

DERMATOLOGIC MANIFESTATIONS OF SYSTEMIC DISEASE

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DISCLOSURES

- ▶ Speaker for Castle Biosciences

OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Share dermatologic pearls that can assist in the diagnosis of systemic disease
 - ▶ Clues on the outside to what is going on on the inside
- ▶ Improve patient care
 - ▶ Help to know when further workup and treatment options are needed

CASE 1

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- ▶ 71 yo Caucasian male with 4-week history of rash on the buttocks, elbows and knees
- ▶ Otherwise healthy





DERMATITIS HERPETIFORMIS

- ▶ Biopsy and DIF consistent with dermatitis herpetiformis
- ▶ No complaints of abdominal pain or family history of celiac disease
 - ▶ Indirect immunofluorescence consistent with celiac disease
- ▶ Patient's rash quickly clears with dapsonsone
- ▶ Patient decided to discontinue dapsonsone and attempt to treat with gluten-free diet

CASE 2

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- ▶ 42 yo African American male with 6-month history of spreading tender bumps without a tattoo
- ▶ Tattoo performed 4 years ago
- ▶ PMH: DM1
- ▶ No complaints of SOB





CUTANEOUS SARCOIDOSIS


- ▶ Biopsy consistent with sarcoid
- ▶ Labs significant for hypercalcemia
- ▶ Referred to pulmonology and ophthalmology for evaluation





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Increased risk of systemic and cardiac sarcoidosis in Black patients with cutaneous sarcoidosis

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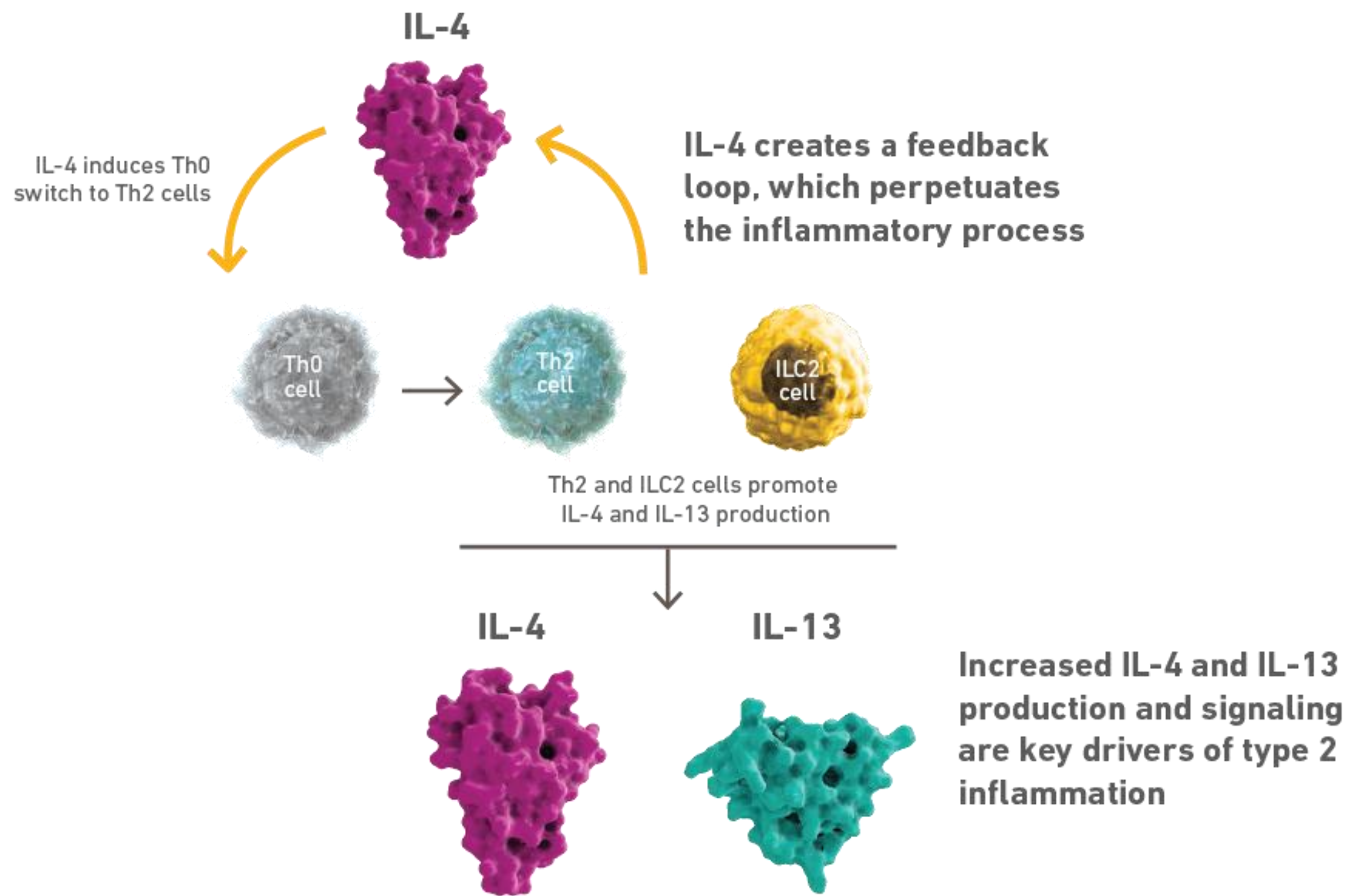
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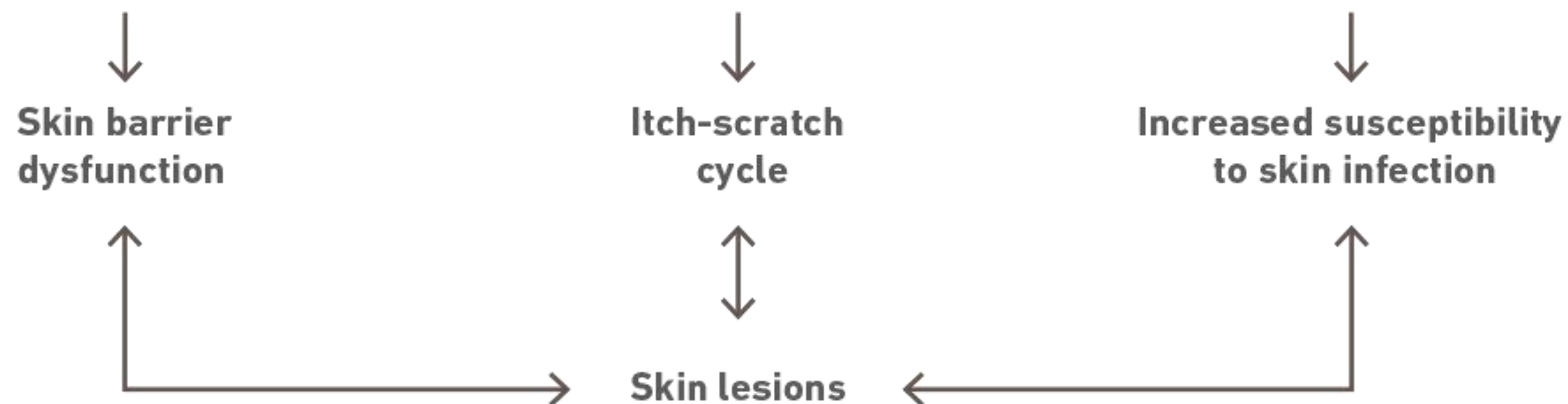
- ▶ 48 yo Asian American male with lifelong history of atopic dermatitis
- ▶ PMH: hospitalization for eczema herpeticum in 2018, gout, followed by hematology for polycythemia and thrombocythemia
- ▶ FH: CAD, MI

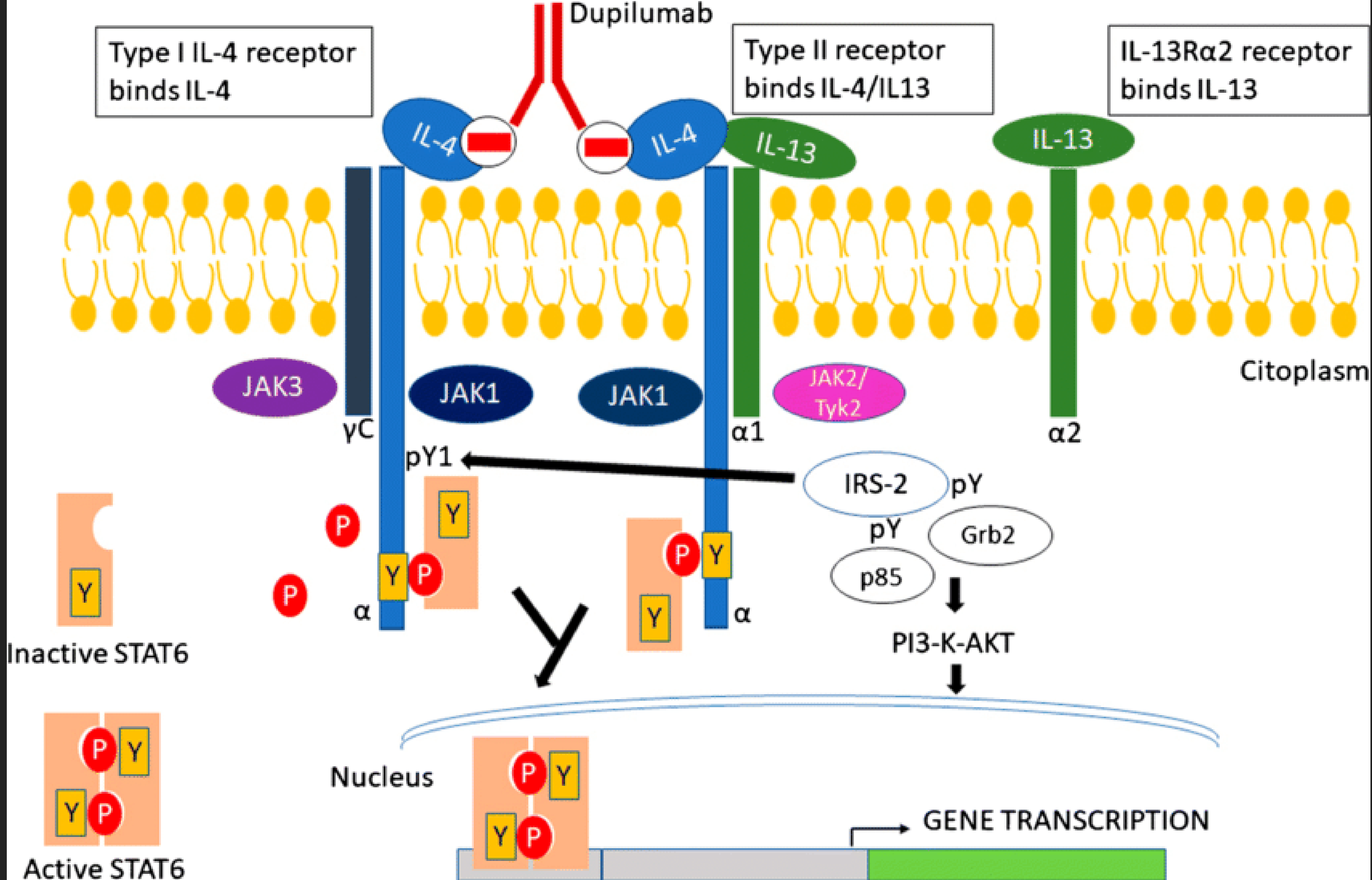
- ▶ Atopic dermatitis well controlled for 3 years on dupilumab (Dupixent)

- ▶ Dupilumab well controlled with the exception of moderate – severe conjunctivitis



Increased IL-4 and IL-13 signaling contributes to⁴⁻⁶:

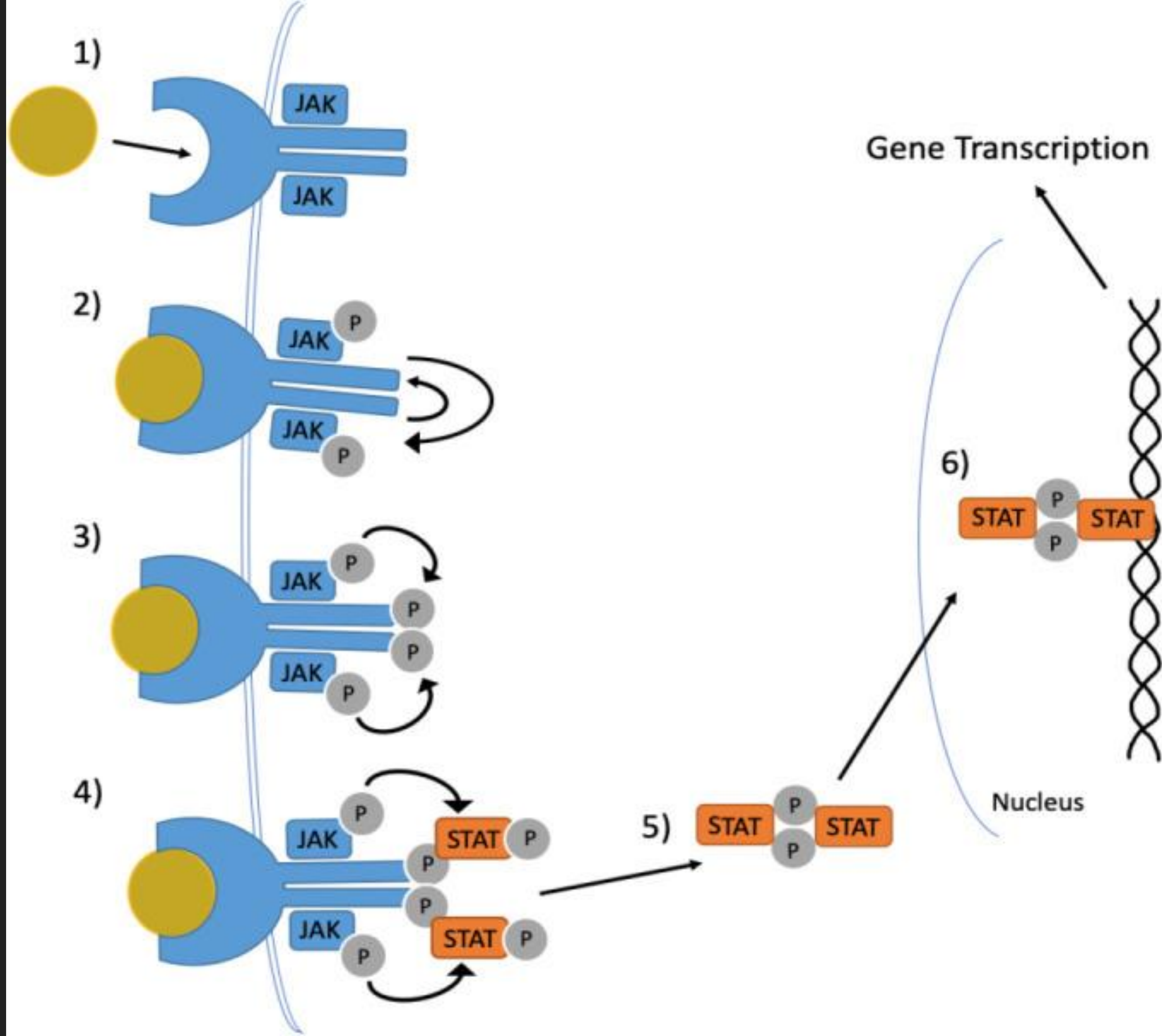




ATOPIC DERMATITIS

- ▶ Patient mentions addition of hydroxyurea for treatment of thrombocytosis and polycythemia
- ▶ Recently had genetic testing
 - ▶ mutation in JAK2 (V614F mutation)
 - ▶ Upregulation of JAK2





JAK2 UPREGULATION MUTATION

- ▶ Worked with hematology to switch patient from dupilumab to ruxolitinib (Jakafi[®])
 - ▶ Blocks JAK1 and JAK2 signaling
 - ▶ Risk of malignancy, herpes infection and MACE events
- ▶ Now, 6 months later, atopic dermatitis is well controlled with no conjunctivitis
- ▶ TCP and polycythemia recalcitrant to high dose ruxolitinib 25 mg BID
- ▶ Restarting hydroxyurea. May switch back to dupilumab



CASE 4





BULLOUS PEMPHIGOID

- ▶ 80 yo Caucasian male with biopsy consistent with bullous pemphigoid
- ▶ Had been treated effectively with doxycycline, niacinamide and topical steroids but recently non-responsive to treatment









BULLOUS PEMPHIGOID

- ▶ Drug-induced secondary to analgesics, penicillins, captopril, furosemide, spironolactone, sulfasalazine, PD-1 inhibitors, antidiabetic drugs (-gliptins)
- ▶ Recalcitrant cases usually respond to dupilumab
 - ▶ IL-4 blocker \Rightarrow \downarrow TH2 response
 - ▶ Patient started on samples of dupilumab with good response



CASE 5



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CASE 5

- ▶ 39 yo female with 10 day history of pruritic rash on legs, 24 hr history of crampy abdominal pain and nonbloody diarrhea
- ▶ Abdominal pain improved after pain meds in ED but rash progressed while inpatient



LABS

- ▶ Afebrile
- ▶ ESR 38
- ▶ WBC 11.3 (admission 18.6)
- ▶ Platelets normal
- ▶ INR 4.2
- ▶ LFTs normal
- ▶ BUN and creatinine normal

HENOCH-SCHONLEIN PURPURA

- ▶ Biopsy for H&E and DIF consistent with Henoch Schonlein purpura
- ▶ Discharged home
- ▶ Clinic visit 7 days after initial presentation
 - ▶ Increased lesions, more on UE, painful and pruritic.
 - ▶ BUN/Creatinine normal
- ▶ Recommended prednisone, pt refused
- ▶ Started on Triamcinolone 0.1% ointment



HENOCH-SCHONLEIN PURPURA

- ▶ 10 days after initial presentation, pt called to report several large bloody bowel movements overnight and abdominal pain
- ▶ Readmitted, found to have jejunal intussusception on CT
 - ▶ Self resolved
- ▶ Started on prednisone 60mg/day.
- ▶ Abdominal pain improved, no further hematochezia, d/c'd home on 3 wk taper
- ▶ BUN and creatinine remained normal x 6 months



HENOCH-SCHONLEIN PURPURA

- IgA vasculitis
- Cutaneous, renal, arthralgias, GI involvement
- Renal disease risk greater in adults and those with cutaneous disease above the waist
 - Monitor renal function for at least 6 months
- Often triggered by viral or strep infection
- Treatment
 - Self-resolving, 6-16 wks
 - Prednisone can alleviate GI symptoms, probably no affect on renal disease



CASE 6

CASE 6

- ▶ 55 yo Caucasian male referred for possible amyloidosis
- ▶ Stiff shoulders and skin tightness of the arms, shoulders, face and neck
- ▶ Difficulty raising his arms above the shoulders x 5 years
- ▶ History of GERD and esophageal dilatation





LABS

- ▶ Negative ENA, DNDNA, Sm ab, Scl70, SSA, SSB, anticentromere and antichromatin ab
- ▶ Positive RNP of 1.2
- ▶ Monoclonal IgA kappa
- ▶ XR bone survey: lytic lesions in the occipital bone



SCLEREDEMA

- ▶ Divided into three types:
 - ▶ First type:
 - ▶ Seen in middle aged women and children
 - ▶ Preceded by fever, malaise, and infection (strep)
 - ▶ Usually resolves within a few months
 - ▶ Second type:
 - ▶ Same clinical features, but a more subtle onset
 - ▶ No preceding illness
 - ▶ Persists for years
 - ▶ Associated with a monoclonal gammopathy
 - ▶ Third type:
 - ▶ Seen in obese middle aged men with DM
 - ▶ Subtle onset and persistent



TREATMENT

- ▶ PUVA
- ▶ Cyclophosphamide
- ▶ Cyclosporine

- ▶ Treatment unnecessary if associated with strep

- ▶ If associated with multiple myeloma, may resolve with treatment of myeloma.

- ▶ Control of hyperglycemia has no influence on the skin

ALMOST ALWAYS ASSOCIATED WITH MONOCLONAL GAMMOPATHY

- ▶ Scleromyxedema
 - ▶ POEMS syndromes
 - ▶ AESOP syndrome - adenopathy and extensive skin patch overlying a plasmacytoma; may coexist with POEMS syndromes
- ▶ Schnitzler syndrome
- ▶ Necrobiotic xanthogranuloma



FREQUENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH MONOCLONAL

GAMMOPATHY

- ▶ Normolipemic plane xanthoma
- ▶ Scleredema (type 2)
- ▶ Angioedema secondary to acquired C1 esterase inhibitor deficiency
- ▶ Clarkson syndrome (idiopathic systemic capillary leak syndrome)



PLANE XANTHOMA











SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION WITH MONOCLONAL GAMMOPATHY, PRIMARILY IGA

- ▶ Erythema elevatum diutinum
- ▶ Subcorneal pustular dermatosis (SPD) and SPD-type IgA pemphigus
- ▶ Pyoderma gangrenosum







PYODERMA GANGRENOSUM

- ▶ Neutrophilic disorder, with ulceration
- ▶ Pathergy
- ▶ Associated with
 - ▶ inflammatory bowel disease primarily (UC>Crohn's)
 - ▶ Myelogenous leukemias
 - ▶ Rheumatoid arthritis
- ▶ Treatment
 - ▶ Do not debride
 - ▶ Ultrapotent topical/intralesional steroids
 - ▶ Immunosuppressants
 - ▶ TNF- α inhibitors



OCCASIONALLY ASSOCIATED WITH MONOCLONAL GAMMOPATHY

Sweet syndrome

- ▶ Cutaneous small vessel vasculitis
- ▶ Xanthoma disseminatum
- ▶ Epidermolysis bullosa acquisita
- ▶ Paraneoplastic pemphigus
- ▶ Atypical scleroderma



CASE 7

CASE 7

- ▶ 68 year-old male
- ▶ Presents to ED with skin lesions and fever
- ▶ Initial CBC suggests new dx of AML







SWEET'S SYNDROME

- ▶ Acute Febrile Neutrophilic Dermatositis
- ▶ Usually face, neck, upper trunk, extremities
- ▶ Reactive
 - ▶ Post-infectious
 - ▶ URI, GI bacterial infections, toxoplasmosis, histoplasmosis
 - ▶ Neoplasia: AML > other heme > solid tumors
 - ▶ Can occur in neutrophilic patients
 - ▶ Bowel disease
 - ▶ Drug-induced (G-CSF, OCPs, TMP-SMX)
- ▶ Very steroid responsive













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CASE 8

CASE 8

- ▶ 80 yo Caucasian male with muscle weakness and rash that worsens with rash that worsens in the sun.
- ▶ Recent diagnosis of adenocarcinoma of the lungs







DERMATOMYOSITIS

- ▶ Associated neoplasia in adults 10-50%
 - ▶ GU, **ovarian**, colon most common
 - ▶ Breast, lung, pancreatic and lymphoma
- ▶ May overlap with other CTDs
- ▶ Interstitial lung disease may be fatal – highly associated with anti-Jo-1 antibodies



CASE 9



CASE 9

- ▶ 32 year old woman mother of 2
- ▶ Eos slightly elevated at 8%.
- ▶ AST was 9880; ALT 10,230; T. Bil 3.5;
- ▶ Fevers 104.5F
- ▶ Severe pan lymphadenopathy. Significant facial edema

CASE 9

- ▶ DRESS secondary to Bactrim
- ▶ IVIG rapidly reversed course.

CASE 10



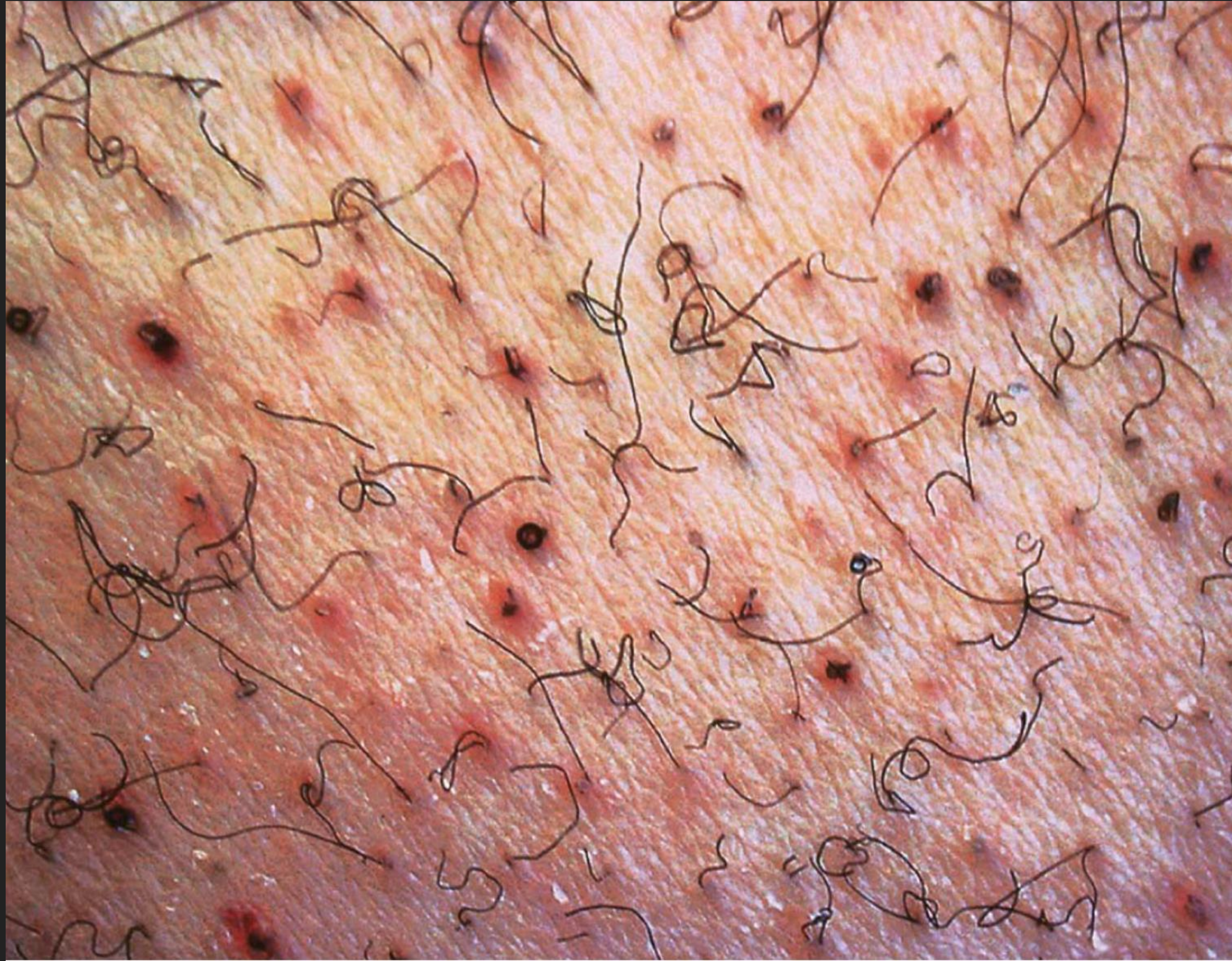
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CASE 10

- ▶ Patient with complaints of pain all over
- ▶ Purple macules seen at base of follicles on legs, tenderness to palpation over several joints and long bones
- ▶ History of a partial small bowel resection







VITAMIN C DEFICIENCY

- ▶ Scurvy
- ▶ Alcoholics, psychiatric disease: limited diets
- ▶ Hemorrhage:
 - ▶ Gingival, subperiosteal, intramuscular, subungual, intra-articular, cutaneous
- ▶ Perifollicular hemorrhage and hyperkeratosis, corkscrew hairs
- ▶ Hematologic abnormalities



CASE 11

CASE 11

- ▶ 36 yo African American female with history of gastric bypass (357lbs → 120lbs)
- ▶ Complaints of:
 - ▶ 8-10d desquamating, painful skin eruption around the mouth, abdomen, groin and buttocks with perineal pain with defecation/urination
 - ▶ Peeling of the hands and feet
 - ▶ Fatigue, weakness
 - ▶ Poor PO intake due to mouth pain
 - ▶ Worsening diarrhea



PMH

- ▶ Bypass complicated by:
 - ▶ Recent depression
 - ▶ Hypoalbuminemia
 - ▶ Anemia
 - ▶ Continued weight loss/diarrhea
 - ▶ Abdominal pain.
- ▶ 4 month history of progressively worsening diarrhea
 - ▶ Thought possibly to be due to C. Difficile infection but negative cultures and not responding to antibiotics

















ZINC DEFICIENCY

- ▶ Congenital
 - ▶ Acrodermatitis enteropathica (genetic form, AR defect in zinc absorption from gut)
- ▶ Acquired
 - ▶ GI Fistulas, surgeries, high fiber diet
 - ▶ TPN w/o zinc supplementation
 - ▶ HIV infection

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CASE 12

CASE

- ▶ 44yo previously healthy Caucasian female
- ▶ 3-day history of “bruise-like,” extremely painful rash on the lower legs and buttocks
- ▶ No history of similar eruption

CASE

- ▶ Pt currently on probation for cocaine abuse
 - ▶ “Clean” for 2.5 years
 - ▶ Recent use 4 days ago (1 day prior to onset of rash)

- ▶ No FHx autoimmune disease













LABS

- H/H: 8.5/28
 - WBC: 3.8
 - Platelets: 99

 - Hep B+C negative
 - HIV: negative

 - ANA +8.0
 - Anti-dsDNA: 1 (0-4)
 - ENA panel: negative

 - ESR +28
 - CRP +1.8
- Lupus anticoagulant: positive
 - Anticardiolipin IgG 22 (0-14)
 - Anticardiolipin IgM 73 (0-12)
 - Beta-2 glycoprotein IgG/IgM: negative

 - Complement C3/C4 low
 - D Dimer: 6.5 (0-0.6)
 - Fibrinogen: 135 (180-350)
 - pANCA: 1:640 (<1:20)
 - cANCA: negative



LABS

- ▶ Utox: + Cocaine

LEVAMISOLE VASCULOPATHY

- ▶ Transient:
 - ▶ pANCA +
 - ▶ antiphospholipid panel +
 - ▶ Agranulocytosis
 - ▶ ANA +
 - ▶ Combination
vasculitis/thrombo-occlusive
 - ▶ Common locations - ears





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A 31-year-old man presents to the emergency department with ear pain. The patient tells you he uses cocaine. Physical exam shows this rash.



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CASE 13

CASE

- ▶ 20 yo Caucasian female
- ▶ Red rash on the legs x 1 year

- ▶ History of Type 1 Diabetes



NECROBIOSIS LIPOIDICA DIABETICORUM

- ▶ Plaques with violaceous to red-brown palpable rim, atrophic yellow center
- ▶ Pathogenesis unknown
 - ▶ Possibly immune mediated vascular damage
- ▶ 0.03% of pts with DM will develop NLD





DIABETIC DERMOPATHY

- ▶ AKA shin spots
- ▶ May be a sign of microvascular damage elsewhere
- ▶ Occur at sites of trauma



STASIS DERMATITIS

- ▶ Can mimic cellulitis
- ▶ “Bilateral cellulitis” is usually stasis
- ▶ Use mid potency corticosteroids like triamcinolone 0.1% ointment
- ▶ Compression



CASE 14

CASE 14

- ▶ Obese young adult
- ▶ Bothered by rash on neck and other folds
- ▶ Hemoglobin A1C is fine, fasting blood sugar within normal limits, but borderline



ACANTHOSIS NIGRICANS

- ▶ Obesity and multiple endocrine disorders
 - ▶ Acromegaly, PCOS, Cushing syndrome, diabetes mellitus, hypothyroidism, Addison's disease, hyperandrogenic states, hypogonadal syndromes, insulin-receptor defect
- ▶ Malignancy: Adeno CA of stomach, lung, breast, others
- ▶ Familial: childhood presentation, AD
- ▶ Medication induced
 - ▶ Nicotinic acid, niacinamide, testosterone, OCP, glucocorticoids



QUESTIONS?



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