

Papulosquamous Diseases

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Psoriasis

Psoriasis is an immune-mediated polygenic skin disorder. Various environmental triggering factors, e.g. trauma, stress, infections and medications, may elicit disease in genetically predisposed individuals

Epidemiology:

- *2% of population (0.7% of Asian/African)*
- *0.7% juvenile psoriasis*
- *Only 25% have severe psoriasis*
- *Bimodal disease (20-30s/50-60s)*
- *Two third of patients have family history of psoriasis*
- *Child risk : one parent 14% two parent 40%*

Nine psoriasis susceptibility regions (PSORS1–9) in different chromosomal locations.

PSORS1 (on chromosome 6p), account for up to 50% of psoriasis risk. PSORS1 contains genes such as HLA-Cw6 .

HLA-Cw6 is strongly linked to the age of onset of psoriasis.

90% of the patients with early-onset psoriasis

50% of the patients with late-onset psoriasis

Early-onset psoriasis, positive family history and expression of HLA-Cw6

(type I psoriasis)

Late-onset disease, no family history and a lack of expression of HLA-Cw6

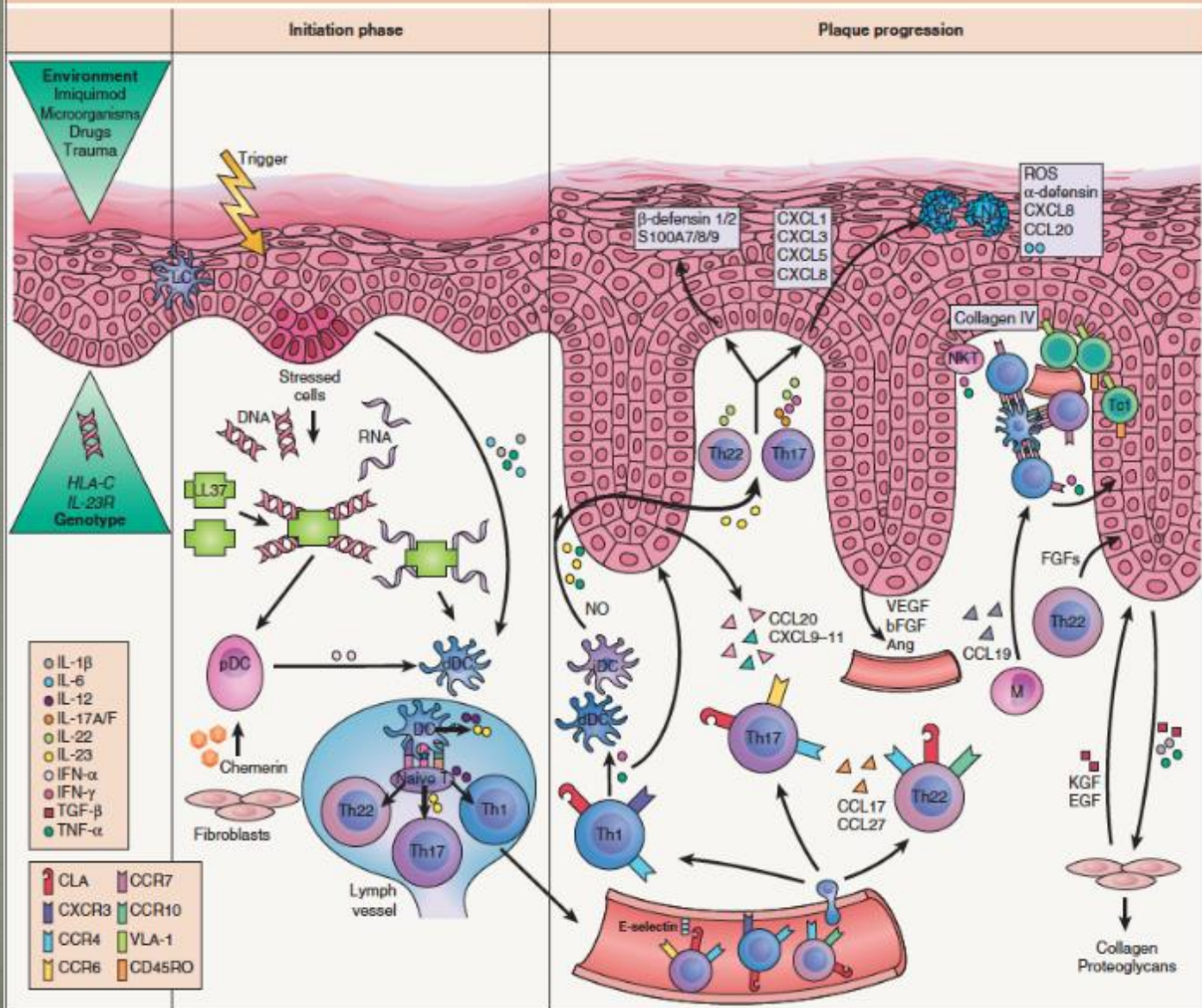
(type II psoriasis)

PSORIASIS SUSCEPTIBILITY GENES

Class	Gene(s)	Pathway	Protein function	OR	Disease overlap
Skin specific	<i>LCE3B/3C/3D</i>	Skin barrier formation	KC structural protein	1.26	
	<i>KLF4</i>	Skin barrier formation IL-17 signaling	Transcription factor	1.12	
	<i>ETSI</i>	Unknown	Transcription factor	1.12	
Innate immunity	<i>IL-28RA</i>	IFN signaling	IL-29 receptor subunit	1.21	
	<i>IFIH1</i>	IFN signaling	Innate antiviral receptor	1.27	
	<i>RNF114</i>	IFN signaling	E3 ubiquitin ligase	1.16	
	<i>ELMO1</i>	IFN signaling	Involved in TLR-mediated IFN- α signaling	1.11	
	<i>DDX58</i>	IFN signaling	Innate antiviral receptor	1.11	
	<i>NOS2</i>	Inflammation	Induced nitric oxide synthase	1.22	
	<i>REL</i>	NF- κ B signaling	NF- κ B subunit	1.17	RA
	<i>TNIP1</i>	NF- κ B signaling	Inhibitor of TNF-induced NF- κ B activation	1.59	
	<i>TNFAIP3</i>	NF- κ B signaling	Inhibitor of TNF-induced NF- κ B activation	1.23	
	<i>NFKBIA</i>	NF- κ B signaling	Inhibitor of NF- κ B activation	1.16	
	<i>FBXL19</i>	NF- κ B signaling	Putative inhibitor of NF- κ B activation	1.16	
	<i>CARD14</i>	NF- κ B signaling	Activator of NF- κ B pathway	1.11	
	<i>CARM1*</i>	NF- κ B signaling	Transcriptional coactivator of NF- κ B	1.17	
	<i>UBE2L3*</i>	NF- κ B signaling	Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme	1.13	Cel, RA, Cro
At the interface between innate and adaptive immunity	<i>TRAF3IP3</i>	IL-23/IL-17 axis NF- κ B signaling	Adaptor molecule mediating IL-17-induced NF- κ B activation	1.52	
	<i>IL-12B</i>	IL-23/IL-17 axis	Shared subunit of IL-12/IL-23	1.58	
	<i>IL-23A</i>	IL-23/IL-17 axis	Unique subunit of IL-23	1.39	
	<i>TYK2</i>	IL-23/IL-17 axis IFN signaling	Tyrosine kinase associated with cytokines receptors	1.88	
	<i>HLA-C</i>	Antigen presentation	MHC class 1 antigen	4.32	
	<i>ERAP1</i>	Antigen presentation	Enzyme processing MHC class 1 ligands	1.2	AS
Adaptive immunity	<i>IL-23R</i>	IL-23/IL-17 axis	Unique subunit of IL-23 receptor complex	1.52	AS, UC, Cro
	<i>STAT3*</i>	IL-23/IL-17 axis	Transcription factor	1.15	
	<i>IRF4*</i>	IL-17 signaling	Transcription factor	1.12	
	<i>RUNX3</i>	T-bet pathway	Transcription factor	1.13	AS, Cel
	<i>IL-4/IL-13</i>	IL-4/IL-13 signaling	IL-4 and IL-13 cytokines	1.16	
	<i>TNFRSF9*</i>	T-cell differentiation	Adaptor molecule	1.13	
	<i>TAGAP</i>	T-cell activation	Rho GTPase-activating protein	1.12	RA
	<i>ZMIZ1</i>	TGF- β signaling	Protein inhibitor of activated STAT (PIAS) family of proteins	1.1	MS
	<i>SOCS1</i>	Type II IFN signaling	Suppressor of cytokine signaling	1.13	
Other	<i>PROX5</i>	Intracellular redox signaling	Antioxidant enzyme	1.09	
	<i>B3GNT2</i>	Carbohydrate metabolism	Enzyme	1.12	AS
	<i>MBD2*</i>	Unknown	Transcriptional repressor	1.12	
	<i>ZC3H12C</i>	Unknown	Zinc finger protein with putative RNase function	1.14	

*Most notable gene mapped by the identified SNP.

IMMUNOPATHOGENESIS OF PSORIASIS



Triggers

Trauma

Stress

Infections: e.g. Streptococcal infections, especially pharyngitis

Drugs: e.g. lithium, IFNs, β -blockers, and antimalarial

Hypocalcemia has been reported to be a triggering factor for generalized pustular psoriasis.

chronic plaque psoriasis

Symmetric sharply defined erythematous plaques with thick silvery scale over the scalp, elbows, knees and lumbosacral area which is associated sometimes with hyperkeratosis of the hands and feet

Guttate psoriasis (more common in children and adolescents and preceded by an upper respiratory tract infection)

Flexural psoriasis

sebopsoriasis : indeterminate stage

Pustular psoriasis

Generalized pustular psoriasis (von Zumbusch pattern)

ill patient with constitutional symptoms present with generalized abrupt painful eruption with erythema and pustulation starting over the intertriginous areas and trunk.

Palmopalmer pustulosis

Associated with SAPHO syndrome (synovitis, acne, pustulosis, hyperostosis and osteitis)

Acrodermatitis continua of Hallopeau

pustules over the distal portions of the fingers followed by scaling and crust formation. Pustules may also form subungual which might cause shedding of nail plates.

Erythrodermic Psoriasis

















Nail :

Involved in 80% of patients

Patients with nail involvement appear to have an increased incidence of psoriatic arthritis.

Pitting (parakeratosis of the nail matrix)

Oil-spot (leukocytes beneath the nail plate)

*Onycholysis with subungual hyperkeratosis
(parakeratosis of the distal nail bed)*

Oral mucosa:

Migratory annular erythematous lesions with hydrated white scale over the tongue (geographic tongue) observed mainly in pustular psoriasis patients.



Psoriatic Arthritis

25% of patients

Asymmetric mono-oligoarthritis (most common type) Inflammation of the DIP and PIP joints of the hands and feet Involvement of both the DIP and PIP joints of a single digit can result in “sausage” digit

Least common presentations:

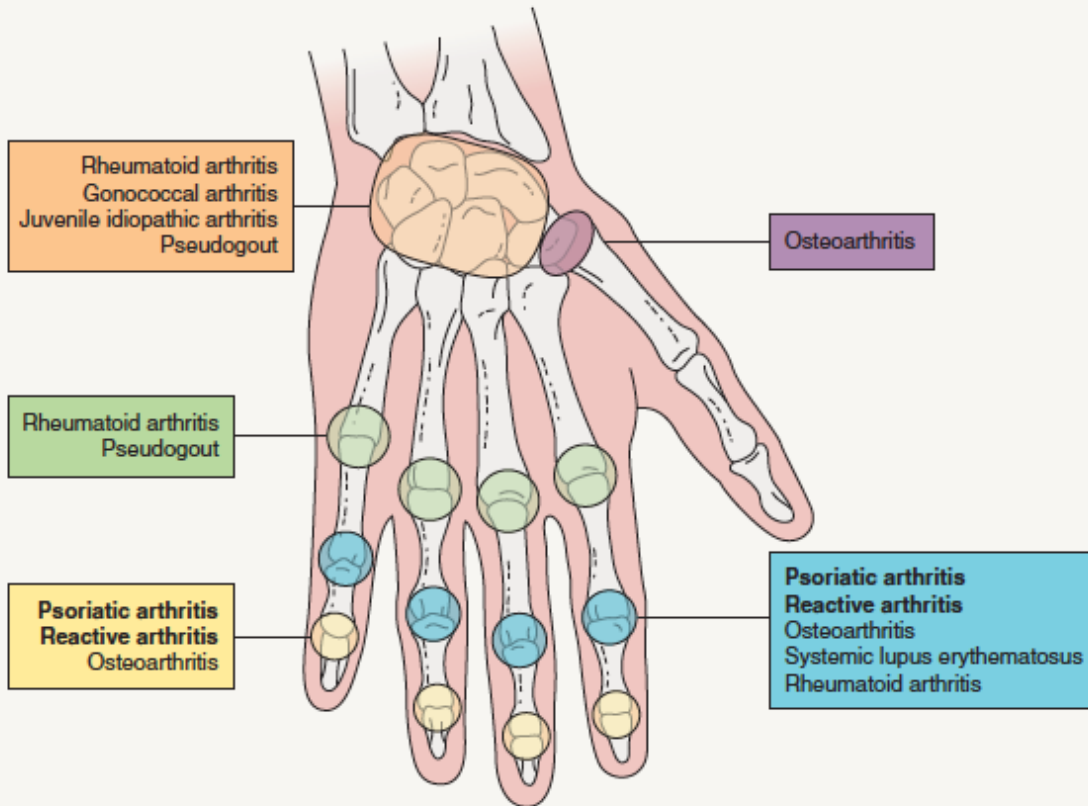
Rheumatoid arthritis-like

(Symmetric polyarthritis that involves small and medium-sized joints)

Arthritis Mutilans

Spondylitis and Sacroiliitis

SITES OF INVOLVEMENT IN PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS AND REACTIVE ARTHRITIS



Associations:

Hyperlipidemia and metabolic syndrome

Atherosclerosis

Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis

Depression

Substance addiction

parkinsonism

Pathology:

Classically, Superficial perivascular lymphocytic infiltrate with even elongation of rete ridges ,dilated capillaries in papillary dermis which associated with spongiosis, acanthosis and parakeratosis .

In late lesions, accumulation of neutrophils within a spongiotic pustule “spongiform pustule of Kogoj” or sub-corneal accumulation of neutrophil “microabscess of Munro” (exaggerated in pustular psoriasis)

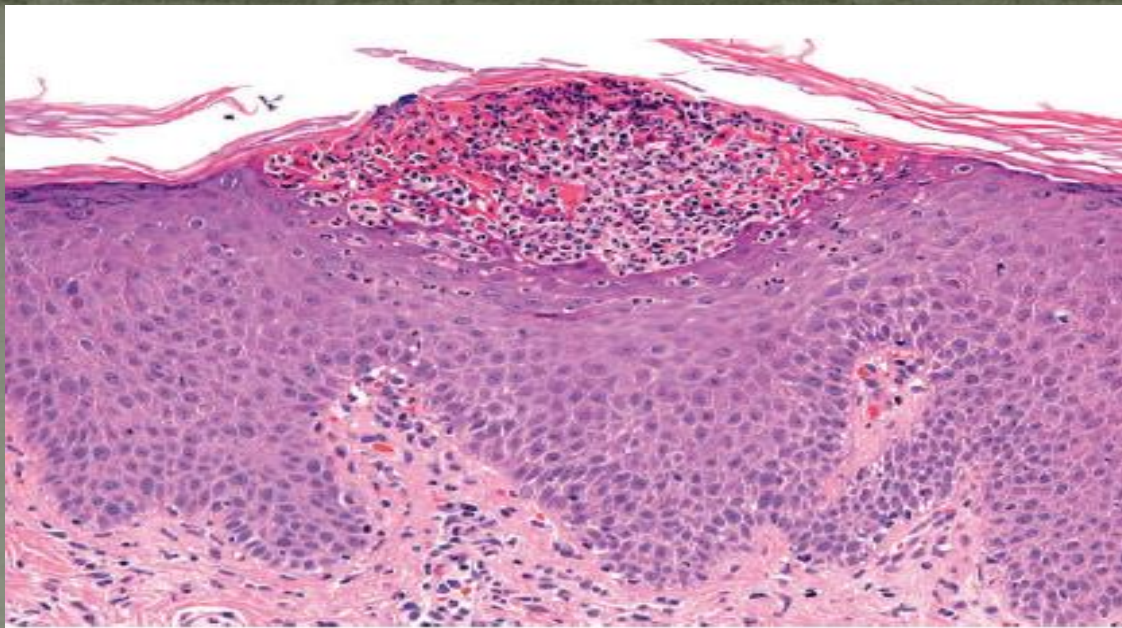
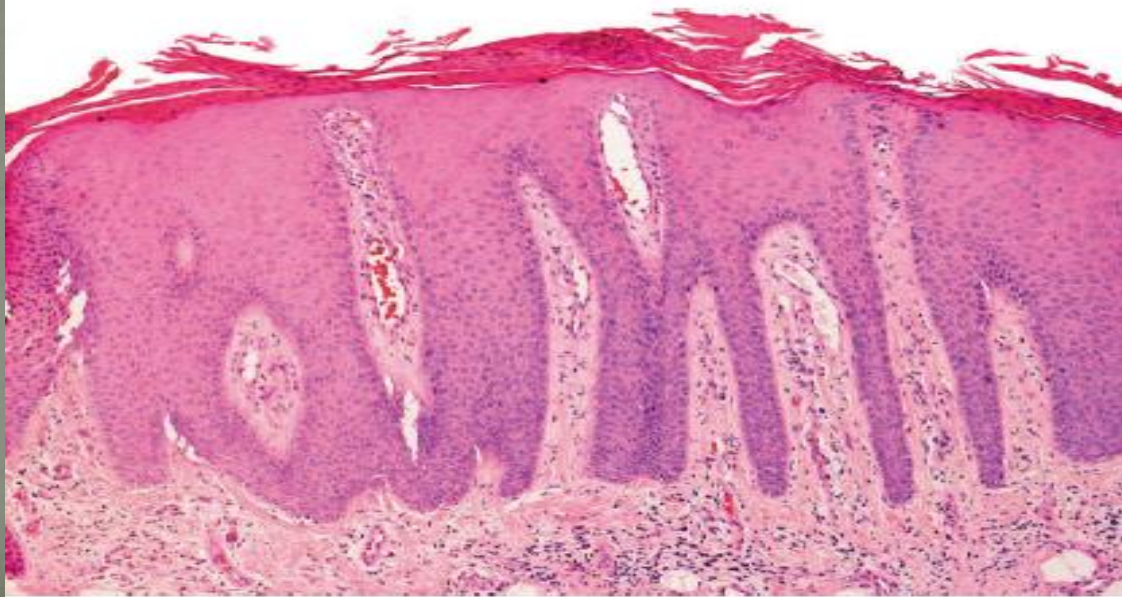


Fig. 8.19 Spongiform pustule of Kogoj. A collection of neutrophils is seen within the upper stratum spinosum. *Courtesy, Lorenzo Cerroni, MD.*



Treatment:

Focal disease

Topical corticosteroids

VitD3 analogues(calcipotriene)

Coal tar

Anthralin

Tazarotene

10% salicylic acid

Widespread disease:

Chronic plaque type

MTX

NBUVB/PUVA

Anti-TNF

Anti-IL 12/23

Anti-IL 17A

cyclosporine

Retinoids (acitretin)

Pustular type

Retinoids

Cyclosporine

MTX

NBUVB/PUVA

Lichen planus



Lichen Planus is an immune-mediated polygenic skin disorder. Various environmental triggering factors, e.g. Stress, infections and medications may elicit the disease in genetically predisposed individuals

Cutaneous LP affects less than 1% of population

Oral LP (1-5%)

It usually affect adult (30-60 years) but it can rarely affect children

It doesn't have any gender/race predilection

Familial cases are underestimated (some about 10%)

75% of cutaneous LP have mucosal involvement sp. Oral

25% of Oral LP have cutaneous LP

Some expert consider them separate disease

Causes

Idiopathic complex polygenetic condition

Genetic predisposition

**Six single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) were found to be associated the HLA-DQB1*05:01 haplotype associated with LP*

**HLA-A5 ,HLA-A3,147,148, HLA-B7,143 HLA-DR1,149,150
HLA-DR10 in Arab population*

*HLA-DRB1*01:01 in Sardinian & Mexican population*

Antigenic Triggers

Pathogens (Viral hepatitis-HCV)

~ geographic variation

~ IFN therapy initiate or worsen LP

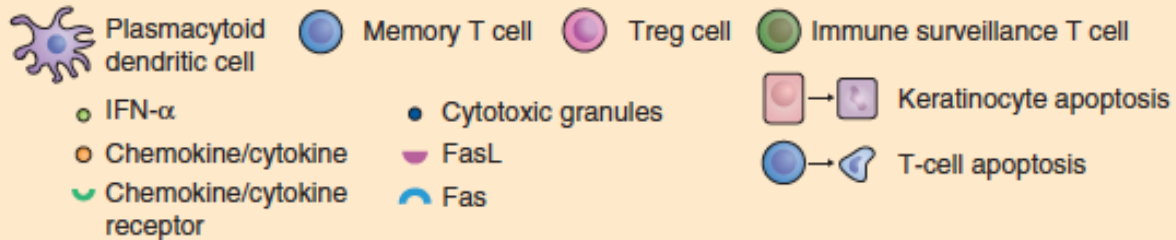
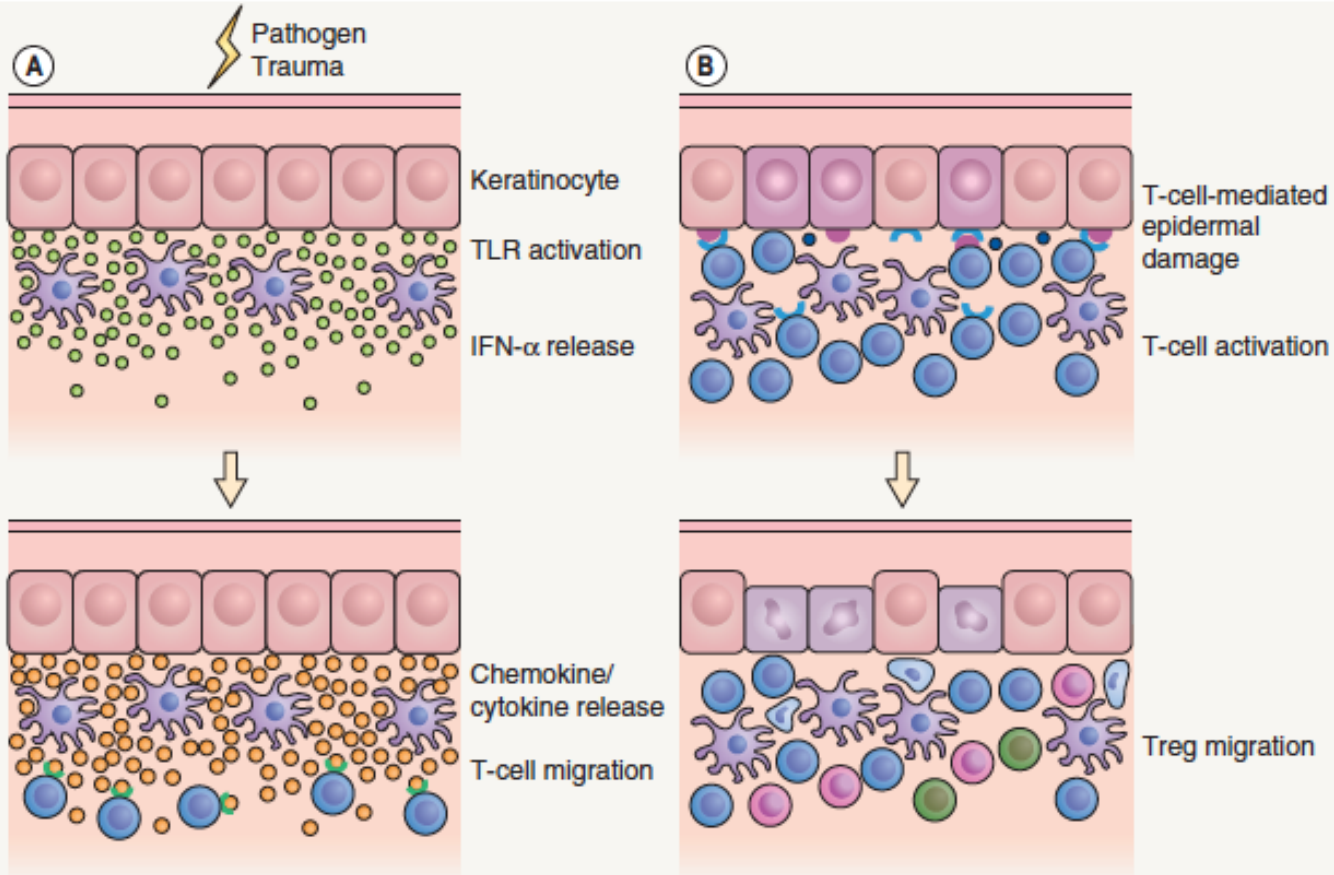
*~ Liver disease e.g. sclerosing cholangitis
chronic liver disease*

Vaccination

Medication (Lichenoid drug eruption)

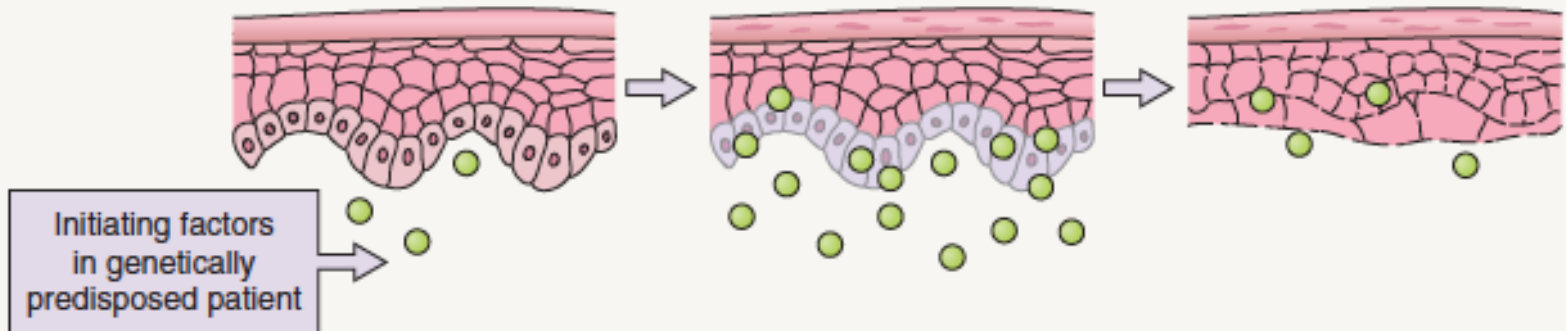
***Contact sensitizer e.g. mercury amalgam, color film developers,
methacrylic acid esters, dimethylfumarate in sofas and
radiotherapy***

PHASES OF LICHEN PLANUS

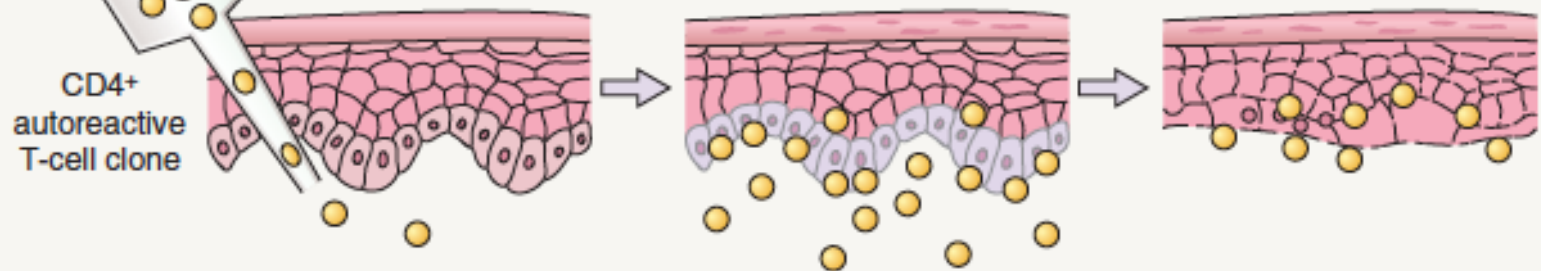


MOUSE MODEL FOR THE LICHENOID TISSUE REACTION

Natural disease process



Experimental mouse model



Clinical presentation

Itchy (rubbing) pruritic polygonal purple flat-topped papule & plaques with Wickham's striae over flexural surface of extremities ,wrist, legs, lower abdomen and genitalia.

Variants:

**Hypertrophic-leg*

**Atrophic*

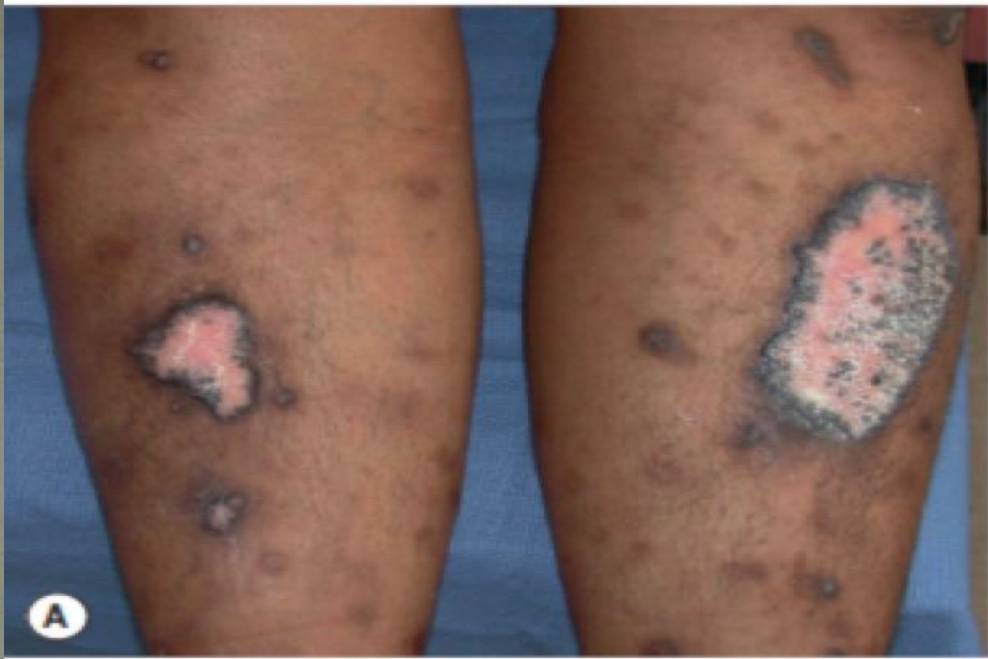
** Ulcerative-palm/soles*

**Bullous*

** Annular-penis*

** Linear*







LP Pigmentosus

It is more common in dark skin people and it presents as well-defined brown to slate-gray patches with/without violaceous indurated border or hypopigmented halo over axilla/groin & proximal limbs

LP Actinicus (sun exposed area)



Mucosal LP

*The most common site of involvement is the oral mucosa which usually present as well-defined reticulated violaceous plaques over buccal mucosa ,lips and gingiva- **Reticulated Erosive** (less than 1% risk of SCC)*

Atrophic

Hypertrophic

*It can affect other mucosal surfaces e.g. vulvar, vaginal and penile-**Vulvovaginogingival syndrome***





Nail LP

Nail involvement usually occur in 20% and it is more common in children

Dorsal Pterygium

Lateral thinning

Longitudinal ridging

Distal splitting

20 Nail Dystrophy



Lichen planopilaris-LPP

It usually present as multiple, keratotic plugs surrounded by a narrow violaceous rim are observed primarily on the scalp, although other hair bearing areas can also be affected. The inflammatory process usually result in scarring alopecia

Graham-Little–Piccardi–Lassueur syndrome is triad of :

- (1) non-scarring alopecia of pubic and axillary hairs and disseminated spinous or acuminated follicular papules*
- (2) Typical cutaneous or mucosal LP*
- (3) Scarring alopecia of the scalp*

Frontal fibrosing alopecia

It usually affect postmenopausal female

It presents as frontal hair-line scarring alopecia with eyebrows thinning





Lichnoid drug eruption

It is a drug eruption that resemble LP with the following clinical differences

Morphology: *more psoriasiform/eczematous*

Distribution: *start as photo-distributed then generalized*

Usually no mucosal involvement and Wickham's striae

It can appear anytime between weeks and years after exposure

**FEATURES FOR DISTINGUISHING LICHENOID DRUG ERUPTION
FROM LICHEN PLANUS**

Feature	Lichenoid drug eruption	Idiopathic lichen planus
Mean age	65 years	50 years
Location	More generalized (including the trunk) and symmetric; often spares the "classic" sites of LP	Wrists, flexor forearms, presacral area, lower legs, genitalia
Morphology	More eczematous, psoriasiform or pityriasis rosea-like	Shiny, flat-topped, polygonal, violaceous papules
Wickham striae	Uncommon	Present
Hyperpigmentation	Very common, sometimes persistent	Common
Photodistribution	Frequent*	Unusual
Mucous membranes	Usually spared	Often involved
Histology	Varying degree of eosinophilic and/or plasma cell infiltrates	Eosinophils and plasma cells uncommon
	Deep perivascular infiltrate may be present (<50% of cases)	Dense band-like infiltrate of lymphocytes in the papillary dermis
	Focal parakeratosis and focal interruption of the granular layer	Parakeratosis uncommon
	Cytoid bodies in cornified, granular and upper spinous layers	Cytoid bodies in lower spinous layer

*Especially with medications such as hydrochlorothiazide.

Pathology

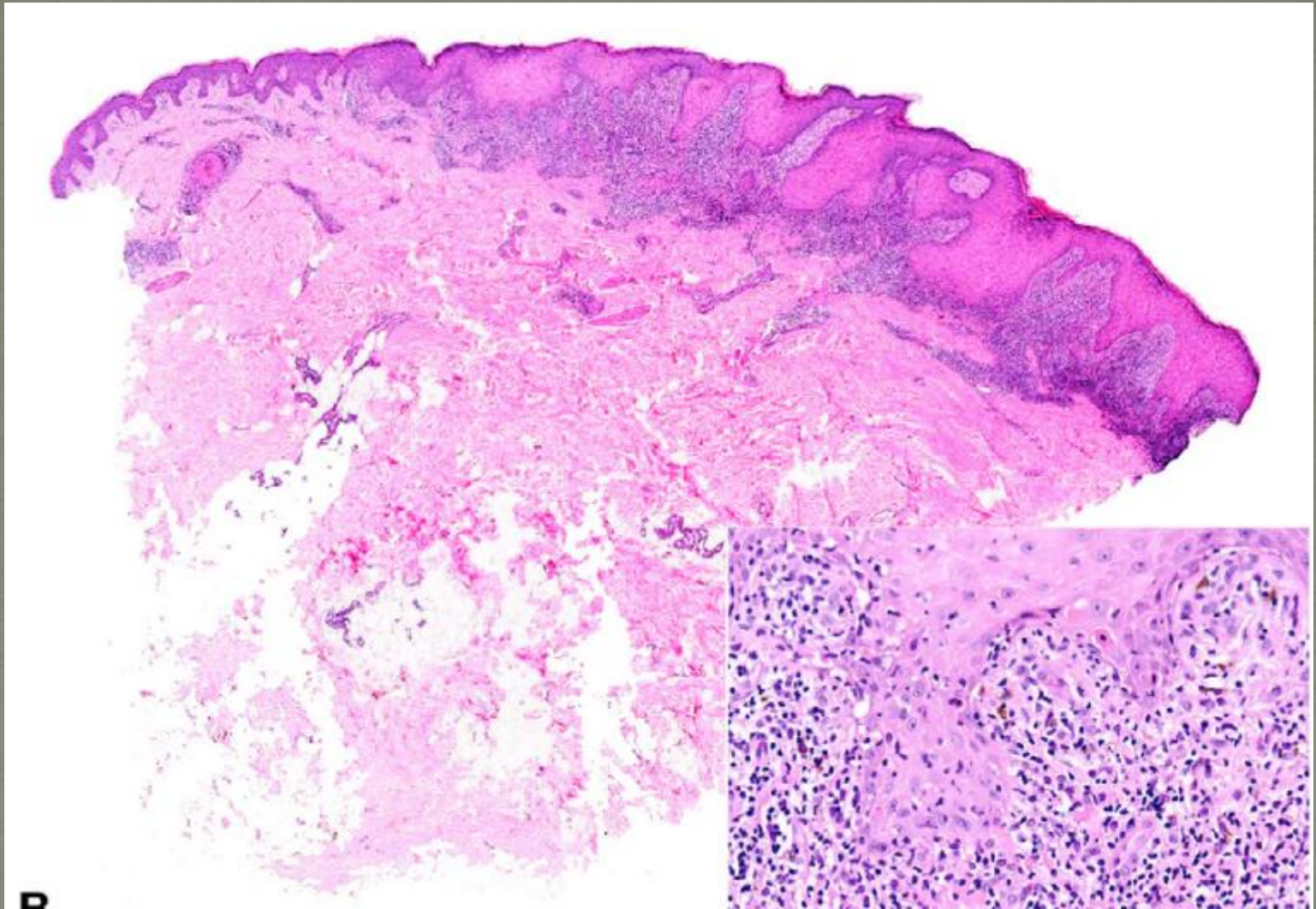
Classic LP pathology & IF

Superficial lymphocytic infiltrate with vacuolar interface reaction at the DEJ with dyskeratotic keratinocyte (Civatte bodies) & colloid bodies which is associated with “wedge-shaped” hypergranulosis and “saw-tooth” rete ridges

IF *Shaggy band of fibrinogen along the DEJ and colloid bodies staining with immunoglobulins at the papillary dermis*

Lichenoid drug eruption

The infiltrate is more deep with eosinophils/plasma cell with the presence of parakeratosis



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LP course

It follow a relatively short course with relapse/remit nature that self-limit usually within 1-2 years except for oral and follicular LP which tend to be more chronic.

Treatment

Focal

Topical corticosteroids

Intralesional corticosteroids -LPP

Generalized

Phototherapy

NBUVB/PUVA

Systemic therapy

Systemic Corticosteroids

Systemic Retinoids e.g. Acitretin

Antimalaria- Hydroxychloroquine- LPP

Immunosuppressive therapy- MTX

Cyclosporine

PITYRIASIS ROSEA



PR is a common acute self-limiting exanthematous eruption that usually affect adolescent (10-30 years)

It doesn't have any gender/race predilection

The etiology of PR is unknown but most expert believe that the reactivation of HHV6/7 play a significant rule in the pathogenesis of the disease

Although, PR can be seen all year around, it is more frequent in winter, fall and spring.

Typical PR

*Single well-defined oval (~4cm) pink-erythematous patch with collarette scale over the trunk/proximal limbs (**Herald patch 50%**) followed after average of 2 weeks with similar daughter lesions on the trunk /proximal limbs(~ charismas tree) with whole illness ranging between 6-12 weeks*

75% complain of pruritus

75% complain of Viral prodrome

10% oral lesions : erosion/ulcer (most common), purpura and erythematous patch





Atypical PR

Herald patch

No

multiple

Morphology

papular~ common in dark skin people and children

vesicular

Some PR have purpura or Targetoid lesion

Distribution

PR Inversa~ affect axilla, groin and distal extremities

Course and duration

Persistent PR~ duration longer than 12 weeks and usually up to 6 months with aggressive course and presentation.

Relapsing PR~ more than estimated (~5%) but carry a mild and shorter course with few attacks over 3-5 years duration (usually due to the time the immune system take to gain full control over HHV6/7)

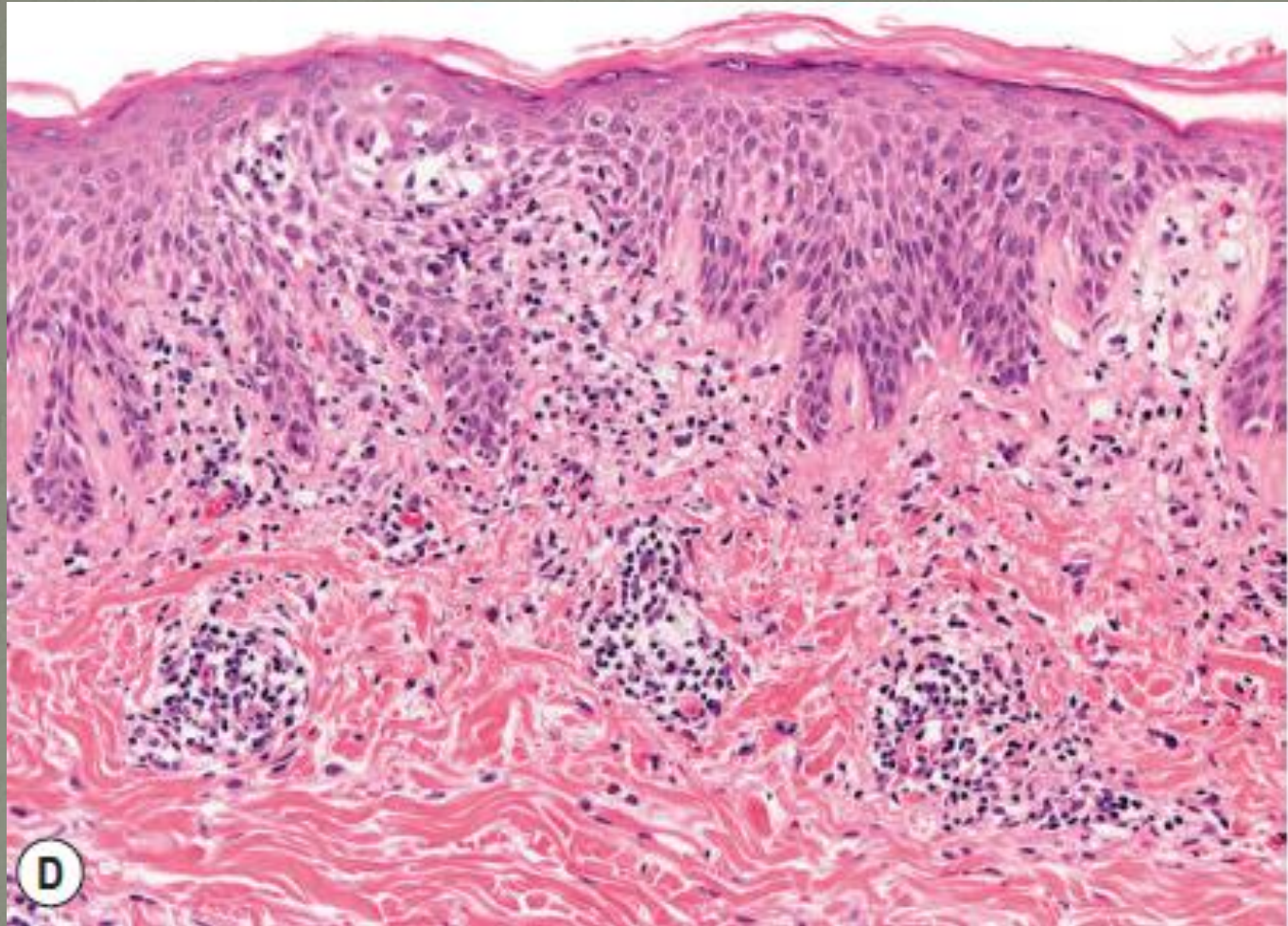
PR & Pregnancy

Since pregnancy is a state of altered immune response, a risk of viral reactivations and intrauterine transmission of HHV-6/7 exists.

On the whole, the total abortion rate among women with pregnancy PR is the same as that of the general population but noteworthy, when PR develops within the 15th gestational week, the abortion rate is higher probably because the risk of intrauterine transmission of HHV-6 (or less commonly HHV-7) is increased.

Histopathology of PR

focal parakeratosis, spongiosis and acanthosis of the epidermis with superficial perivascular lymphohistocytic infiltrate accompanied by some extravasated RBC



PR-like eruption

*An eruption that resemble PR with the following differences:
lacking herald patch and viral prodrome*

Papular morphology

Acrofacial distribution

*Histology : Superficial perivascular lymphocytic infiltrate
with eosinophil and vacuolar interface reaction and necrotic
keratinocytes within the epidermis*

HHV6/7 serology negative

Medications

Barbiturates, methopromazine, captopril, clonidine, gold, metronidazole, D –penicillamine, isotretinoin, levamisole, Pyribenzamine, NSAID, omeprazole, terbinafine, ergotamine tartrate, tyrosine kinase inhibitors & Adalimumab

Vaccinations e.g. diphtheria, smallpox, pneumococcal, hepatitis B virus, BCG and HPV

Treatment of PR

Symptomatic with topical corticosteroids and antihistamine

*Antiviral treatment (Acyclovir 800mg 5 times for 10 days)
indicated in the following settings :*

Persistent PR

Relapsing PR

Severe PR at the first trimester of pregnancy