

**Chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps: new classification and treatment paradigms**

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**Objectives**

- To discuss the novel classification of chronic rhinosinusitis
- To review the immune dysfunction associated with CRS with nasal polyps with treatment implications
- To review spectrum of treatment options for CRS with nasal polyps

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**Clinical classification of CRS**

- CRSsNP
- CRSwNP
  - AFRS/eosinophilic mucin rhinosinusitis
  - Cystic fibrosis
  - Aspirin exacerbated rhinosinusitis

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**CRSsNP**

- 54 yo male presents with recurrent sinus infections
- CT sinus showed left maxillary sinus heterogeneous opacification

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- 57 yo female presents with recurrent sinus infections s/p prior FESS
- IgG subclass levels deficient



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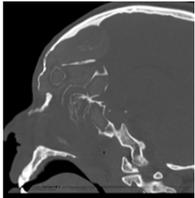
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**CRSwNP**

- 28 yo female with asthma and sensitivity to aspirin presents with recurrent nasal polyps



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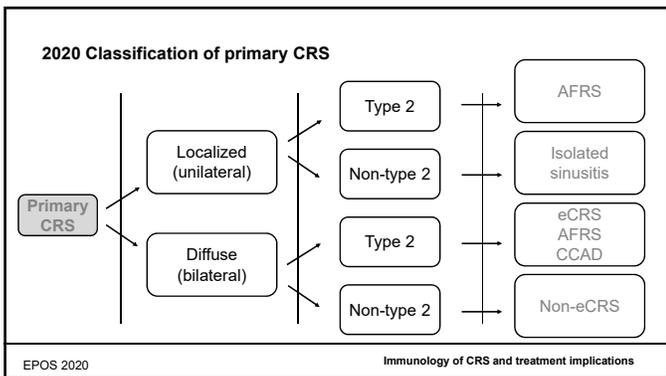
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**3 major effector immunity**

<p><b>Type 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect against intracellular microbes</li> <li>Activate mononuclear phagocytes</li> <li>ILC1 and T<sub>H</sub>1</li> <li>IFN-<math>\gamma</math></li> </ul>	<p><b>Type 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect against helminthes and venoms</li> <li>Activate <b>mast cells, eosinophils,</b> and basophils</li> <li>ILC2 and T<sub>H</sub>2</li> <li><b>IL-4, IL-13 and IL-5</b></li> </ul> <p>Allergic diseases, asthma and CRSwNP</p>	<p><b>Type 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect against extracellular bacteria and fungi</li> <li>Activate neutrophils, phagocytes and epithelial antimicrobial responses</li> <li>ILC3 and T<sub>H</sub>17</li> <li>IL-17 and IL-22</li> </ul> <p>CRS</p>
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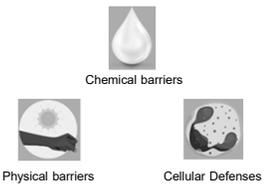
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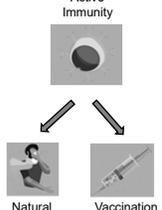
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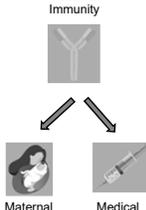


**Adaptive Immunity**

Active Immunity



Passive Immunity



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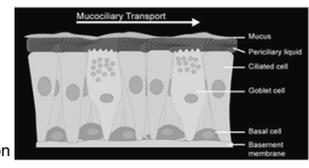
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**Mucus and mucociliary clearance**

- Composed primarily of macromolecules produced by MUC5AC and MUC5B
- Other components
  - Antimicrobial peptides
  - Immunoglobulins – IgA
  - Enzymes
  - opsonins
- Cells responsible for mucus production
  - Goblet cells, serous cells, epithelial cells, other cells with mucosa



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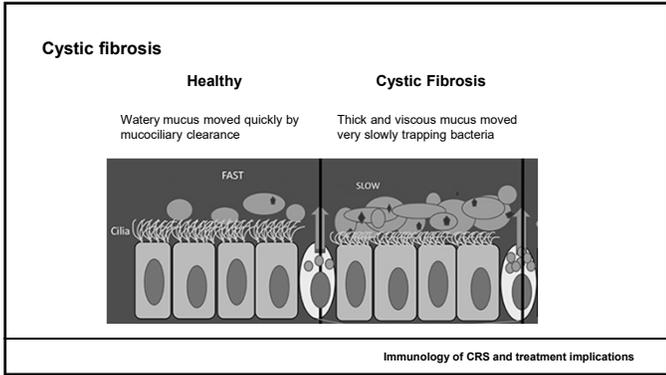
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- Secreted antimicrobial peptides in sinus mucus**
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| Defensins                  | Lactoferrin |
| Cathelicidins (LL-37)      | Lysozyme    |
| Histatins                  | Chitinases  |
| Elastase inhibitors (SLPI) | Opsonins    |
| C-type lectins             | Lipocalins  |
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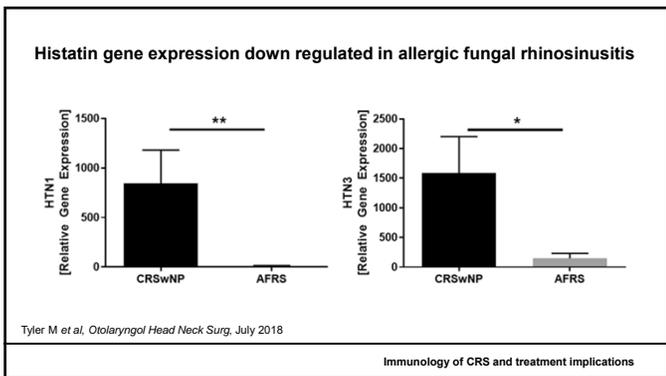
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### Bitter taste receptors in CRS

**Innate immune response to infection**

- Lactoferrin
- CXC chemokines
- Antimicrobial peptides
- Defensins (HBD-2)
- Cathelicidins
- FLUNC proteins

**Normal host response to infection (neutrophil influx)**

Hamilos DL, JACI, 2015

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### Epithelial cell barrier function

**Tight junctions**

- Regulate transport of solutes and ions across epithelia

**Adherens junctions**

- Mediate cell-to-cell adhesions and promote formation of tight junctions

Disruption of tight junctions increase permeability and reduces transepithelial resistance

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### Innate effector cells

Neutrophils

Eosinophils

Mast cells

Increased percentage of mast cells within sinonasal mucosa of chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyp patients independent of atopy

Jeanne L. Shaw, PhD<sup>1</sup>, Forrest R. Brown, MD, PhD<sup>2</sup>, Suman Sarkar, MD<sup>1</sup>, Martin J. Coenen, MD<sup>1</sup>, Amber Luong, MD, PhD<sup>1</sup>

**Understanding the Role of Neutrophils in Refractoriness of Chronic Rhinosinusitis With Nasal Polyps**

Feng Lin,<sup>1\*</sup> Lim Zhang<sup>2\*</sup>

**IL-33-Responsive Innate Lymphoid Cells Are an Important Source of IL-13 in Chronic Rhinosinusitis with Nasal Polyps**

Jeanne L. Shaw<sup>1</sup>, Suman Sarkar<sup>1</sup>, Martin J. Coenen<sup>1</sup>, Paul C. Pitlor<sup>1\*</sup>, David B. Cooney<sup>1</sup>, Farah Khoshdel<sup>1\*</sup>, Hongbin Guo<sup>1</sup>, and Amber Luong<sup>1\*</sup>

Innate lymphoid cells

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Take home message on innate immunity in CRS

Spectrum of clinical presentation of CRS  
can be linked to different dysfunctions in  
the innate immune response

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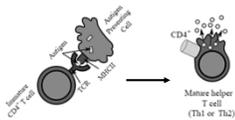
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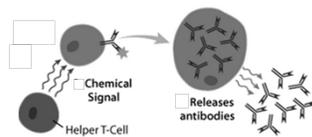
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Cellular components of the adaptive immune response

T cells



B cells



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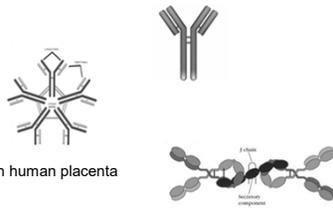
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Types of immunoglobulins

- > IgD
  - Trace amounts
- > IgM
  - 10% of serum immunoglobulins
  - pentamer
- > IgG
  - Most abundant isotype (75%)
  - Only isotype that can pass through human placenta
- > IgA
  - 15% total serum immunoglobulins, but predominates in body secretions
  - Exist as monomer and dimer
- > IgE



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**Antibody deficiencies most common immunodeficiency in CRS**

- 3 antibody immunodeficiencies
  - Selective IgA deficiency
  - Common variable immunodeficiency
  - Specific antibody deficiency
- Prevalence in CRS patients screened for immunodeficiencies
  - CVID 5%
  - Specific antibody deficiency 24%

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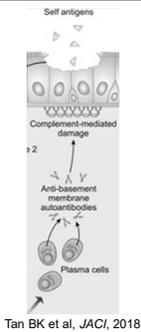
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**Dysfunctional adaptive immune response in CRSwNP**  
**Increase activated B cells and auto-reactive antibodies**

- Elevated mucosal levels of autoreactive IgG and IgA to nuclear antigens and basement membrane components found in CRS
- Levels associated with local IgE levels and disease severity
- Presence of tertiary lymphoid organs in CRS sinonasal mucosa -> increase activated B cells



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**Take home message on adaptive immunity in CRS**

CRSsNP - immunodeficiencies  
CRSwNP - hyper adaptive immune response

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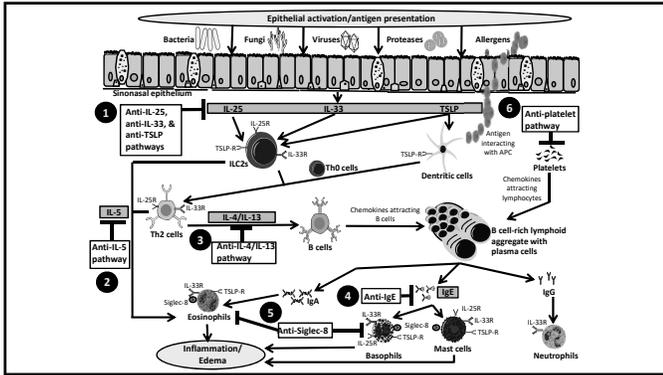
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**Implications on Treatment Options for CRSwNP**

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**Glucocorticoids**

	Pros	Cons
<b>Oral steroids</b>	Potent effect	Effectiveness wanes Significant side effects Weight gain
<b>Nasal steroid sprays</b>	Meta and systematic analysis consistently support efficacy	Limited sinus penetration Limited effectiveness with severe polyps
<b>Steroid saline irrigations</b>	Incorporates irrigations	Only 3-5% solution remains in sinuses
<b>Steroid drops</b>	Relatively concentrated dose	Challenging to administer correctly
<b>Steroid eluting stents</b>	High concentration of delivered steroids locally Bypass compliance issues	Uneven delivery Cost Repeat administration typical
<b>Exhalation Delivery (Xhance)</b>	Deeper penetration	Cost

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**Steroid eluting device**



370 mcg over 14 days                      1350 mcg over 90 days

- Placed in post-op ethmoid cavity
- All published RCTs met primary endpoints
- FDA approved for CRSwNP

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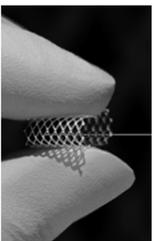
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**LYR-210 steroid eluting implant with positive Phase 2 RCT results**



- Nasal implant loaded with **7500 mcg** mometasone delivers stable dose over at least 6 months
- Placed in-office under local in middle meatus, even in CRS patients with no prior sinus surgery
- Reported topline results – Dec 7
  - SNOT-22: drop in 19 points more in treatment vs control at 6 months
  - No treatment related serious events
- Planning Phase 3 trial now

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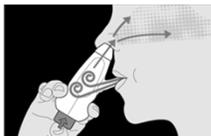
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**Fluticasone exhalation delivery system - Xhance®**

- 4 large clinical trials (2 DBRCT which included 650 CRS patients) support efficacy
- Range of 20 point improvement in SNOT 22 over placebo at 16 weeks
- 56 – 72% pts noted to have at least 1 pt improvement in polyp score at 16 weeks
- 93 mcg/spray fluticasone propionate



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**Biologics – the shiny new treatment option for CRSwNP**



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**Dupilumab – FDA approved in US for CRSwNP June 2019**

- >18 yrs old w/ bil NP
- NPS  $\geq 5$
- Mometasone 100 ug BID
- Excluded AFRS

	Liberty SINUS 24		Liberty SINUS - 52			Total n=724
	Placebo (n=133)	Dupilumab q2w (n=143)	Placebo (n=153)	Dupilumab q2w-q4w (n=145)	Dupilumab q2w (n=150)	
Sex						
Male	70 (53%)	88 (62%)	95 (62%)	87 (60%)	97 (65%)	437 (60%)
Female	63 (47%)	55 (38%)	58 (38%)	58 (40%)	53 (35%)	287 (40%)
Bil NPS	5.86	5.64	5.96	6.29	6.07	5.97
Asthma	79	82	98	99	96	449 (62%)
AERD	38	46	44	41	35	204 (28%)

Bachert et al, *Lancet* 2019

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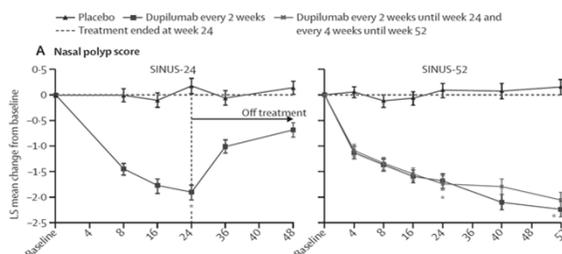
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**Co-primary endpoint at 24 weeks**



Bachert et al, *Lancet* 2019

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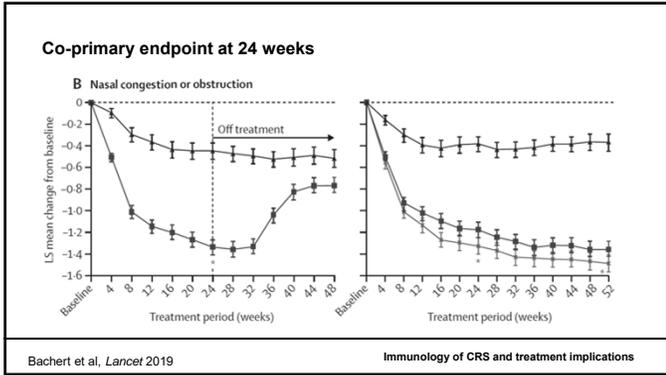
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**Other biologics in pipeline or available for asthma**

Biologic agent	Action	Effect	Status
Reslizumab	IgG4 mAb Anti-IL5	Induce apoptosis of eosinophils and reduce local tissue recruitment of eosinophils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FDA approved for &gt; 18yrs severe asthma – March 2016</li> <li>• BREATH trials completed</li> </ul>
Mepolizumab	IL-5 antagonist	Induce apoptosis of eosinophils and reduce local tissue recruitment of eosinophils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FDA approved for &gt; 6yrs eosinophilic severe asthma and Churg-Strauss</li> <li>• SYNAPSE: TPS -0.73</li> </ul>
Benralizumab	IL-5R $\alpha$	Reduce recruitment of eosinophils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FDA approved for &gt;12 yrs eosinophilic severe asthma</li> <li>• Completed Phase 3 trial</li> </ul>
Omalizumab	Anti-IgE	Decrease cell bound IgE levels and decrease mast cell degranulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved for allergic rhinitis and allergic asthma</li> <li>• POLYP1 and 2: TPS -1.14 and -0.59</li> </ul>

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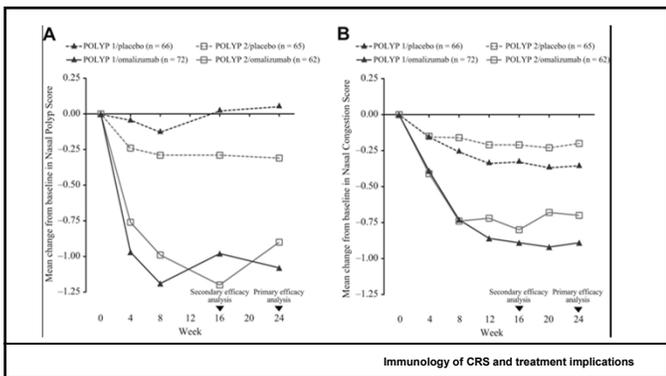
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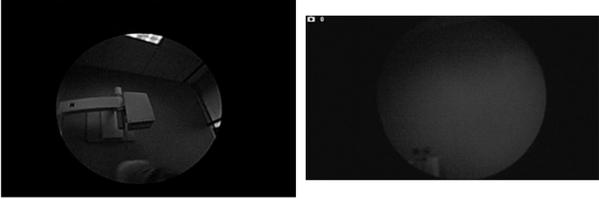
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Typical experience with dupilumab



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Biologics in CRS management

<p><b>Pros</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Presents possible precision treatment</li><li>➢ Offers treatment options to recalcitrant CRS patients</li><li>➢ Associated with some dramatic responses</li></ul>	<p><b>Cons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Cost</li><li>➢ Not curative</li><li>➢ Unknown long-term side effects of manipulating immune response</li><li>➢ Lack of biomarkers to identify responders</li><li>➢ Some require IV infusion</li></ul>
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Conclusion

- Spectrum of clinical presentation of CRS can be linked to different dysfunctions in the innate and adaptive immune response
- CRS is a chronic inflammatory disease and steroids remain cornerstone
- Molecular understanding of the pathophysiology of CRSwNP is expanding with introduction of potential therapeutic targets
- Biologics may be justified in severe CRSwNP, especially in those with other Type 2 comorbidities

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