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Advancements in Pediatric Allergology and Immunology

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Abstract

Review Article

Pediatric allergology and immunology have emerged as a distinct subspecialty and addressed the necessity of studying allergic and immunologic disorders in the pediatric population, further progressing therapeutic regimens and treatment approaches, especially for children. The main objective of this study was to review the updates of the literature regarding the advancements of pediatric allergology and immunology. Main research engines were employed to extract the appropriate data. Literature showed the importance of this topic and its diagnosis and therapeutic approached. **Keywords:** Allergy, immunology, pediatric, pharmacology, intervention, treatment.

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1. INTRODUCTION TO PEDIATRIC ALLERGOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY

Pediatric allergology and immunology have emerged as a distinct subspecialty and addressed the necessity of studying allergic and immunologic disorders in the pediatric population, further progressing therapeutic regimens and treatment approaches, especially for children (Sultész *et al.*, 2020). Allergic disorders are common in children, with a systemic prevalence of about 20% to 30% of school-aged children (Pakkasela *et al.*, 2020). Pediatric allergology and immunology primarily address the prevalence of allergic disorders in children, which significantly impact their quality of life and differ from the adult population with the same disorder (Ha *et al.*, 2020).

The main reason for focusing on child allergies is that clinical presentations of typically pediatric patients may differ significantly from those of adult patients (Jutzeler et al., 2020). These presentations are more common with a diagnosis of childhood-onset allergies, multi-diagnoses, familial burden, and asthmatic clinical situations rather than conventional atrophic manifestations (Yonker et al., 2020). In children, it may be possible to prevent or achieve tolerance by determining the causes of allergies. Nurses, dieticians, and social services (when needed) are essentially involved in the follow-up and education of allergic patients to provide comprehensive care (Alsohime et al., 2020). Additionally, the healthcare team, rather than individuals, is skilled and experienced

in this field, and a multidisciplinary approach and consensus among team members are indispensable for up-to-date healthcare provision (Du et al., 2020). Allergic patient history and physical examination are significantly important, and the process from the first medical assessment to therapy and important choices is called allergic roadmap management (De et al., 2020). This roadmap is the basis for patient follow-up (Badal et al., 2021). With this framework for the follow-up of diagnosis and therapy, we summarized general and practical techniques, test methodologies, and treatment strategies for the pediatric population (Du et al., 2021). We named the protocols we use for roadmaps, and while there are some similarities, we select methods and controls that minimize discomfort and ensure the specificity and sensitivity of the results (Weisberg et al., 2021). We edited the roadmap with respect to previous research, addressing the spectrum of diseases and populations, and this research highlights the lack of a specific roadmap for pediatric immunological diseases, providing the first-of-its-kind article for both research and pediatric immunology in the form of a roadmap (DeBiasi et al., 2020).

2. Basic Concepts in Pediatric Allergology

All defined allergic reactions, including anaphylactic ones, refer to alterations of non-infectious and non-malignant nature called allergic diseases (Spolidoro *et al.*, 2023). It seems that the frequency of allergies has been increasing in recent years (Spolidoro *et al.*, 2023). Until now, specific preventive interventions

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and therapeutic options have been suggested to address these alterations in the immune system (Messina and Venter, 2020). In this context, children seem attractive to invest in various research studies since allergic diseases usually start from childhood (Warren et al., 2020). From the beginning of the twentieth century, it was shown that in the course of many allergic diseases, immune responses are involved (Warren et al., 2020). These conditions are often hereditary, and the rise in allergic reactions has been linked to generalized alterations in lifestyle and behavior (Zhang et al., 2021). The immune system is divided into two main arms. The acquired immune system is usually the combat system against viral and bacterial assaults and the part that allergists assume to be aberrant in cases of hypersensitivity (Dierick et al., 2020). Allergic reactions are inappropriate responses resulting from the enhanced engagement of the human immune system to usually harmless antigens (Dierick et al., 2020). The immune system of children is under construction, whereby the occurrence of an immune reaction is closely linked to the stage of development in the life of the child (Peters et al., 2021). The reactions of immunologically relevant diseases in children and adults differ in many respects (Peters et al., 2021). Pediatric allergology, the study of allergic diseases in children, will introduce its basic views in this paper (Alkhatib, 2022a). In children, it is fundamentally important to differentiate between the immune systems of neonates, infants, and older children (Ha et al., 2020). An acquired system represents a delayed response that results in the differentiation of cells intended to specifically recognize these antigens (Alkhatib, 2022b). These unique proteins induce changes in the host's immune responses that distinguish them from non-allergenic proteins (Xing and Wong, 2021). An effective acquired immune response results in the neutralization of invasive viruses and bacteria, as well as their degradation and exclusion (Alkhatib, 2022c). While T cell functions are present in the embryo, the capacity for chemotaxis and phagocytosis of newborn neutrophils and monocytic macrophages is significantly lower than in adults (Sampath et al., 2021). Cell communication of embryonic and immature T cells, but not B cells, is less effective. It is acknowledged that once activated, a small number of T cells in embryos and neonates need these essential relationships (Durham and Shamji, 2023). It is appropriate to note that many components of neonatal immunity, especially the acquired system, are linked to the mother's uterus (Durham and Shamji, 2023).

2.1. Immune System Development in Children

The development of the child's immune system begins in the fetus (Moraes-Pinto *et al.*, 2021). The development follows the so-called "windows of susceptibility," linked to the different components of the immune system, and continues from childhood until around adolescence (Jain, 2020). One of the consequences of the development of the different components of the immune system is the dysregulation of immuno-regulation, leading to an increased alteration of the Treg cells and Th2 cytokines that lead to the allergic phenotype during dysbiosis (Alkhatib, 2022d). Genetics are important for laying the foundation of the immune response, which will be further influenced by the environment, including during development in utero (Alkhatib, 2024). Umbilical cord cytokines could provide hints to predict this phenotype and immune-regulative ability (Donald and Finlay, 2023).

A careful and detailed analysis that determines the individual developmental immuno-assessment, associated with the relative environmental influences. could be a step in enabling the pediatrician or allergist to administer possible preventive or therapeutic interventions suitable for pediatric age (Renz and Skevaki, 2021). The latest epidemiological evidence shows that the timing of exposure to allergens in early life is important because allergen exposure itself can influence susceptibility or tolerance (Lu et al., 2020). Some studies provide further information by defining the critical time windows during the intrauterine period and in the first 1,000 days after birth, of interaction among different components heavily influencing the child's health (To et al., 2020). In this way, in addition to the major allergic diseases, other atopic manifestations and health outcomes are also framed (To et al., 2020). In the last 30 years, a large number of studies have shown that the developmental phase of the immune system from fetus to child includes an age-dependent accumulation of Treg memory cells that can play a significant role in preventing diseases, both autoimmune and allergic (Esch et al., 2020).

2.2. Common Pediatric Allergens

In pediatric allergology, we distinguish between environmental allergens such as pollen, mites, domestic animals, and molds; food allergens such as cow's milk, hen's eggs, and nuts; and insect allergens such as Hymenoptera venoms (Achilova and Yomgurova, 2022). Although the focus of this text is on pediatric allergology, our understanding of allergic sensitization and its clinical consequences for children would not be complete without taking into account the growing incidence of allergic diseases (Halken *et al.*, 2021). The majority of allergic children develop a clinical form of the disease after one year of age, but other forms of food allergy may persist into adulthood or develop in older patients (Hoskinson *et al.*, 2023).

The incidence of food allergy varies worldwide (Brough *et al.*, 2022). The socioeconomic factor appears to be an important determinant of food allergen exposure rates; peanuts are a common cause of food anaphylaxis in certain regions, while tree nut allergies are more common in others (Lu *et al.*, 2020). In pediatric allergology, it appears to be especially important to identify the most common allergens for certain countries or regions (Hui and Leung, 2021). It must not be forgotten that the final goal of pediatric allergology is the avoidance of allergens and, as soon as the warning signs are identified, prevention becomes of paramount importance (Xing and Wong, 2021). The majority of allergic diseases begin in childhood (Niewiem and Grzybowska-Chlebowczyk, 2022). This is particularly true for the more common respiratory and food allergies (Niewiem and Grzybowska-Chlebowczyk, 2022). A complete knowledge of pediatric allergology relies heavily on recognizing allergic disease-oriented allergens (Renz and Skevaki, 2021). Environmental allergens, food allergens, and venom allergens have been identified for a long time. Thus, avoiding these allergens has been largely demonstrated to be beneficial for avoidance diets and is necessary for the success of avoidance diets and avoidance treatment (Nuzzi *et al.*, 2021; Venter *et al.*, 2022; Wang *et al.*, 2023).

In clinical practice, it is essential for a pediatric allergist to make as soon as possible a list of the most probable allergens, including the clinical evidence of food allergens by skin prick tests, allergen-specific immunoglobulin tests in blood, history taking, and symptomatology (Halken et al., 2021). The abovementioned in vivo methods of identifying sensitization to specific allergens provide essential information as to the allergenic power of the allergen involved, indicating whether sensitization is small, intermediate, or high (Alvaro-Lozano et al., 2020). An understanding of the most common allergens and/or etiologic suspects in pediatric allergology is highly useful in designing efficient treatments for preventing allergy and anaphylaxis in children, adolescents, and young adults (Ansotegui et al., 2020). Likewise, useful allergies are often prescribed in general pediatric populations in children with respiratory allergies (Fleischer et al., 2021). None of them is nevertheless focused on pediatric allergology (Pfaar et al., 2022). The understanding of the differences in the most common allergens helps the pediatric allergist to draw a therapy plan that must promptly help gain control of these specific allergens (Westwell-Roper et al., 2022).

3. Diagnostic Techniques in Pediatric Allergology

Diagnosis is a fundamental aspect of allergy (Jutel et al., 2023). A correct and prompt diagnosis can help control allergic diseases effectively, while an incorrect diagnosis may increase suffering, increase costs, and decrease the capability of the individual to perform different tasks (Tian et al., 2024). Advanced diagnosis in pediatric allergology is important because the number of children with allergic and hypersensitivity diseases has increased markedly over the last 30-40 vears in both European and Asian countries (Brough et al., 2020). Different in vivo and in vitro tests, as well as methods, are used for diagnosing allergic diseases in children (Alotiby, 2023). This paper provides a brief overview of different diagnostic tests available for diagnosing atrophic diseases and environmental allergens, as well as allergic disease procedures and different diagnostic methods for atrophic diseases (Bahna, 2024). During history taking, pediatric allergists

should ask about the presence and evolution of allergic symptoms after exposure to different environmental factors, ingestion of different foods, possible animal or insect exposure, and physical activities for daily tasks and during exercise (Zhou et al., 2024). History taking analyze many aspects of allergies and can hypersensitivities, such as the characteristics of the symptoms, their duration, frequency and intensity, their association with other allergic symptoms, the severity, and the impact of the allergic symptoms on everyday life, the coexistence of other atopic diseases, and the possible triggers of allergic disease-specific reactions (Wang et al., 2023). The exam should be guided by the patient's history, as well as the physical location of the reaction in the body, its nature, and the time of the reaction. The strengths and limitations of skin prick tests, patch tests, and in vitro testing are discussed (Wollenberg et al., 2023). Immunoglobulin E (IgE) and non-IgE-mediated mechanisms are also discussed (Wollenberg et al., 2023). Finally, recent advanced technologies and future trends in pediatric allergology are discussed. Prick tests and in vitro testing are commonly employed to determine sensitization to different food allergens and constituent molecules of sensitization (Zhou et al., 2024). Prick tests and in vitro tests require a different degree of patient cooperation, hardware, and competencies of the operator. Serum measurement of specific IgE has also been used as a surrogate for prick tests in the diagnosis of atrophic diseases. This approach is also used to determine microbial and β -lactam sensitization (Alkhatib, 2022e). Data from in vivo and in vitro studies help the allergist identify the possible causal allergens in an individual atrophic patient (Alkhatib, 2022e). Due to the different pathophysiologic mechanisms of atrophic diseases, a positive specific IgE sensitization only indicates atopic liability, not atrophic disease. Skin prick testing should generally be done following the measurement of total serum IgE and, in parallel, testing from a healthy control with a negative history of atrophic disease for relevant allergen standard extracts as well as components to determine specificity (Bahna, 2024). A 10-component panel in serum is necessary if the skin prick test is negative, or if vector sensitization is identified, especially in children with more severe reactions, to broaden diagnostic utility testing in a larger panel with nuts and bananas (Bahna, 2024). Standardized test results should always be interpreted in the context of clinical case history, physical examination, immune status, and factors such as age and geographical region (Bahna, 2024). Skin prick tests and in vitro tests are simple and effective procedures for confirmation of atrophic disease (Wollenberg et al., 2023).

3.1. Skin Prick Testing

Skin prick testing is a widely used procedure for diagnosing allergic diseases in the pediatric population (Muthupalaniappen and Jamil, 2021). The SPT provides a rapid result and identifies the patients who may develop immediate or type 1 hypersensitivity reactions to a defined allergen (Anggraeni *et al.*, 2021). The SPT should be performed by allergology specialists using a standard and well-processed extract of the selected allergens (Hamilton *et al.*, 2020). A panel of allergens should be selected according to a patient's medical history, age, and living habits (Ansotegui *et al.*, 2020). Children should be in good general condition (with no acute infection and without antihistamine use before the SPT) (Stingeni *et al.*, 2020). Carefully conducted SPTs can provoke minimal discomfort; however, an excessive reaction may occur with a distinct possibility of developing anaphylaxis (Baumann *et al.*, 2021).

Common contraindications or precautions to SPT include acute skin eruption, allergic or hypersensitivity rhinitis with nasal obstruction, a previous anaphylactic reaction, and an unstable clinical situation (Pitsios et al., 2022). Importantly, patients and/or parents should be provided with full instructions and clear descriptions of the skin testing techniques (Stingeni et al., 2020). Certified staff who know prevention, diagnosis, and treatment strategies for possible adverse reactions should be constantly present at the site where SPTs are performed. Finally, it is important to remember that the SPT should be just one part of a comprehensive approach to diagnose and manage allergic diseases in children (Barbaud & Romano, 2022).

Conducting an SPT is an important step in the process of establishing the suspicion or confirmation of sensitization in children and adolescents with allergic diseases (Lau *et al.*, 2022). The SPT provides not only the advantage of rapid results to the medical staff and/or patient, but also contributes to a quick approach to the etiological diagnosis of the patient, as well as reducing the costs associated with the diagnosis of an allergic patient (Raby and Mallol, 2022). We consider that the procedure employed in the SPT and the skin testing facilities must comply fully with all the basic principles of patient safety in order to guarantee appropriate care for the patient during and after skin testing (Gupta and Anand, 2023).

3.2. Blood Tests for Allergies

Blood tests for diagnosing allergies to foods and airborne or environmental allergens are a useful tool in the pediatric setting (Ansotegui *et al.*, 2020). The specific IgE level against a particular allergen, in the form of separate IgE levels to each allergen class or component alone, is a trustworthy indicator of an allergic child (Dramburg *et al.*, 2020). It has shown early promise as a diagnostic tool for the noninvasive quantification of specific IgE antibodies in pediatric populations (Baumann *et al.*, 2021). Additionally, blood testing has some benefits over skin prick testing when the latter cannot be performed, such as in dermatographism, severe eczema, antihistamine use within three days of testing, or in patients with unstable asthma or underlying cardiovascular disease (Foong and Santos, 2021). An alternative blood test for identifying allergen sensitization is total IgE measurement. Total IgE testing is less specific than specific IgE testing and gives relatively high levels in children without allergies or with bacterial or viral infections (Thorpe *et al.*, 2023). Blood tests are particularly useful for providing quantifiable therapeutic endpoints, including desensitization or atopy patch tests and peanut threshold levels with the aim of desensitization (Hamilton *et al.*, 2020). Its lower patient morbidity, combined with the increasing drive to develop new agents alongside increasing evidence of the importance IgE plays in these clinical conditions, has seen a resurgence in activity in this field (Riggioni *et al.*, 2024).

In summary, blood tests have several advantages over the skin test, including the absence of an active inflammatory reaction mediated through mast cell degranulation (Huber et al., 2020). This may lead to their use in many children where the skin test is otherwise not possible, either due to the risk of a false positive reaction or the localized clearances of such tests (Sista et al., 2020). It can be easily performed on children of all ages, including neonates, and antihistamines need not be stopped for the test (Casertano et al., 2021). Blood tests are easier to manage given the paper test and latex-free nature, where the blood draw requires less skilled nursing support (Wood et al., 2021). Points to consider are that the test does not increase the rate of confirming food allergy, as it correlates with the physician's diagnosis (Ge et al., 2021). The test should always be interpreted alongside a detailed clinical history and considered alongside the significance and any concurrent skin prick test, not in isolation (Prentice et al., 2021). In the latter case, blood tests should be considered in cases where confirmatory skin prick tests are required or for other reasons detailed above (Prentice et al., 2021). The test is particularly useful in atopic dermatitis and when considering phenotyping asthma (Singh et al., 2020). Its efficacy in defining the atopic march contrasts with some studies but supports other studies demonstrating an increased solubility due to aeroallergen sensitization during childhood (Śmigiel et al., 2020). In short, the test is a useful stimulus that requires careful management and criteria for use (Marcotte et al., 2021). The sensitivity and specificity for different allergens may alter under certain conditions based on the local populace (Vill et al., 2021).

4. Treatment Modalities in Pediatric Allergology

The importance of personalized treatment for allergic diseases is particularly relevant in childhood and adolescence (Ferrante *et al.*, 2021). The better we know the patient's sensitivities, the better the allergological intervention will be (Ferrante *et al.*, 2021). Given the variability and personal characteristics, it is essential to set treatments based on a careful clinical history and on functional tests that highlight the change due to a stimulus, both in the presence of the disease and during treatment (Papapostolou and Makris, 2022). Antihistamines are the most commonly used drugs for the treatment of allergic rhinitis associated with seasonal and perennial allergic conjunctivitis, dosed individually (Indolfi *et al.*, 2024). The effects of antihistamines are largely due to interactions with their specific receptors as inverse H1 agonists, thereby stabilizing the aryl hydrocarbon system of the mast cells and preventing the release of mast cell mediators (Breiteneder *et al.*, 2020). Mast cells are crucial in the pathogenesis of allergic diseases, and histamine is one of the substances that initiates an allergic reaction (Liu *et al.*, 2024).

The first-line treatment of allergic rhinitis symptoms is facilitated by the use of intranasal corticosteroids and antihistamines (Du et al., 2020). Leukotrienes, secreted by white blood cells during inflammation, are used to induce inflammation in the upper and lower respiratory tracts (El-Raouf et al., 2020). A leukotriene modifier is sometimes prescribed, either in combination with corticosteroids or separately to improve symptoms when symptoms are not fully controlled (Hossenbaccus et al., 2020). Based on the severity of the disease, mast cells and eosinophils work in synergy or sequentially, and when released, the leukotrienes can cause persistent smooth muscle contractions (Hoang et al., 2022). Non-pharmacological strategies include allergen control, involvement in the child's environment and diet (Ridolo et al., 2023). The treatment of certain forms of allergy can generally lead to a remission in the absence of exposure; immunotherapy can also and primarily lead to a longterm solution (Linton et al., 2023). Semantics is important; it is essential to personalize the therapy for the singularity: not all are laryngitis and not all people are the same (Goniotakis et al., 2023). It is important to choose the right drug and have a starting dose and, if necessary, a supplementary treatment that will interfere as gently as possible and control symptoms (Afridi et al., 2023). For a child, we must act where they live: allergological therapy must be seen as a pillar to strengthen because it is an aid that acts in targeted and specific places, which is associated with other nonpharmacological interventions as part of environmental and global care (Afridi et al., 2023). Monitoring the clinical history and functional tests through periods of specialist visits is essential for controlling the response to treatment (Goniotakis et al., 2023). Awareness of possible side effects and dosage is essential, especially with pharmacological immuno-modulating therapy (Linton et al., 2023). Given the nature of drug allergy, the evaluation by medically supervised drug challenge may be required to investigate sensitization (Hoang et al., 2022).

4.1. Pharmacological Interventions

Antihistamines have universally been used and represent the first-choice medication in the treatment of allergic rhinitis and urticaria, either intermittent or persistent (Canonica *et al.*, 2024). They are among the symptomatic medications with the most favorable benefit/side effects ratio, acting by blocking the H1 receptor and preventing its activation by histamine (Chadni et al., 2020). Corticosteroids are the only persistent medication class used in the treatment of allergic rhinitis and asthma, based on symptoms (Klimek et al., 2020). They possess anti-inflammatory and antiedematous effects and act through various mechanisms in multiple steps during allergic response activation (Fukunaga et al., 2024). When the side effects or contraindications of continuous use arise, or when patients express a preference for non-steroids, several alternative or add-on therapies are available in pediatric allergology (Ensina et al., 2022). Other medications focus on mast cell stabilization and control the inflammatory response and/or T- and B-lymphocytes (MacFarlane, 2023). They include biologic therapies specific for allergic conditions and cellular response, or anti-IgE therapy (Ye, 2021; Gammeri et al., 2023).

According to the response to different medications in patients, medication can be tailored to the individual improvement of a child's symptoms (Bassetti et al., 2021). Young pediatric patients cannot express themselves well, and it is also complicated to determine the severity of the symptoms in the case of intermittent pediatric asthma patients (Pijnenburg and Fleming, 2020). It is critical to educate the patient and parents about the medications, how they work, and how and when treatment is effective (Turner et al., 2021). Physicians should adjust the medication or switch to another medication if there is no clinical improvement following medical treatment (Walter et al., 2020). Medication interactions are possible with previous or concomitant treatment the patient is receiving; therefore, adjustment according to further impairment or symptom severity is necessary under certain conditions (Fuentes et al., 2021; Maj et al., 2021).

4.2. Immunotherapy

Immunotherapy is the only causal and longterm treatment method for allergies (Durham and Shamji, 2023). It is based on a regular and prolonged administration of an eliminated allergen or its diseasecausing fragment fitted to the immune system by means of sophisticated techniques (Fritzsching et al., 2022). Although more than 100 years have passed since the first successful interventions for the administration of allergens, in practice, two methods dominate: subcutaneous sublingual immunotherapy and (Vogelberg et al., 2022). There are, however, more and more minimized variants of subcutaneous immunotherapy, which are an oral-mucosal method of conventional immunotherapy (Fritzsching et al., 2022). Both subcutaneous and sublingual immunotherapy are based on the principles of safe allergen administration in increasing doses (Contoli et al., 2023). Immunotherapy enables the immune system to stop excessive reactions to specific allergens, at a cellular and humoral level, without providing adverse reactions to the immune response, in turn reducing the reactivity of lymphocytes,

forming IgE, decreasing the level of allergen-specific IgE, and at the same time increasing the level of allergenspecific IgG (Zemelka-Wiacek *et al.*, 2024). Prolonged treatment can give the effect of long-term remission for at least several years after possibly stopping the allergen in the future (Arshad *et al.*, 2024).

An essential issue is the use of patient selection criteria as well as appropriate tests before starting the above treatment (Guo et al., 2020). Immunotherapy also has a positive safety profile. Reviewing a population regarding the initiation of immunotherapy, the type of administration or dosage determines three major effect estimates for the immediate and long-term benefits, sustained for at least 4 years, characterized as substantial (Basha et al., 2021). A full course is usually carried out over a period of 3-5 years, using allergens recommended for particular allergic diseases (Liu et al., 2021). As a result, the short- and long-term effects resulting from this treatment are not usually taken into account and are reduced, and the course is extended-with modifications-because the relapse of symptoms is observed in up to 70% of subjects in the year after treatment cessation (Brüssow and Brüssow, 2021). Practically, it cannot be stopped because the full effect is usually seen a year after the end of the therapy (Paderno et al., 2020). Compliance of patients is very important during the therapy and monitoring by a medical professional; it is a very significant element encouraging patients to adhere to the therapeutic recommendations (Su et al., 2020). In pediatric patients, the need to normalize the cost of immunotherapy is emphasized, which may translate into increased availability and inclusion in national guidelines in the future (Zanarini et al., 2024).

5. Future Directions and Emerging Trends in Pediatric Allergology

1. Technical and technological advancements are more prevalent now than in any previous era. Utilizing data and integrating findings into clinical practice has become part of our daily work (Breiteneder et al., 2020). The digital era has brought a variety of technical possibilities (Ansotegui et al., 2020). Therefore, diagnostics and therapy for allergic diseases can sometimes work more specifically and possibly with improved treatment cost-effectiveness (Sindher et al., 2022). The involvement of artificial intelligence in medicine and the possibility of telemedicine are also now being further (Hamilton al., discussed et 2020). Technological breakthroughs are taking place in other fields, such as genetics, including metabolome, genome, and environmental polymorphism interactions studies (Jutel et al., 2023). New approaches to allergic disease treatment have been one of the hot topics in recent years (Wang et al., 2023). Integrative medicine, combining conventional and

complementary therapeutic strategies, is a field of rapidly evolving interest. (Han *et al.*, 2020).

2. Today, the microbiome and its relation to the development of allergic diseases may be one of the most critical nascent scientific domains (Peroni et al., 2020). The human body contains about the same number of microbial cells as human cells, depending on the body site (Aguilera et al., 2020). Repopulation of 'germfree' animals with a mix of bacteria from diseased or healthy mice shows that particular intestinal bacteria are the cause or protect against it from the development of this illness and that probiotic therapy can treat some allergic diseases (Celebi et al., 2022). As a result, multidisciplinary contact and research with microbiologists, virologists, immunologists, and pneumologists is critical for medical advancement (Nance et al., 2020). Innovative treatments are also being explored in a number of labs around the world (Akagawa and Kaneko, 2022). Additionally, a new prospective therapy against certain pollen rhinitis and other allergic rhinitis 'vaccination for one-shot therapy' is being researched (Augustine et al., 2023). Some points must be addressed in the context of allergy/immunology training (Huang et al., 2022). The most obvious is that the substantial increase in new knowledge necessitates continuous education and additional training for all healthcare professionals involved in caring for patients with allergic and immunodeficiency diseases (Wang et al., 2023).

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