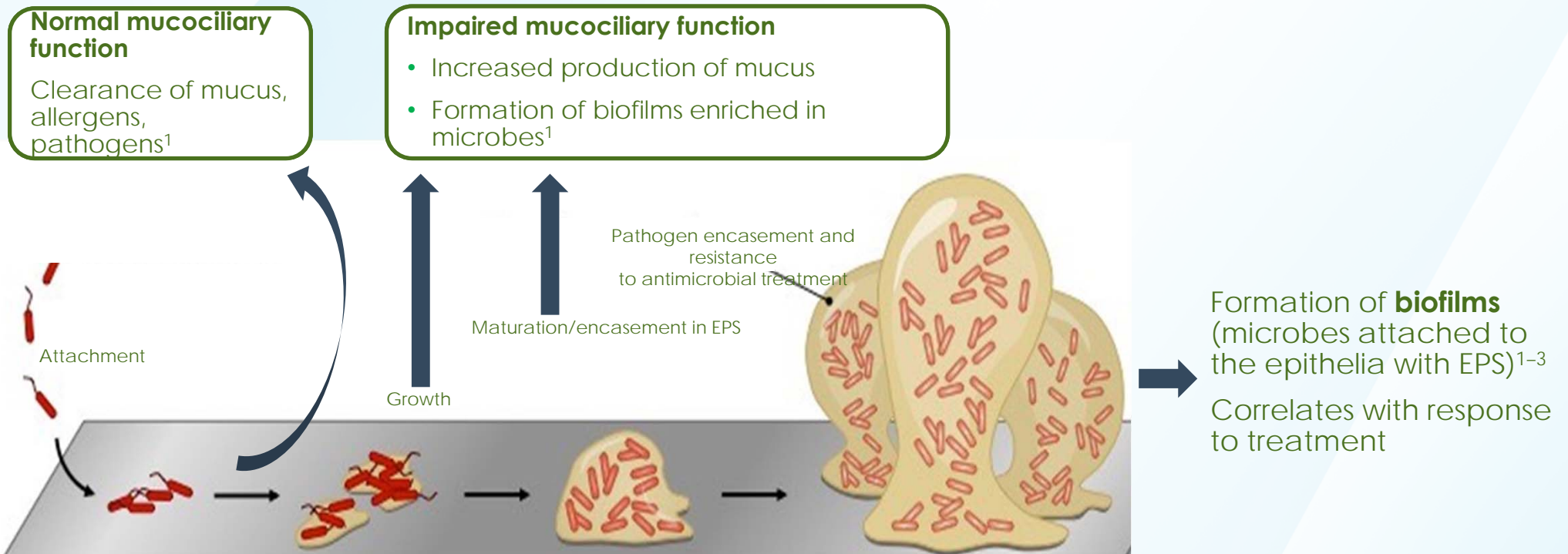
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t-PA, tissue plasminogen activator

Biofilms

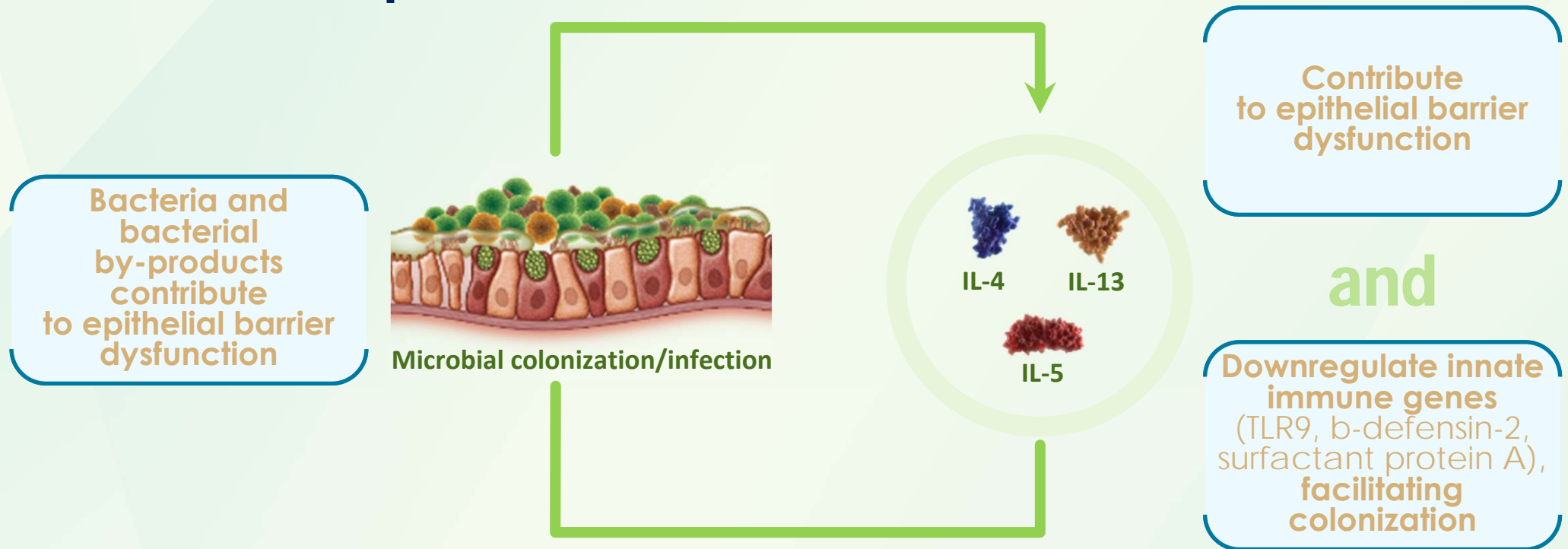


Genetic defects in mucociliary function are associated with increased risk of CRSwNP⁴

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EPS, exopolysaccharide matrix

Microbial Colonization Induces Type 2 Cytokine Production, Perpetuating the Epithelial Barrier Dysfunction Feedback Loop in CRSwNP¹⁻⁷

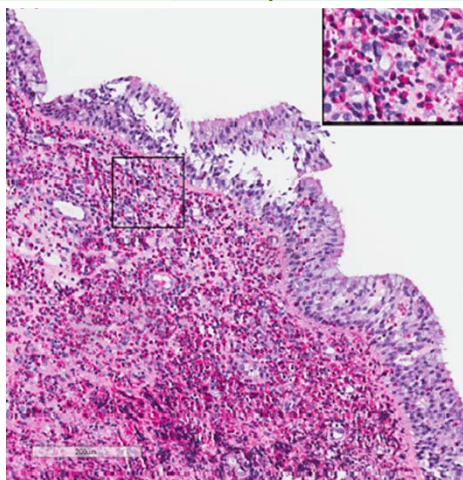


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Depletion of Eosinophils Does Not Improve Total Polyp Score, Demonstrating That Eosinophils Are Not An Ideal Target for Improving CRSwNP¹

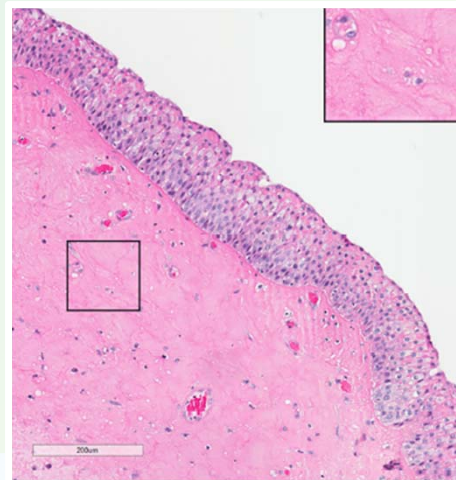
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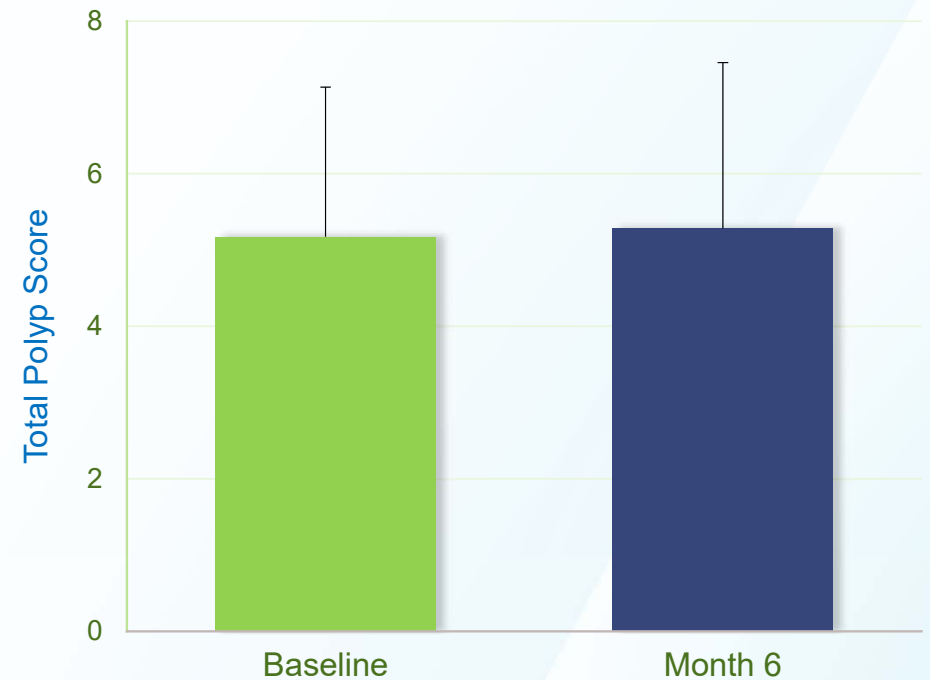
Month 6

(eosinophils = 2 per HPF)



≥95% decrease
in eosinophils

Patients with CRSwNP and eosinophilia treated with Dexamipexole (n=10)*

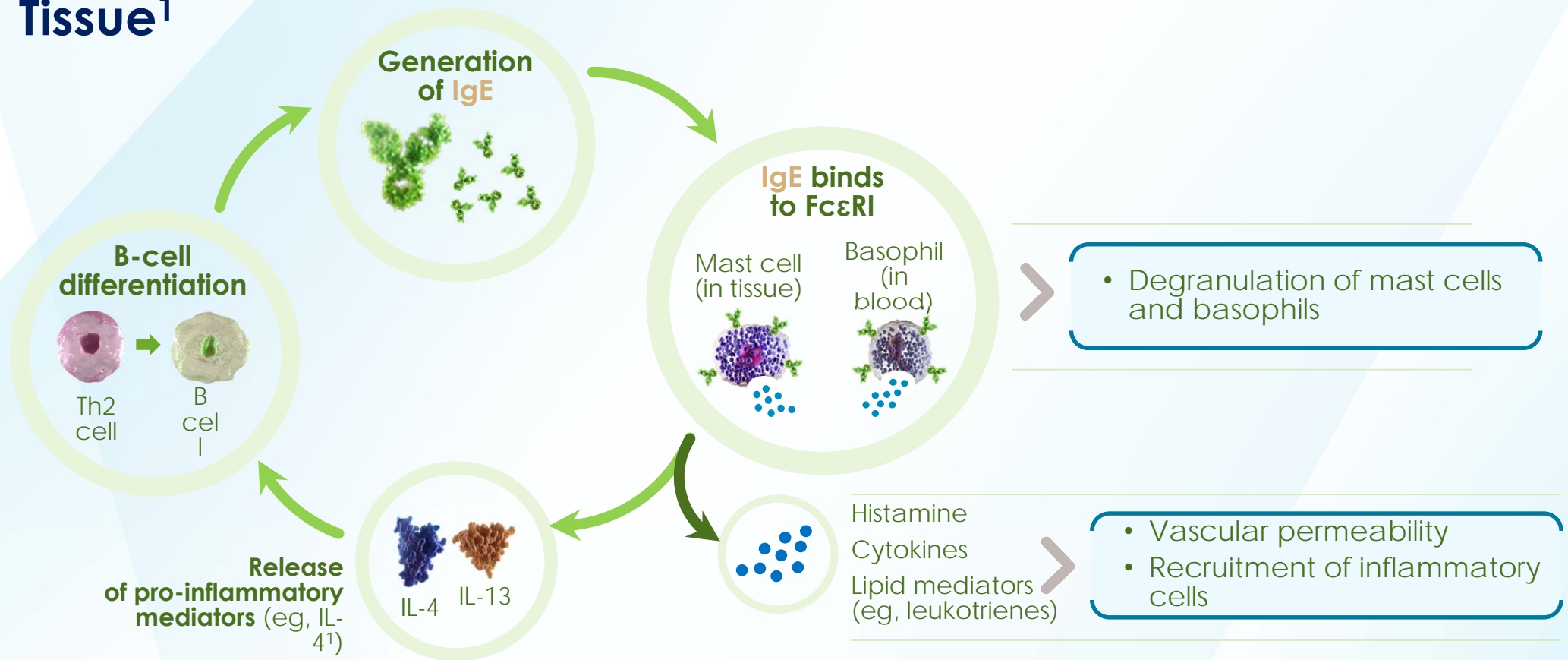


*Prospective open-label study of dexamipexole in patients with CRSwNP and eosinophilia. Eligible patients were treated with dexamipexole 150mg twice daily.

HPF=higher-power field.

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IL-4 and IL-13 Induce B-Cell Class Switching and IgE Production in CRSwNP, Propagating Inflammation in Sinonasal Submucosal Tissue¹



Barrier Dysfunction and the Inflammatory Cascade Interplay Is Common Across Coexisting Type 2 Airway Diseases

Asthma¹

CRSwNP²



Respiratory viruses and allergens¹
Disruption of airway epithelial tight and adherens junctions

Respiratory viruses, high nasal bacterial load and fungi²
Reduced tight junction function and increased permeability leads to tissues that prolapse into the nose

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Type 2 Inflammatory Airway Diseases are United by Common Pathways and Pathophysiologic Features¹⁻¹⁵

CRSwNP

Type 2 cytokines
(IL-4, IL-13, IL-5)
Epithelial-derived alarmins
(TSLP, IL-25, IL-33)
Eosinophils
IgE
Chemokines/chemoattractants

Eosinophil trafficking to tissue
IgE production
Goblet cell hyperplasia/mucus over-production
Barrier dysfunction
Tissue remodeling
Microbiome alterations

Asthma

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IgE production
Goblet cell hyperplasia/mucus over-production
Barrier dysfunction
Tissue remodeling
Smooth muscle proliferation/contractility

Allergic rhinitis

Type 2 cytokines
(IL-4, IL-13, IL-5)
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(TSLP, IL-25, IL-33)
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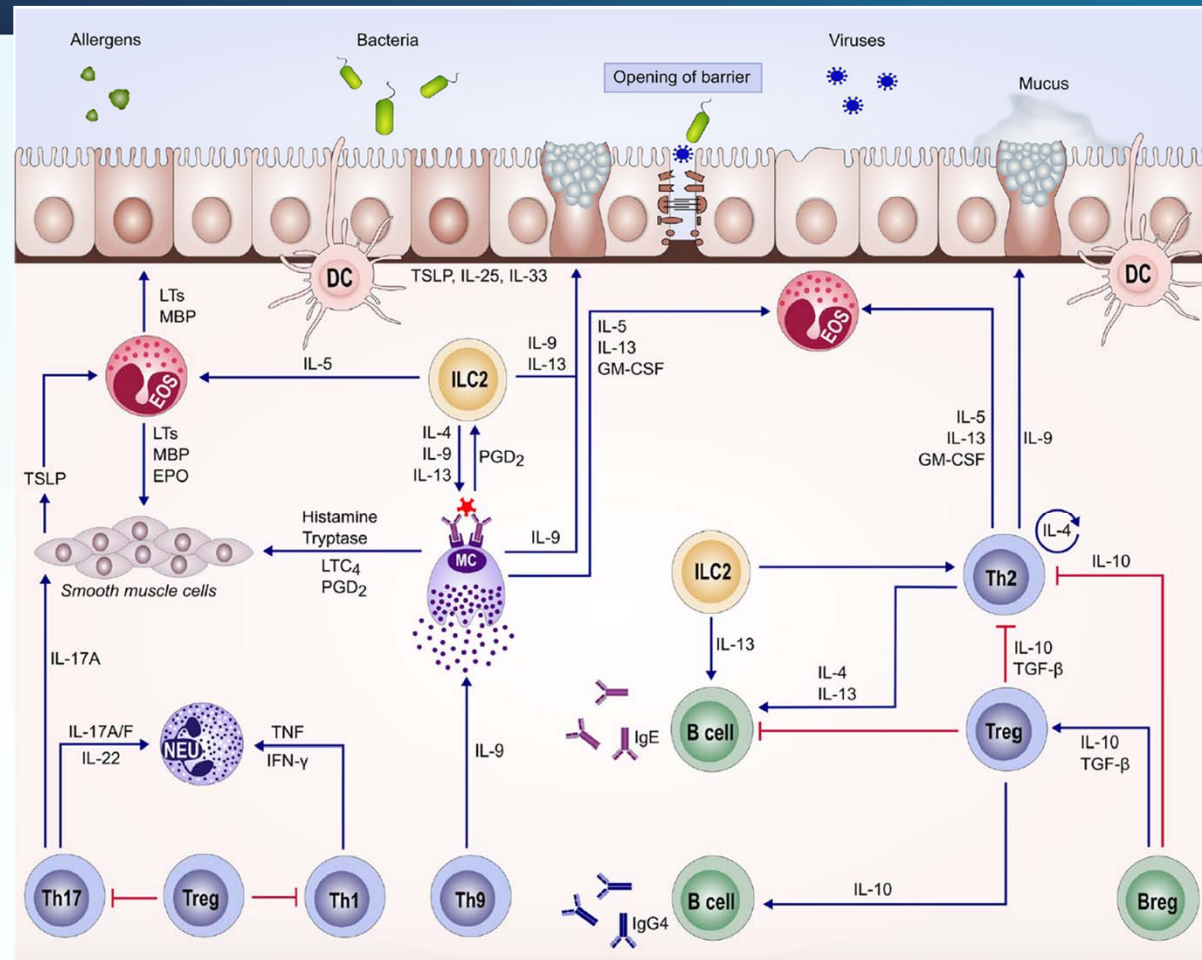
Type 2 cells and mediators

Type 2 pathophysiology

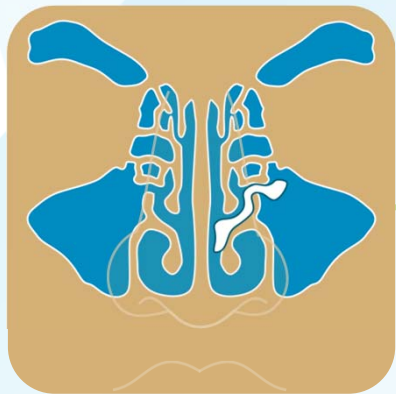
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Type 2 inflammation

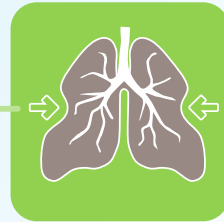
Asthma
CRS(wNP)
Allergic rhinitis
Atopic dermatitis
Anaphylaxis
Food allergy



Coexisting Type 2 Inflammatory Airway Diseases Are Common in Patients With CRSwNP

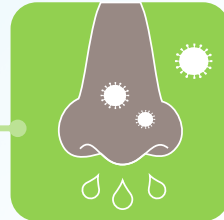


Of adult patients
with CRSwNP



Asthma

- ~48% to ~56% have coexisting asthma¹⁻⁴



Allergic rhinitis

- ~46% have coexisting allergic rhinitis⁵



NSAID-ERD

- ~10% to ~21% have coexisting NSAID-ERD^{1,2,6}