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Welcome to EFACC 2026



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Education Information



Target Audience

- Allergist-immunologists in clinical practice
- Fellows in Training (FIT) A-I programs
- Allied health professionals in the field of allergy-immunology

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Formulate an appropriate treatment strategy for eosinophilic esophagitis
- Compare and contrast the risks and benefits of various forms of food immunotherapy
- Synthesize a treatment plan for intermittent, mild/moderate, and severe persistent asthma as comorbidities of food allergy
- Assess atopic dermatitis as a comorbidity of food allergy
- Utilize and optimally perform shared decision-making in food allergy management
- Integrate anaphylaxis preparedness and treatment in food allergy management

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Events at a Glance



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Thursday, Jan 8	1 PM - 6 PM	Registration / Badge Pick Up	Flagler Hall
	3 PM - 6:30 PM	Plenary*	Grand Ballroom, Salon I
	6:30 PM - 7:15 PM	Product Theater <i>Sponsored by Genentech</i>	Grand Ballroom, Salon II
	7:15 PM - 8:15 PM	Reception**	Ocean Ballroom
Friday, Jan 9	6:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Registration / Badge Pick Up	Flagler Hall
	6:55 AM - 7:40 AM	Product Theater <i>Sponsored by Sanofi and Regeneron</i>	Grand Ballroom, Salon II
	7:45 AM - 8:55 AM	Plenary*	Grand Ballroom, Salon I
	8:55 AM - 10 AM	PBL Breakouts*	Ocean Ballroom
	10 AM - 10:45 AM	Coffee Break with Exhibits and Posters <i>Sponsored by DBV Technologies</i>	Grand Ballroom, Salon III
	10:45 AM - 12:30 PM	Plenary*	Grand Ballroom, Salon I
	12:35 PM - 1:20 PM	Product Theater <i>Sponsored by Incyte</i>	Grand Ballroom, Salon II
	1:25 PM - 3 PM	Plenary*	Grand Ballroom, Salon I
	7 PM - 8 PM	Reception**	Flagler Hall
Saturday, Jan 10	6:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Registration / Badge Pick Up	Flagler Hall
	6:55 AM - 7:40 AM	Product Theater <i>Sponsored by DBV Technologies</i>	Grand Ballroom, Salon II
	7:45 AM - 8:55 AM	Plenary*	Grand Ballroom, Salon I
	8:55 AM - 10 AM	PBL Breakouts*	Ocean Ballroom
	10 AM - 10:45 AM	Coffee Break with Exhibits and Posters <i>Sponsored by DBV Technologies</i>	Grand Ballroom, Salon III
	10:45 AM - 12:40 PM	Plenary*	Grand Ballroom, Salon I
	12:45 PM - 1:30 PM	Product Theater <i>Sponsored by Genentech</i>	Grand Ballroom, Salon II
	1:35 PM - 3:10 PM	Plenary*	Grand Ballroom, Salon I
	6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Dinner Dance - Ticket Required	Grand Ballroom, Salon III
Sunday, Jan 11	7:25 AM - 8:10 AM	Product Theater <i>Sponsored by Sanofi and Regeneron</i>	Grand Ballroom, Salon II
	8:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Plenary*	Grand Ballroom, Salon I

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Program

Thursday, January 8



All CME sessions will be held in the Grand Ballroom, Salon I.

3:00 - 3:15 PM	Welcome and meeting overview Russell Settipane, MD, Katherine Anagnostou, MD
3:15 - 3:30 PM	Journal of Food Allergy: Year-in-review Katherine Anagnostou, MD
3:30 - 4:00 PM	The multiple facets of milk allergy in infants Jonathan Tam, MD
4:00 - 4:30 PM	The confusing landscape of wheat hypersensitivities: Making the correct diagnosis Sami Bahna, MD
4:30 - 4:45 PM	Panel Discussion: Q & A
4:45 - 5:15 PM	A review of the 2025 food allergy literature: What can new evidence do for my practice? Elissa Abrams, MD
5:15 - 5:45 PM	All about food allergy therapies: What options should I be offering my patients in 2026? Julia Upton, MD
5:45 - 6:15 PM	Atopic Dermatitis: Quantifying patient suffering Jonathan Tam, MD
6:15 - 6:30 PM	Panel Discussion: Q & A
6:30 - 7:15 PM	Product Theater <i>Not for CME / Grand Ballroom, Salon II</i>
7:15 - 8:15 PM	Reception <i>Not for CME / Ocean Ballroom</i>

Program

Friday, January 9



All CME sessions will be held in the Grand Ballroom, Salon I.

6:55 - 7:40 AM	Product Theater - Breakfast Served <i>Not for CME / Grand Ballroom, Salon II</i>
7:45 - 8:15 AM	The role of AI in food allergy: How to navigate novel tools Nicholas Rider, DO
8:15 - 8:45 AM	Practical SLIT in food allergy: What is happening in the real world? Edmond Chan, MD
8:45 - 8:55 AM	Panel Discussion: Q & A
8:55 - 10:00 AM	PBL: A 7-year-old with food allergies and comorbid asthma Ray Davis, MD, Don Bukstein, MD, Russell Settipane, MD
10:00 - 10:45 AM	Coffee Break - Visit exhibits and posters <i>Not for CME / Grand Ballroom, Salon III</i>
10:45 - 11:15 AM	Eosinophilia and food allergy: A practical approach Richard Wasserman, MD
11:15 - 11:45 AM	When and how to address significantly elevated IgE levels in food allergy Julia Upton, MD
11:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Food allergy and asthma: Management overview Wanda Phipatanakul, MD
12:15 - 12:30 PM	Panel Discussion: Q & A
12:35 - 1:20 PM	Product Theater - Lunch Served <i>Not for CME / Grand Ballroom, Salon II</i>
1:25 - 1:55 PM	Oral food challenges: A practical approach Roxanne Oriel, MD
1:55 - 2:20 PM	Biologics for asthma: What to use and when? Wanda Phipatanakul, MD
2:20 - 2:50 PM	Safety of biologics in food allergy: What our patients need to know Shahzad Mustafa, MD
2:50 - 3:00 PM	Panel Discussion: Q & A
7:00 - 8:00 PM	Reception <i>Not for CME / Flagler Hall</i>

Program

Saturday, January 10



All CME sessions will be held in the Grand Ballroom, Salon I.

6:55 - 7:40 AM	Product Theater - Breakfast Served <i>Not for CME / Grand Ballroom, Salon II</i>
7:45 - 8:15 AM	Adult food allergy Shahzad Mustafa, MD
8:15 - 8:45 AM	Food pollen syndrome: An overview Edmond Chan, MD
8:45 - 8:55 AM	Panel Discussion: Q & A
8:55 - 10:00 AM	PBL: A 26-year-old with food allergy and recurrent anaphylaxis Ray Davis, MD, Don Bukstein, MD, Russell Settipane, MD
10:00 - 10:45 AM	Coffee Break - Visit exhibits and posters <i>Not for CME / Grand Ballroom, Salon III</i>
10:45 - 11:15 AM	Anaphylaxis case management Elissa Abrams, MD
11:15 - 11:30 AM	Benefits of “watching and waiting” after epinephrine is administered Richard Wasserman, MD
11:30 - 11:45 AM	Risks of “watching and waiting” after epinephrine is administered Sami Bahna, MD
11:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Choosing the right epinephrine device for the right food-allergic patient Matthew Greenhawt, MD
12:15 - 12:40 PM	Panel Discussion: Q & A (with Abrams, Wasserman, Bahna, Greenhawt, and Scott Commins, MD)
12:45 - 1:30 PM	Product Theater - Lunch Served <i>Not for CME / Grand Ballroom, Salon II</i>
1:35 - 2:05 PM	An updated action plan for anaphylaxis Katherine Anagnostou, MD
2:05 - 2:30 PM	Discussing the omalizumab option in a shared decision-making conversation with your food allergy patients Jonathan Tam, MD
2:30 - 3:00 PM	Navigating EoE therapies: A practical approach Matthew Greenhawt, MD
3:00 - 3:10 PM	Panel Discussion: Q & A
6:30 - 9:30 PM	Dinner Dance - Ticket Required <i>Not for CME / Grand Ballroom, Salon III</i>

Program

Sunday, January 11



All CME sessions will be held in the Grand Ballroom, Salon I.

7:25 - 8:10 AM	Product Theater - Breakfast Served <i>Not for CME / Grand Ballroom, Salon II</i>
8:15 - 8:45 AM	Addressing food allergy misconceptions Tim Buckey, MD
8:45 - 9:15 AM	Food allergy OIT: What happens 5 and 10 years down the line? Katherine Anagnostou, MD
9:15 - 9:45 AM	Mild food allergy and thresholds Roxanne Oriel, MD
9:45 - 10:15 AM	EoE: Managing challenging cases Tim Buckey, MD
10:15 - 10:30 AM	Panel Discussion: Q & A



Product Theaters / Non-CME Program

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All product theaters will be held in the Grand Ballroom, Salon II.

Thursday, January 8

6:30 PM - 7:15 PM

Clinical Food Allergy Exchange: Perspectives on Diagnosis, Treatment, and Transitions

Speakers: Douglas Mack, MD; Katherine Anagnostou, MD; Shahzad Mustafa, MD

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Friday, January 9

6:55 AM - 7:40 AM

Eosinophilic Esophagitis: Clinical Implications of Disease Progression

Speaker: John Leung, MD

Sponsored by: Sanofi and Regeneron

Breakfast served

12:35 PM - 1:20 PM

Mild to Moderate Atopic Dermatitis in your Practice; Burden of Disease and a Topical Pathway for JAK Inhibition

Speaker: Ellen Sher, MD

Sponsored by: Incyte

Lunch served

Saturday, January 10

6:55 AM - 7:40 AM

Exploring the Potential of Epicutaneous Immunotherapy (EPIT) to Re-educate the Immune System in Food Allergy

Speakers: Jay Lieberman, MD; Julia Upton, MD; Travis Miller, MD

Sponsored by: DBV Technologies

Breakfast served

12:45 PM - 1:30 PM

A Therapeutic Option For IgE-Mediated Food Allergy

Speaker: Scott Commins, MD

Sponsored by: Genentech

Lunch served

Sunday, January 11

7:25 AM - 8:10 AM

Transform the Way You Manage Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE)

Speaker: Scott Commins, MD

Sponsored by: Sanofi and Regeneron

Breakfast served



Abstract Directory

*Posters will be on display in the Grand Ballroom, Salon III.
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2	VITESSE Phase 3 Study of Epicutaneous Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Peanut Allergy in Children <i>Funded by: DBV Technologies</i>
3	Dupilumab Efficacy in Adolescents and Adults with Eosinophilic Esophagitis with and Without Concurrent Elimination Diet: Post Hoc Analysis of LIBERTY EoE TREAT at 52 Weeks <i>Funded by: Sanofi and Regeneron</i>
4	Dupilumab is Efficacious in Children with Eosinophilic Esophagitis Weighing $\geq 15\text{kg}$ Independent of Individual Atopic Comorbidity History: 16-Week Results from the Phase 3 EoE KIDS Study <i>Funded by: Sanofi and Regeneron</i>
5	Epinephrine Delivered via Sublingual Film (Anaphylm™) Elicits Rapid and Consistent Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic Responses <i>Funded by: Aquestive Therapeutics, Inc.</i>
6	The Physicochemical Properties of Anaphylm™ Under Extreme Temperatures and Real-World Conditions <i>Funded by: Aquestive Therapeutics, Inc.</i>
7	Process Optimization to Improve Total Protein Yield of Peanut Extract for Skin Prick Testing <i>Funded by: ALK Abello, Inc.</i>
8	Health-related quality of life in patients with food allergy – analysis of associated factors <i>Funded by: ARS Pharmaceuticals Operations, Inc.</i>
9	Ease of use demonstrated in real world use of epinephrine nasal spray <i>Funded by: ARS Pharmaceuticals Operations, Inc.</i>
10	Stability of epinephrine nasal spray under freeze, thaw and extreme temperatures <i>Funded by: ARS Pharmaceuticals Operations, Inc.</i>

Abstracts

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1

VIASKIN® Peanut Patch for Treatment of Peanut Allergy in Toddlers Aged 1 Through 3 Years: EPITOPE Open-Label Extension and COMFORT Toddlers Studies

Authors: Matthew Greenhawt, MD; Julie Wang, MD; George Du Toit, MBBCh; Michael O'Sullivan, MD; Terri Brown-Whitcomb, MD; Timothée Bois, MSc; Katharine J. Bee, PhD; Todd D. Green, MD; Hugh A. Sampson, MD; A. Wesley Burks, MD

Introduction:

The VIASKIN® peanut patch (VP250) is currently being studied as a potential treatment option for peanut-allergic toddlers aged 1 through 3 years, with efficacy and safety data from the completed EPITOPE study and ongoing COMFORT Toddlers study. The 12-month, phase 3 EPITOPE study of epicutaneous immunotherapy with VP250 demonstrated a statistically significant treatment effect with a favorable safety profile in children aged 1 through 3 years. Here we report end-of-study results, after 36 months of treatment, from the open-label extension (OLE).

Methods:

After 12 months of VP250 or placebo in EPITOPE, participants were eligible to enroll in the OLE for up to 3 years of total active treatment, with annual double-blind, placebo-controlled food challenges (DBPCFCs) and safety assessments. The phase 3 COMFORT Toddlers safety study is randomizing ~480 participants 3:1 to receive 6 months of VP250 or placebo, followed by an optional 18-month OLE study.

Results:

In the EPITOPE OLE, 204 participants completed 3 years of active treatment. Increases were observed at Month (M) 36 vs M12 in the percentage of participants reaching an eliciting dose (ED) \geq 1000 mg (83.5% vs 64.2%), ED \geq 2000 mg (72.7% vs 37.0%), and those completing the DBPCFC without meeting stopping criteria (68.2% vs 30.7%). Similar increases were observed in those initially randomized to placebo, though the treatment effect was lower in magnitude. Additionally, continued reduction in DBPCFC reaction severity occurred, with 66.6% having no/mild symptoms at M36 vs 36.5% at M12. No treatment-related anaphylaxis or serious treatment-related adverse events occurred during year 3.

Conclusions:

Three years of VP250 in peanut-allergic toddlers showed continued accumulated treatment benefit and a consistent safety profile. Together with the anticipated supplemental safety data from COMFORT Toddlers, these results contribute to a robust clinical dataset to support VP250 as a potential treatment option for young children with peanut allergy, if approved.

Funded by: DBV Technologies

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Dupilumab Efficacy in Adolescents and Adults with Eosinophilic Esophagitis with and Without Concurrent Elimination Diet: Post Hoc Analysis of LIBERTY EoE TREAT at 52 Weeks

Authors: Antonella Cianferoni, MD, PhD; Kathryn Peterson, MD, MS; Eric E. Low, MD; Changming Xia, PhD; Sherif Zaghloul, MD; Bram Raphael, MD; James Angello, PharmD; Amr Radwan, MD; FFPM

Introduction:

Eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE) is a chronic, progressive, non-Immunoglobulin E (IgE) immune/antigen-mediated type 2 inflammatory disease. Food elimination diets (FEDs) are an established EoE treatment, but it is not known whether concurrent FED impacts medication efficacy. This analysis assessed the efficacy of dupilumab in patients with EoE with/without concurrent FED during LIBERTY EoE TREAT (NCT03633617).

Methods:

In Part B, patients received dupilumab 300 mg or placebo weekly until Week (W) 24. Patients entering Part C received dupilumab 300 mg weekly until W52. Patients on FED at screening were instructed to continue FED throughout the study. Endpoints analyzed with/without concurrent FED at W24 and W52 included proportion of patients achieving \leq 6 eosinophils per high-power field (eos/hpf) and absolute mean change from baseline in Dysphagia Symptom Questionnaire (DSQ) score, Endoscopic Reference Score (ERES), and EoE Histologic Scoring System (EoE-HSS) grade/stage.

Results:

At screening, 89 (37.1%) patients were on an FED. At W24, the proportion of patients achieving \leq 6 eos/hpf (95% CI) with concurrent FED (dupilumab vs placebo: 61.3% [42.2, 78.2] vs 3.4% [0.1, 17.8]) was comparable to those without concurrent FED (57.1% [42.2, 71.2] vs 8.0% [2.2, 19.2]). Absolute mean change in DSQ score (Standard Error [SE] with concurrent FED (-26.25 [2.93] vs -18.27 [3.13])) was comparable to without concurrent FED (-21.43 [2.37] vs -10.39 [2.50]). Results were similar for ERES and EoE-HSS grade/stage. At W52, improvements in EoE endpoints were maintained in patients continuing dupilumab independent of FED status, and those switching to dupilumab demonstrated similar improvements.

Conclusions:

Dupilumab improved histologic, symptomatic, and endoscopic features of EoE in adolescents and adults independent of concurrent FED.

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VITESSE Phase 3 Study of Epicutaneous Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Peanut Allergy in Children

Authors: David M. Fleischer; Julie Wang; Jeffrey Leflein; Michael O'Sullivan; Juan Trujillo; Anne-Sophie Chhim; Katharine J. Bee; Douglas P. Mack

Background:

Epicutaneous immunotherapy (EPIT) with VIASKIN® peanut patch containing 250 μ g peanut protein (VP250) demonstrated statistically significant desensitization in peanut-allergic children aged 4 through 11 years in the phase 3 PEPITES trial. Post hoc analysis revealed a greater treatment effect in younger ages; thus, the efficacy and safety of VP250 is being investigated in children aged 4 through 7 years in the ongoing double-blind, placebo-controlled (DBPC) phase 3 VITESSE study. Here, we present VITESSE baseline demographics and patient characteristics.

Methods:

Participants were randomized 2:1 to VP250 or placebo for 12 months, followed by an open-label extension. Eligibility criteria included peanut-specific immunoglobulin E (PNsIgE) >0.7 kU/L, peanut skin prick test (SPT) >6 mm, and eliciting dose (ED) of ≤ 100 mg peanut protein. The primary efficacy endpoint is the proportion of treatment responders in the VP250 group vs placebo, as defined by prespecified increases in ED between DBPC food challenges at baseline and Month 12. Safety is being assessed throughout the study.

Results:

654 children (57% 4- to 5-year-olds; 43% 6- to 7-year-olds; 62% male; 66% Caucasian [self-reported]) were randomized. At baseline, median ED was 30 mg, median PNsIgE was 39.7 kU/L, and median peanut SPT was 11 mm. Allergic comorbidities were common (618/654, 94%): 68% other food allergies, 77% eczema/atopic dermatitis, 51% allergic rhinitis, and 36% asthma. The median age at diagnosis of peanut allergy was 12 months. 566 participants (87%) had a history of reactions to peanut consumption, and 146 (22%) reported prior epinephrine use.

Conclusions:

The VITESSE study cohort reflects the general population of peanut-allergic children aged 4 through 7 years, including a high frequency of allergic comorbidities. The DBPC period of the VITESSE trial was recently completed and topline data will be presented at upcoming scientific meetings.

Funded by: DBV Technologies

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Dupilumab is Efficacious in Children with Eosinophilic Esophagitis Weighing ≥ 15 kg Independent of Individual Atopic Comorbidity History: 16-Week Results from the Phase 3 EoE KIDS Study

Authors: Antonella Cianferoni, MD, PhD; Mirna Chehade, MD; Benjamin David Gold, MD, FAAP, FACP; Seema Aceves, MD, PhD; Changming Xia, PhD; Sherif Zaghloul, MD; Bram Raphael, MD; James Angello, PharmD; Amr Radwan, MD

Introduction:

Eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE) is a chronic disease characterized by type 2 inflammation. Many patients with EoE experience atopic comorbidities due to shared etiologic mechanisms. This analysis aimed to assess the efficacy of weight-tiered dupilumab vs placebo in children aged 1–11 years weighing ≥ 15 kg with EoE from the phase 3 EoE KIDS trial, according to baseline history of individual atopic comorbidities which included atopic dermatitis (AD), asthma, allergic rhinitis (AR), and food allergy (FA).

Methods:

Endpoints included proportions of patients achieving peak eosinophil count (PEC) ≤ 6 and < 15 eosinophils per high-power field (eos/hpf), mean change in Endoscopic Reference Score (ERES); and mean change in Histology Scoring System (HSS) grade and stage scores (Week 16). Rate differences are based on the Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel method.

Results:

At baseline, 84/87 (96.6%) patients in the ≥ 15 kg subgroup had ≥ 1 atopic comorbidity. At Week 16, dupilumab led to greater proportions achieving PEC ≤ 6 eos/hpf regardless of individual atopic comorbidities when analyzed separately (rate difference vs placebo [95% CI]: AD: yes-73.7% [53.9–93.5], no-45.5% [14.2–76.8]; asthma: yes-53.7% [29.7–77.8], no-77.8% [50.6–100.0]; AR: yes-60.1% [39.3–81.0], no-66.7% [29.0–100.0]; FA: yes-61.0% [40.9–81.1], no-66.7% [29.0–100.0]). Dupilumab treatment also led to greater proportions achieving PEC < 15 eos/hpf and improved ERES and HSS grade and stage scores vs placebo in all subgroups.

Conclusions:

Dupilumab improved features of EoE vs placebo in children aged 1–11 years weighing ≥ 15 kg, regardless of baseline history of individual atopic comorbidities when analyzed separately.

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Abstracts

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Epinephrine Delivered via Sublingual Film (Anaphylm™) Elicits Rapid and Consistent Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic Responses

Authors: Carl Kraus, MD; Nils Confer, PhD; David Golden, MD; David Bernstein, MD; Matthew Greenhawt, MD

Introduction:

Epinephrine is the first-line treatment for severe allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis. Prompt, reliable treatment is critical for patient outcomes. Anaphylm is a sublingual film containing a novel prodrug of epinephrine in development for the treatment of Type I allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis.

Methods:

A phase 3 cross-over trial (AQ109301) was conducted in 64 healthy adults evaluating the pharmacokinetics (PK, including time to peak plasma concentration [T_{max}]) and pharmacodynamics (PD, heart rate [HR], systolic [SBP] and diastolic blood pressure [DBP]) of Anaphylm compared to epinephrine autoinjectors (EAIs) and manual intramuscular epinephrine injection (IM).

Results:

After single dose administration, the T_{max} variability as reflected by interquartile range (IQR) was 5.0 minutes (min) for Anaphylm (median T_{max} 12 min), 23.5 min for EpiPen (median T_{max} 20 min), 32.0 min for Auvi-Q (median T_{max} 30 min), and 15.0 min for manual IM injection (median T_{max} 50 min). After Anaphylm administration, clinically meaningful changes in median SBP, DBP, and HR were seen in 5 minutes (>10mmHg), 5 minutes (>10mmHg), and 8 minutes (>10bpm), respectively.

Conclusion:

Anaphylm data demonstrates a more rapid and consistent PK profile in comparison to EAIs and IM. Moreover, Anaphylm's PD profile showed clinically relevant increases in SBP, DBP, and HR. These results further support the development of sublingual epinephrine film as a reliable needle-free alternative for the treatment of Type I allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis.

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The Physicochemical Properties of Anaphylm™ Under Extreme Temperatures and Real-World Conditions

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Introduction:

During an emergency allergic reaction, access to and prompt administration of epinephrine correlates with improved patient outcomes. In support, the drug product and packaging must withstand extreme temperatures and real-world conditions resulting from varied lifestyles in which the emergency use medication needs to be available. Anaphylm is a sublingual film that contains a novel prodrug of epinephrine packaged with the intent to support each potential patient use situation.

Methods:

Packaging and drug product were subjected to temperatures outside of acceptable storage conditions (excursions) followed by long-term storage. Additional testing involved exposure to water submersion and fold endurance. Package integrity and retained drug product potency were evaluated, as were dissolution profiles when either at elevated or freezing temperatures.

Results:

Potency prior to temperature exposures was 102.2% LC. After exposure to 50°C for 28 days, potency was 97.7% LC and 96.9% LC after 12 months at 25°C/60% RH post-excursion. After exposure to 60°C for 21 days, potency was 97.3% LC and 95.2% LC after 12 months at 25°C/60% RH post-excursion. After exposure to 70°C for 7 days, the potency was 96.6% LC and 91.7% LC after 12 months at 25°C/60% RH post-excursion. When frozen and thawed to 25°C, 40°C, and 60°C, the potency after 12 months at 25°C/60% RH post-excursion was 98.0%, 100.7%, and 99.0%, respectively. When submerged in 25°C water for 7 days or 60°C water for 30 or 60 minutes, no significant change in water content was observed. Fold tests did not reduce packaging integrity or film usability. Dissolution tests immediately after freezing to -80°C or heating to 70°C demonstrated consistent drug release.

Conclusion:

Anaphylm demonstrated desirable physicochemical properties regarding both packaging and film stability. Performance attributes suggest that Anaphylm has the potential to be a unique epinephrine rescue medication with stability and usability properties not possible with liquid-based epinephrine products.

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Process Optimization to Improve Total Protein Yield of Peanut Extract for Skin Prick Testing

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Introduction:

Peanut allergy is a common condition that can cause severe systemic allergic reactions. Production of peanut extract for use in skin prick testing for peanut allergy diagnosis necessitates a reliable and consistent process. The historical methodology for producing peanut extract has several limitations, including variability in protein yield. The primary objective of this investigation was to identify a process that improves the total protein yield of peanut extract for use in skin prick testing for peanut allergy diagnosis.

Methods:

Four separate batches of peanut extract for skin prick testing were produced using the same defatted raw material (*Arachis hypogaea* [Ara h]). Each batch followed a unique process:

- Process I (historical method): Dialysis, utilizing a 1:5 weight-to-volume (w/v) ratio of peanut kernel to aqueous extraction solution.
- Process II: No dialysis, utilizing a 1:5 w/v ratio of peanut kernel to aqueous extraction solution.
- Process III: No dialysis, utilizing a 1:10 w/v ratio of peanut kernel to glycerin extraction solution.
- Process IV: No dialysis exchange, utilizing a 1:5 w/v ratio of peanut kernel to aqueous extraction solution.

Final compounding was performed for all processes into a 1:10 w/v glycerinated solution. Total protein was quantified by Bradford assay, and protein visualization was by SDS-Page.

Results:

Compared with process I, processes II, III, and IV changed the total protein content by -8%, +214%, and +61%, respectively. All 4 processes produced extracts with similar protein profiles and contained the proteins Ara h1, Ara h2, and Ara h3, indicating similarity across the different methodologies.

Conclusions:

Process III yielded the extract with the highest concentration compared with the historical process and contained diagnostically-relevant peanut allergens. Further investigations are necessary to assess the scalability of this process.

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Health-related quality of life in patients with food allergy – analysis of associated factors

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Introduction:

Food allergies place a substantial burden on patients/caregivers, often impacting health-related quality of life (HRQOL). We evaluated HRQOL in food-allergic patients and families, and explored associated factors.

Methods:

We conducted a web-based survey of adults with severe allergies to food/venom/drug and adult caregivers of allergic children seen by healthcare providers (HCPs) within the past 3 years. HRQOL was assessed using the FAQLQ-12 (adult patients) and SOFAA-P-brief (caregivers) and analyzed by epinephrine status: "Current" (prescribed/refilling); "Lapsed" (previously prescribed, not refilling), and "Naïve" (never prescribed/filled), and by needle fear (7-scale: "not at all" to "extremely") and time since the most recent severe allergic reaction (SAR).

Results:

Of 400 respondents, 374 reported food allergies (n=190/184, adult patients/caregivers); 317 were Current epinephrine users (n=147/170, adult/caregiver), 39 Lapsed (29/10, adult/caregiver), and 18 Naïve (14/4, adult/caregiver). Mean Total FAQLQ-12 scores (SD) (higher = worse QoL), were higher for Current users (4.3 ± 1.2) compared with Lapsed (3.7 ± 1.3 , $p < 0.05$) or Naïve (3.4 ± 1.7 , $p < 0.01$). Participants reporting quite-to-severe needle fear had worse HRQOL ($4.6 \pm 1.1/2.5 \pm 0.9$, FAQLQ-12/SOFAA-P-brief) compared with those reporting somewhat-to-no fear ($4.0 \pm 1.3/2.2 \pm 0.8$, $p < 0.01/p < 0.05$). More recent SAR (< 1 year) was associated with worse HRQOL ($4.3 \pm 1.3/2.3 \pm 0.8$) compared with SAR ≥ 1 year ($3.9 \pm 1.3/2.5 \pm 1.0$, n.s./n.s.). The proportion of Current users declined with increasing time since last SAR.

Conclusion:

HRQOL was worse among respondents with current epinephrine prescription, those reporting needle fear and recent SAR, highlighting the importance of addressing patient anxiety alongside ensuring epinephrine access.

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Ease of use demonstrated in real world use of epinephrine nasal spray

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Introduction:

An epinephrine nasal spray is the first FDA-approved needle-free epinephrine product for treatment of severe allergic reactions/anaphylaxis. A series of randomized clinical trials demonstrated that epinephrine nasal spray is pharmacokinetically and pharmacodynamically comparable to or better than intramuscular epinephrine. Although large-scale efficacy studies during anaphylaxis are limited by ethical and practical considerations, efficacy has been demonstrated in a Phase 3 oral food challenge and supported by case reports and clinician feedback.

Methods:

As part of the “*neffyExperience*” survey conducted by ARS, health care providers (HCPs) received six doses of epinephrine nasal spray (1 and/or 2 mg) to treat allergic reactions requiring epinephrine. The survey captured the number of patients treated, the number of patients requiring a second dose, and ease of use and patient comfort relative to injection. Ease of use and patient comfort were rated on a 7-point scale (1 = “much harder/worse” and 7 = “much easier/better”).

Results:

Among 2,947 participating HCPs, 375 completed the survey. As of September 2025, 680 patients were treated with epinephrine nasal spray (14 with 1 mg and 666 with 2 mg), typically following allergen immunotherapy or oral food challenges. Approximately 10% of patients required a second dose, all of whom demonstrated complete therapeutic response. Ease of use versus injection was rated as “much easier” by 86.7% of HCPs and patient comfort was rated “much better” by 77.8% of HCPs. Adverse events reported during the period included headache, nasal discomfort/pain, and epistaxis.

Conclusion:

Real-world use of epinephrine nasal spray demonstrated effectiveness consistent with epinephrine injections, with high ease-of-use and patient comfort ratings.

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Stability of epinephrine nasal spray under freeze, thaw and extreme temperatures

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Introduction:

Severe allergic reactions typically occur outside healthcare settings and require patients/caregivers to respond quickly to avoid serious complications. To be rapidly accessible in any location, it is vital that epinephrine delivery devices be able to withstand a wide range of environmental conditions, including extreme temperatures. The stability of an epinephrine nasal spray was evaluated during freeze/thaw cycles and following extended exposure to extreme heat.

Methods:

Intranasal epinephrine samples were subjected to five consecutive 24- to 72-hour freeze/thaw cycles ranging from freezing (-20°C/-4°F) to extreme heat (40°C/104°F). Heat stability was also assessed relative to other epinephrine products. Products were kept at 50°C/122°F for 3 months or 40°C/104°F for 6 months, with a reference condition of 25°C/77°F.

Results:

Following the five freeze/thaw cycles, intranasal epinephrine potency ranged from 103.6% (Day 2) to 103.3% (Day 14) of labeled potency. After 3 months at 50°C/122°F, potency decreased by 56.6% for pre-filled syringes, 41.6% for autoinjectors, and 8.6% for intranasal epinephrine. After 6 months at 40°C/104°F, potency decreased by 27.5% for autoinjectors, 17.2% for pre-filled syringes, and 13.9% for intranasal.

Conclusions

Intranasal epinephrine potency was not affected by extreme temperature fluctuations (-20/-4 to 40°C/104°F) or by multiple freeze/thaw cycles and remained within specifications for potency under extreme temperature conditions after 3-months at 50°C/122°F or 6-months at 40°C/104°F. While intranasal epinephrine is unlikely to have reduced efficacy following exposure to extreme high or low temperatures that mimic real world exposures and boosting confidence in use throughout its 24 to 30 month shelf-life, patients/caregivers should always carry devices with them.

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