

Micronutrient-transport by whey proteins: A missing link to health and immune resilience.

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Micronutritional deficiencies: absolute and functional

Iron



Absolute – extreme form

- no iron → anaemia
- no Vitamin A → night blindness/xerophthalmia

Vitamin A

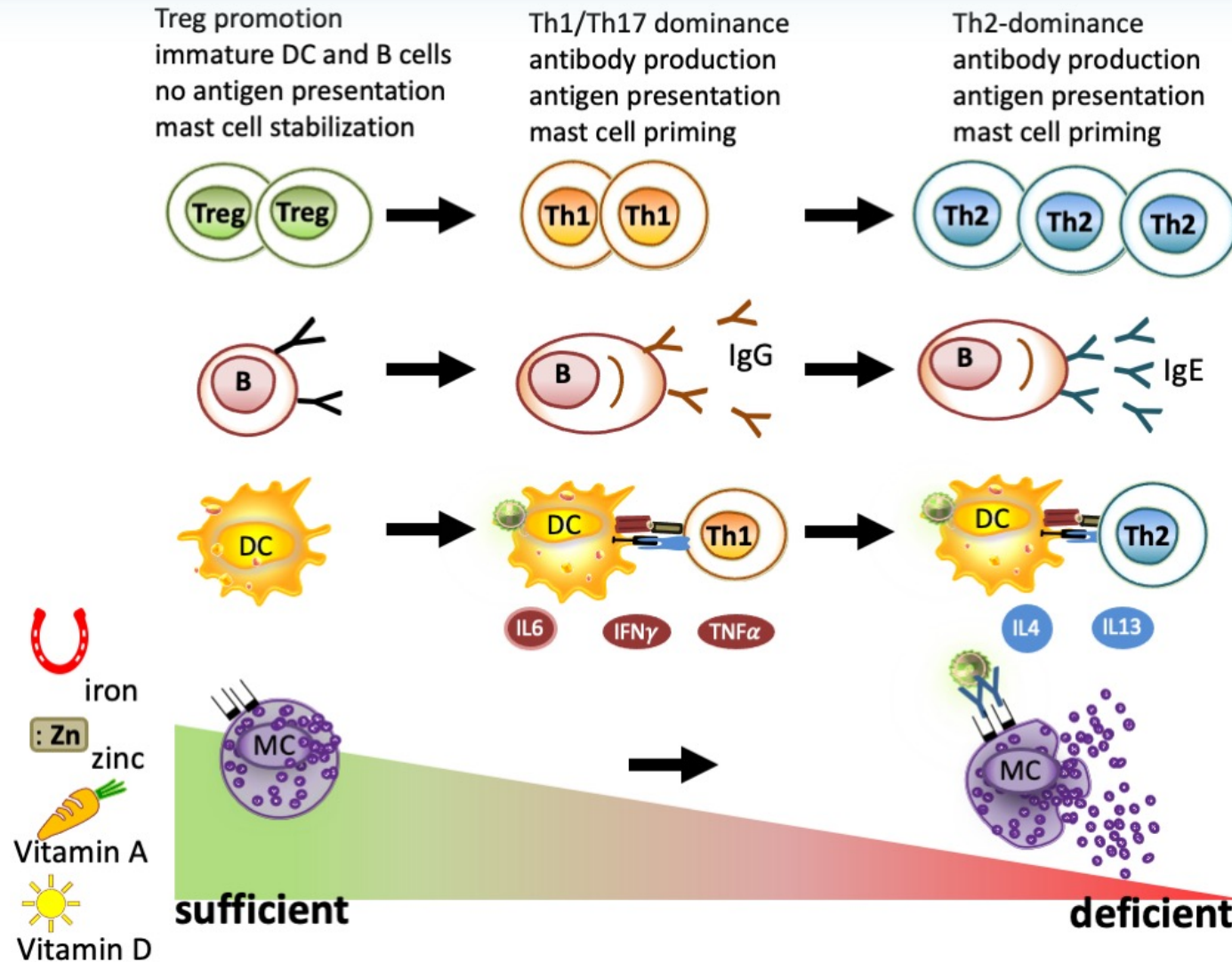


Functional – not accessible

- iron → inflammation
- Vitamin A → inflammation

**Iron- and Vitamin A- deficiencies are associated with increased
all-cause morbidity and mortality**

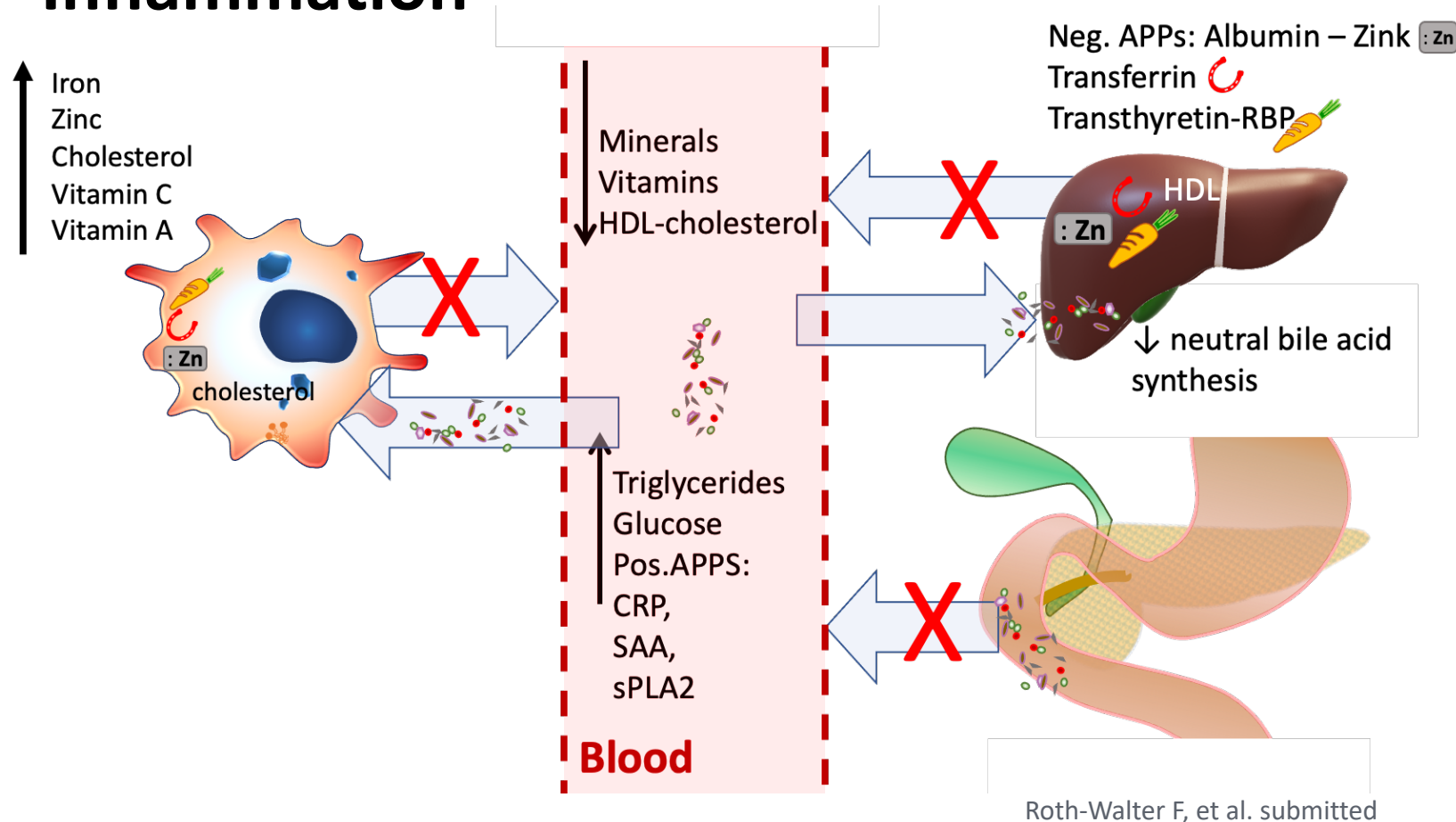
Nutritional immunity: deficiencies as trigger for inflammation



Front Allergy. 2022 May 10;3:859922.
 Blood. 2010 May 6;115(18):3810-6
 Adv Nutr. 2017 Mar 15;8(2):197-212.
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Disturbed nutrient homeostasis during inflammation

Inflammation



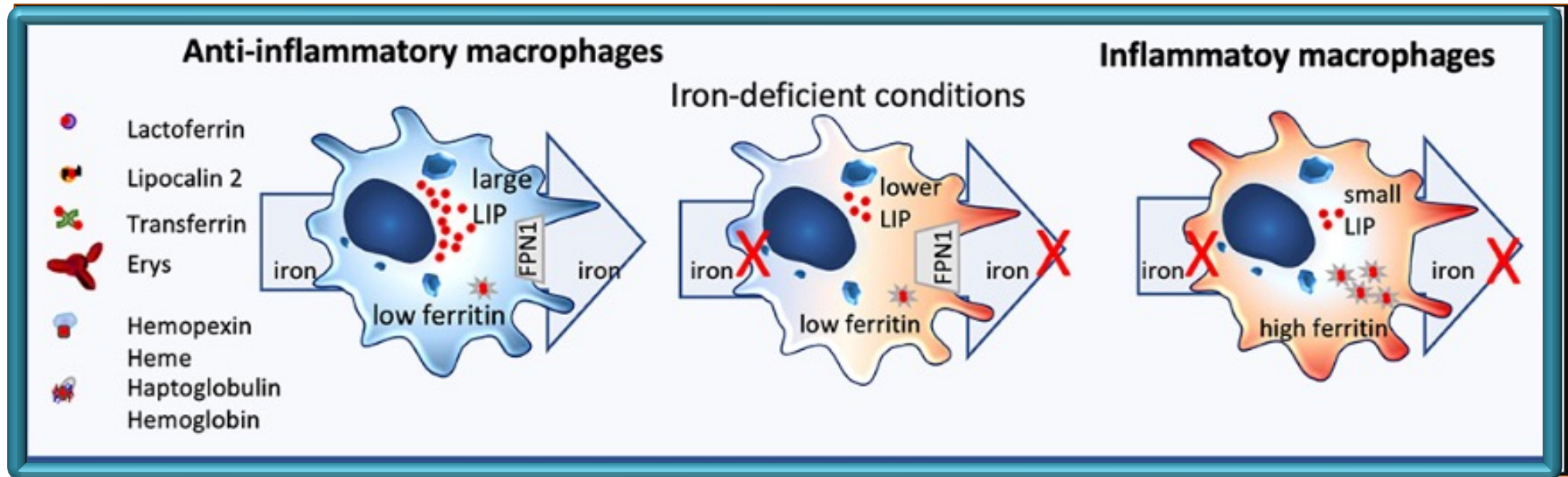
Decreased

- minerals and vitamins, HDL-cholesterol
- nutrient-associated proteins: transferrin, albumin, transthyretin

Increased

- triglycerides and glucose
- positive acute phase proteins:
 - serum amyloid A SAA
 - C-reactive protein CRP
 - Lipopolysaccharide binding protein LBP

Mimicking infections with iron deficiency



Front Allergy. 2022 May 10;3:859922

Anemia of chronic inflammation

Functional micronutritional deficiencies affects many patient groups

Atopic diseases

Cancer

Autoimmune
diseases

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Worsened Outcome
Worsened Prognosis

Chronic Kidney
diseases

Chronic pulmonary
diseases

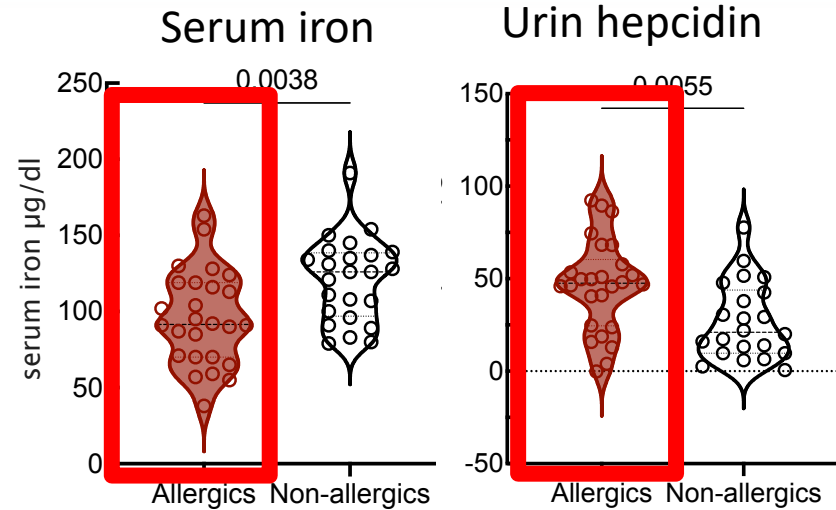
Congestive heart
failure

Inflammatory bowel
disease

→ **Alternative strategies for dietary micronutritional uptake necessary**

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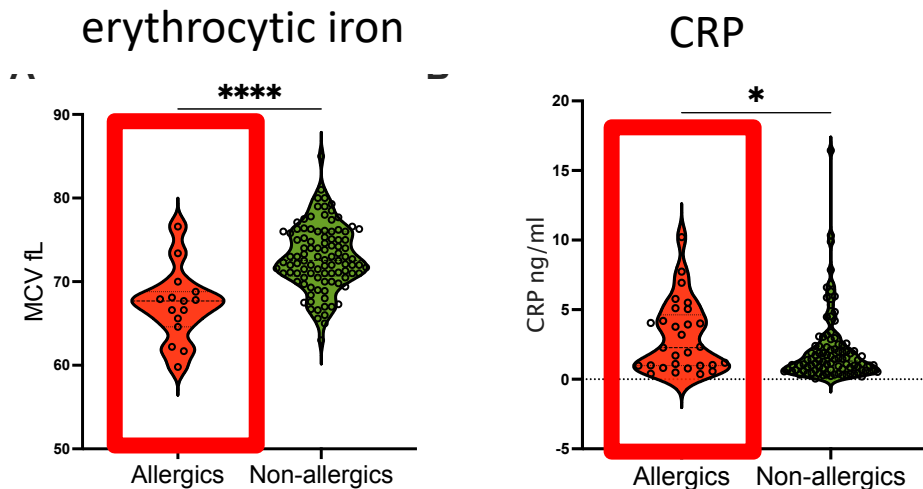
Functional iron-deficiency in atopic diseases



non-anemic women with allergic rhinitis



Petje LM et al. Allergy. 2021 Sep;76(9):2882-2886



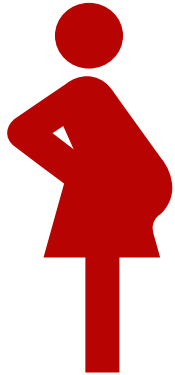
dogs with atopic dermatitis



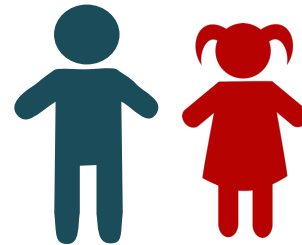
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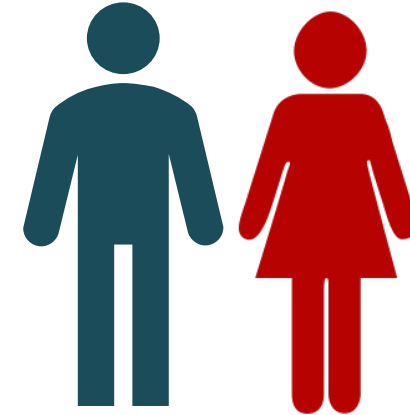
Atopy and micronutritional deficiencies



Maternal iron supplementation



0.2 OR for atopic dermatitis
0.58 OR for asthma
0.33 OR when mother asthmatic
6-8 x anemia



3.5 x 1.6x anemia

Any allergy at 2 years

1.80 OR anemia at age 3

Asthma

HR 4.6 Anemia incidence

Clin Epidemiol. 2023 Jan 5;15:31-38., Nutrients. 2022 Oct 17;14(20):4335.; Ann Allergy Asthma Immunol. 2021 Jul;127(1):57-63 ; Pediatr Pulmonol. 2021 Jun;56(6):1771-1778; Eur Respir J. 2020 Jun 4;55(6):1902335; Int J Environ Res Public Health. 2020 Mar; 17(6): 1978; Arch Dermatol Res. 2019 Jul;311(5):361-367; BMC Pediatr. 2019 Nov 25;19(1):455; BMJ Open Respir Res. 2018 Mar 30;5(1):e000275; J Obstet Gynaecol Res. 2018 Apr;44(4):614-622; Clin Exp Allergy. 2017 Dec;47(12):1615-1624; JAMA Pediatr. 2016;170(1):29-34; Br J Nutr. 2014 Dec 28;112(12):2018-27; Eur J Clin Nutr. 2010 Mar;64(3):245-52.; Eur Respir J. 2004 Aug;24(2):292-7

Disturbed nutrient homeostasis during inflammation

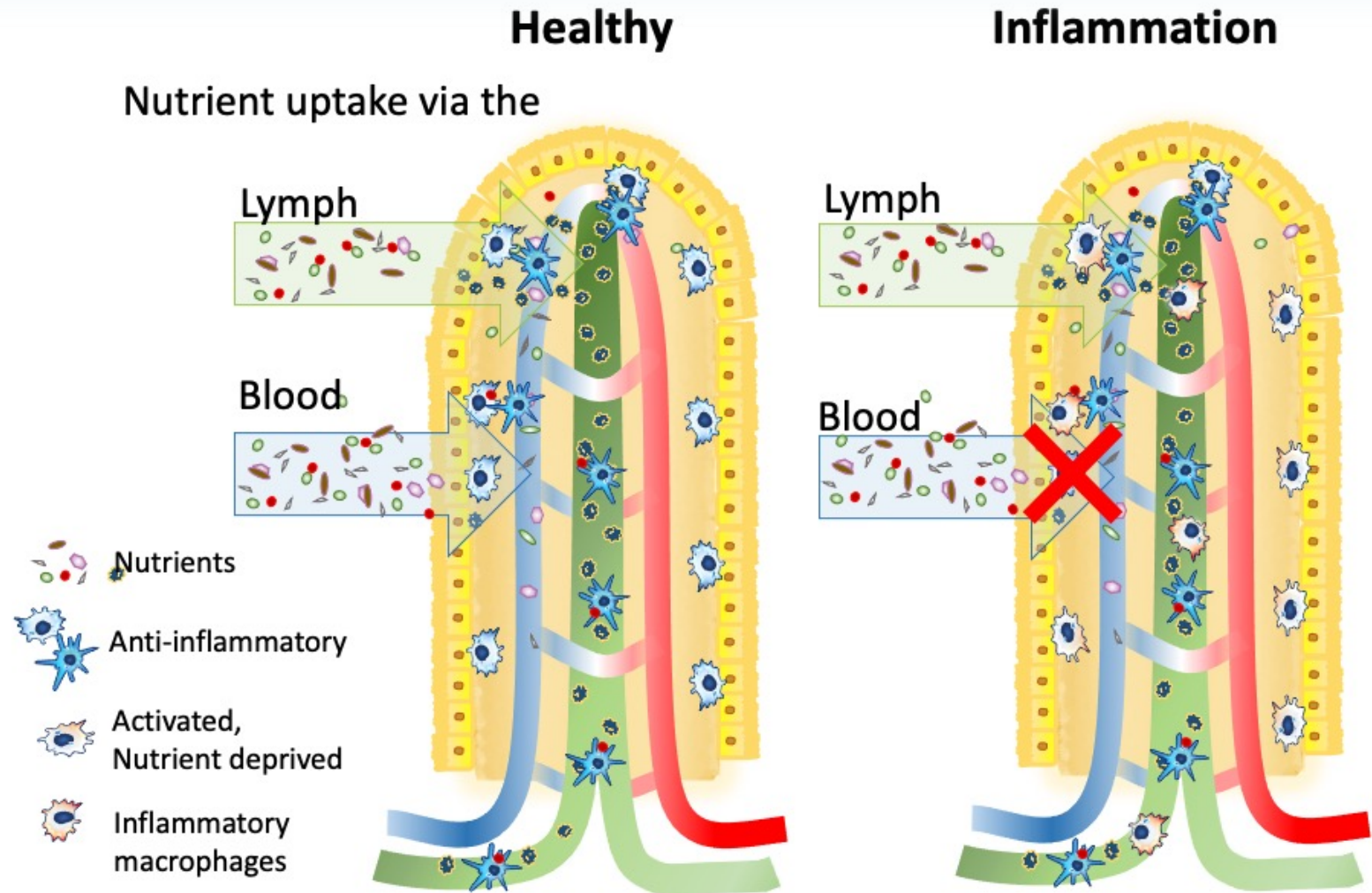
Inflammation

Blood → Liver

- amino acids
- monosaccharides
- short-chain fatty acids

Lymph → Immune cells

- fat
- fat-soluble vitamins
- Micelles and particulate substances
- innate defense proteins



Cow milk

- Drinking farm milk protects against atopy and asthma

Nonfarmers <i>N</i> = 1146	65 (5.7)	
<i>Raw milk consumed</i>		hayfever
Never <i>n</i> = 437 (38.1%)	36 (8.2)	1.00 (ref)
Sometimes <i>n</i> = 122 (10.6%)	7 (5.7)	0.68 (0.44–0.94)
Regularly <i>n</i> = 587 (51.2%)	22 (3.7)	0.45 (0.34–0.54)

Allergy. 2013;68(5):644-50. doi: 10.1111/all.12147

- Whey proteins protects against asthma

α -Lactalbumin ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)§	704	0.71	(0.52-0.97)*
β -Lactoglobulin ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)§	713	0.62	(0.39-0.97)*

- Heat abrogates protection



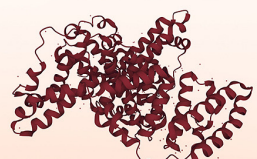
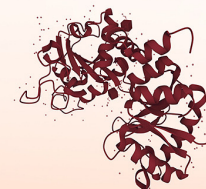
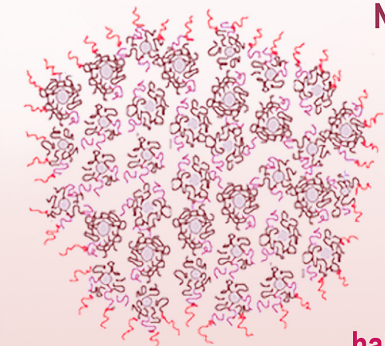
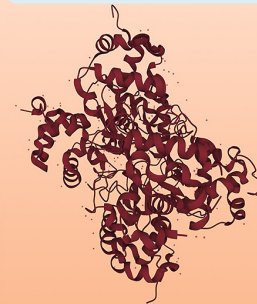


Shop milk: high heat-treated	531	1.00	
Shop milk: pasteurized	52	0.50	(0.22-1.12)
Farm milk: heated	60	0.97	(0.49-1.91)
Farm milk: raw	157	0.58	(0.34-0.99)*

Cow milk proteins



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Cow's milk proteins

	apo-ALA	apo-BLG	apo-Serum albumin	apo-Lactoferrin	Casein micelle
monomers					 <p>Nanoclusters of α-s1-casein, α-s2-casein, β-casein around calcium phosphate</p> <p>hairy layer of κ-casein</p>
	α-lactalbumin	β-lactoglobulin	albumin	40QO	
hexamer					<p>Whey Proteins</p> <p>Caseins</p>
	1F6R				
dimer					
		2AKQ			
dimer					
			6QS9		
	1-1.5 g/L	3-4.5 g/L	0.1-0.4 g/L	0.5 mg/L	Approx. 30g/L
	Heat-labile				Heat-resistant

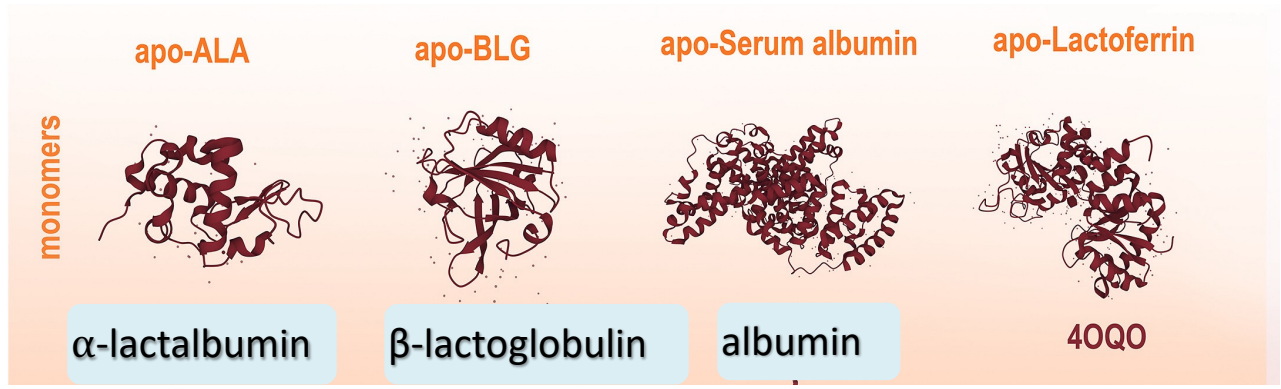


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Cow milk proteins serve as micronutrient carrier



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World Allergy Organ J. 2022 Sep 15;15(9):100668



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Heat-labile

Calcium
Zinc,
magnesium
vitamins

Iron, selenium
Lipids
Flavonoids
Amino acids
polyphenols
vitamins

Zinc
Lipids
Flavonoids
Amino acids
Proteins
Hormones
vitamins

Iron
Lipids
flavonoids

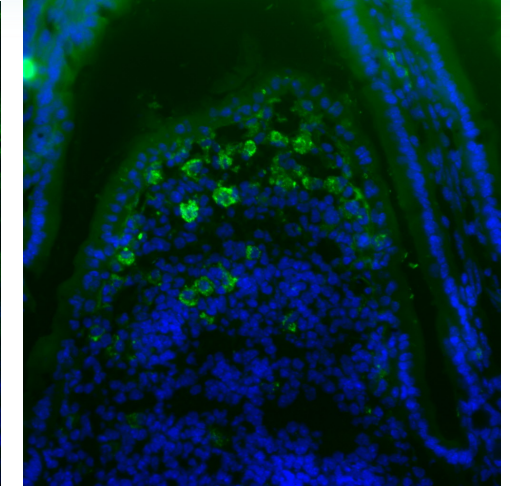
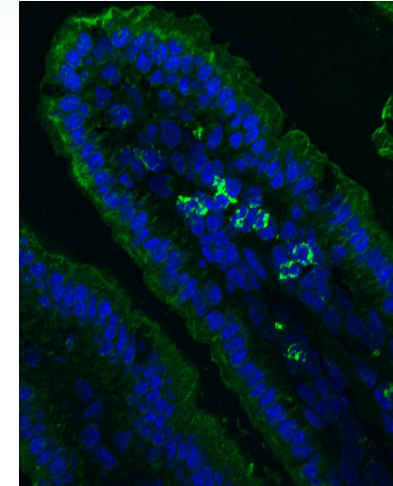
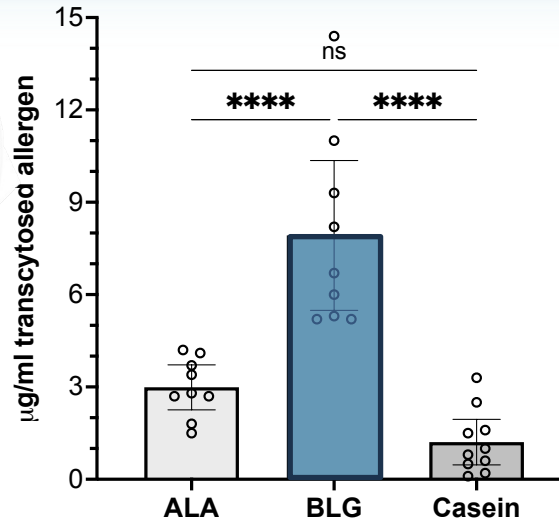
Phosphorus
Calcium
Aa with glutamine and proline
Interaction with whey proteins

Biomed Res Int. 2018; 2018: 7523165.
Biomolecules . 2020 Aug 20;10(9):1210

Dietary lymphatic uptake of milk proteins

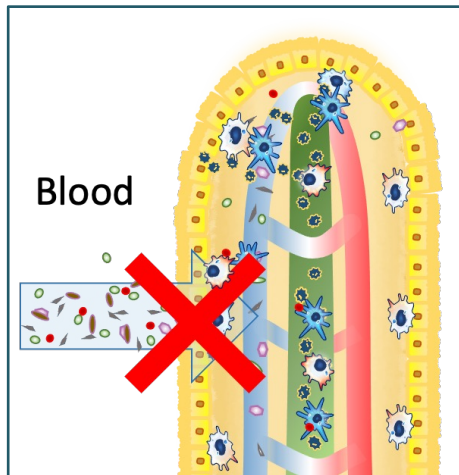


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Allergy 2008 Jul;63(7):882-90.8

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- cow whey proteins in the human milk of women

- post-prandial in the intestinal lymph

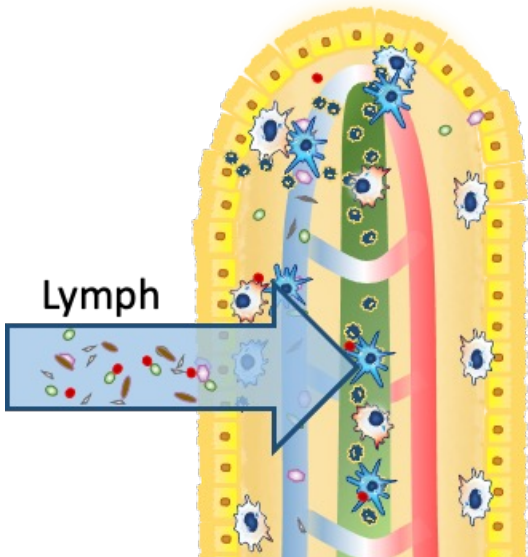
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J Nutr Sci Vitaminol (Tokyo). 1997;43(6):673-678

Proteomics. 2013;13(17):2649-2656.
Shock. 2014;42(6):485-498.

Impact of whey proteins with iron and vitamins



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- iron fortified milk/whey proteins can significantly improve the iron status in children

JAMA Pediatr. 2021;175(8):790-796, Biometals. 2020;33(2-3):159-168,
Am J Clin Nutr. 2018;107(2):278-286; Front Immunol. 2018;9:2123,
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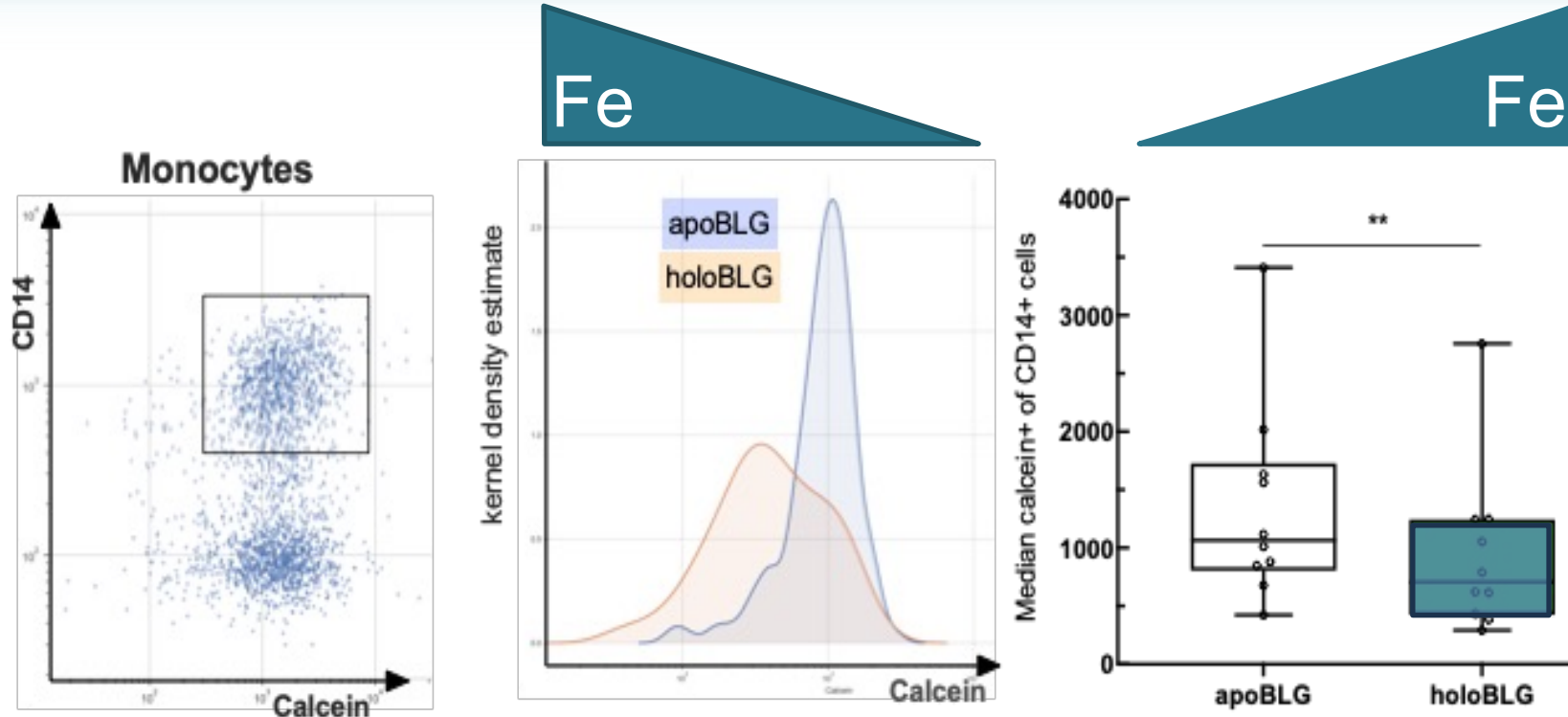
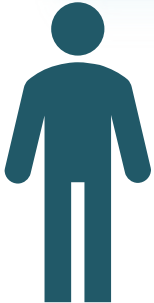
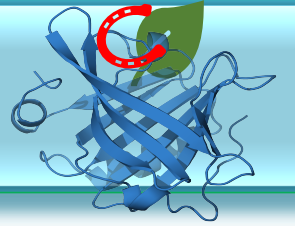
- 1 month whey-based oral supplement reduced IgE-levels and improved lung function in asthmatic children

Int J Food Sci Nutr 2006; 57(3-4): 204-11.

- RCT-trial: Micronutrient-fortified milk-beverages for 6 months reduced allergic manifestation by 36%

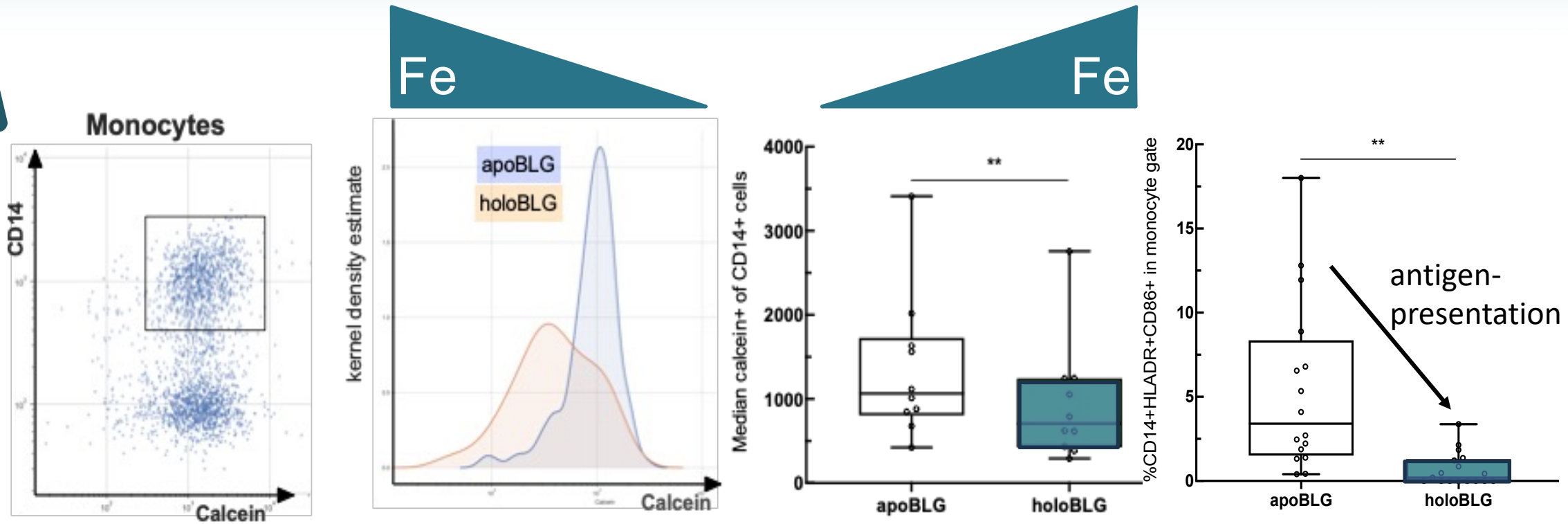
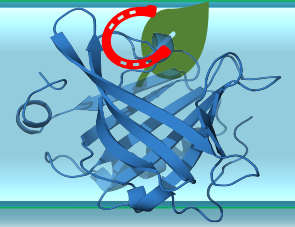
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Allergy-prevention with holo-BLG



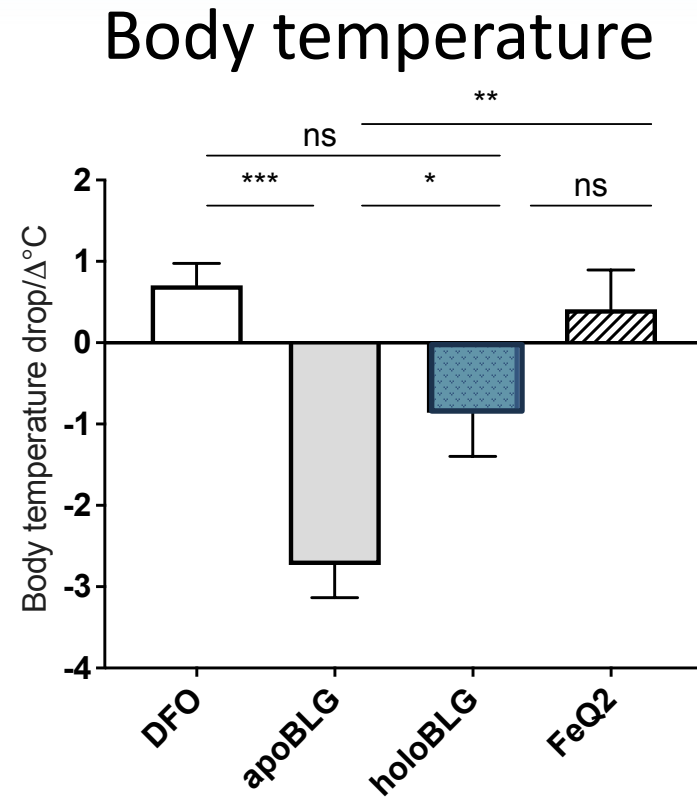
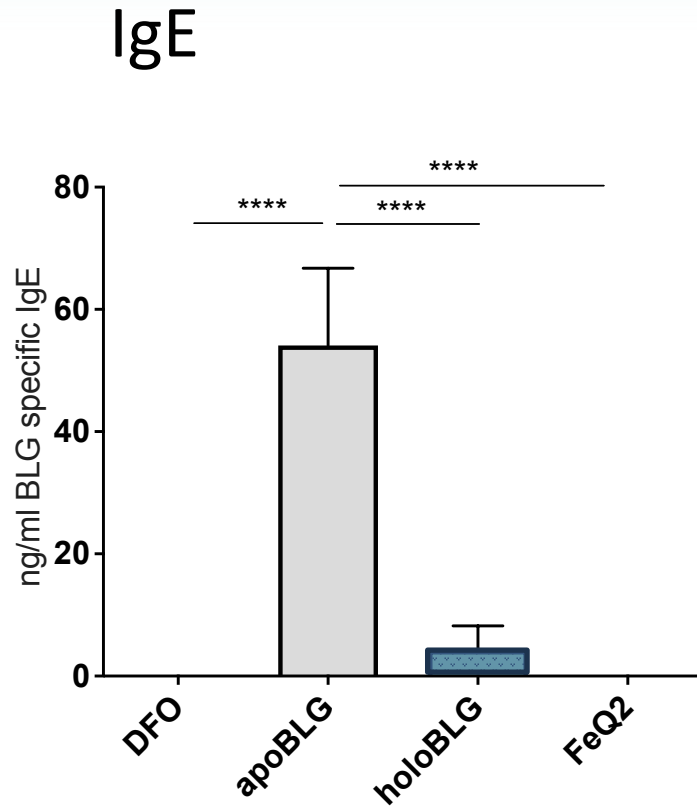
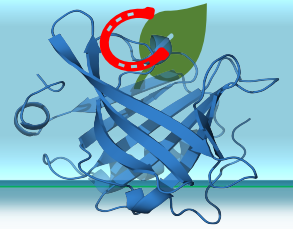
Holo-BLG supplies iron to immune cells

Allergy-prevention with holo-BLG



Supply of iron suppress immune cell activation

Allergy-prevention with holo-BLG



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Holo-BLG prevents allergic sensitization

Treating functional iron-deficiency

to ameliorate atopic diseases



HoloBLG lozenge:

Compensating micronutritional deficiencies in immune cells



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HoloBLG Lozenge

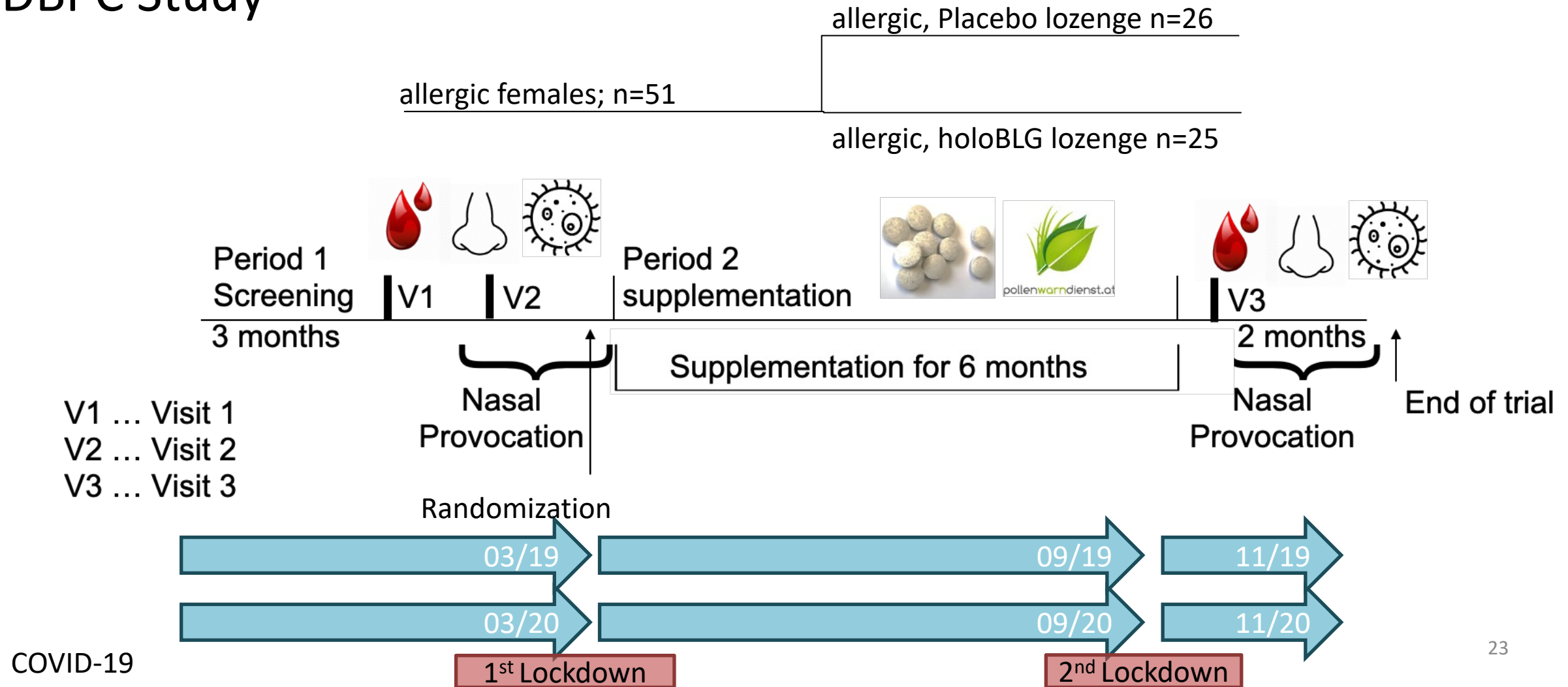
- whey proteins: BLG
 - catechines
 - iron
 - zinc
 - vitamin A
- } complex

Food for special medical purposes
(supplemental balanced diet)

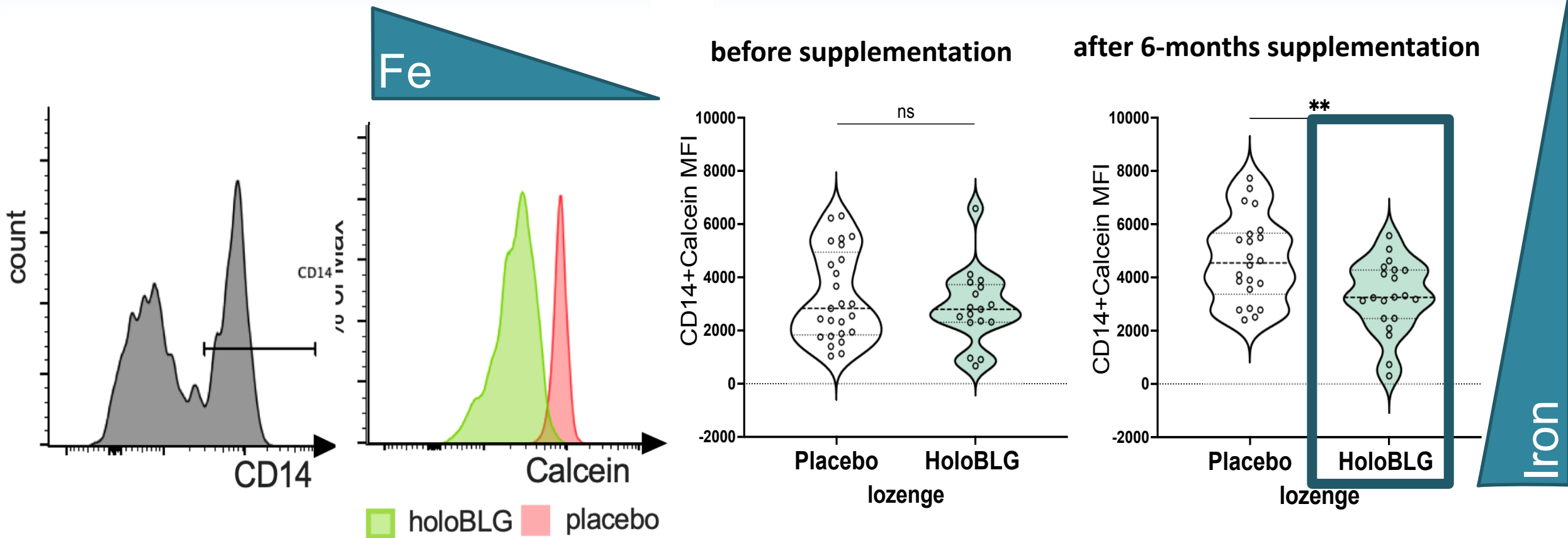
„Immunonutrition“

Study design

DBPC Study

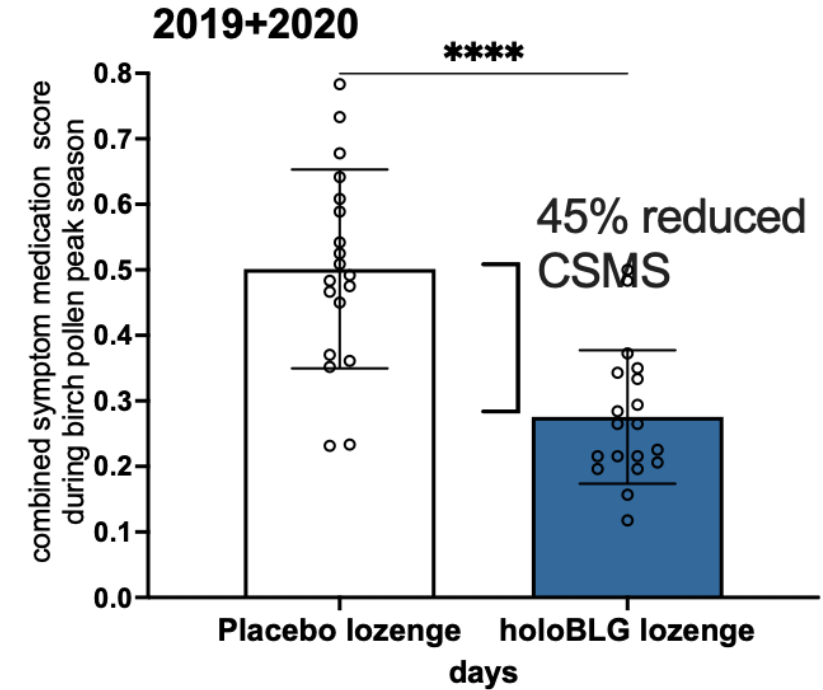
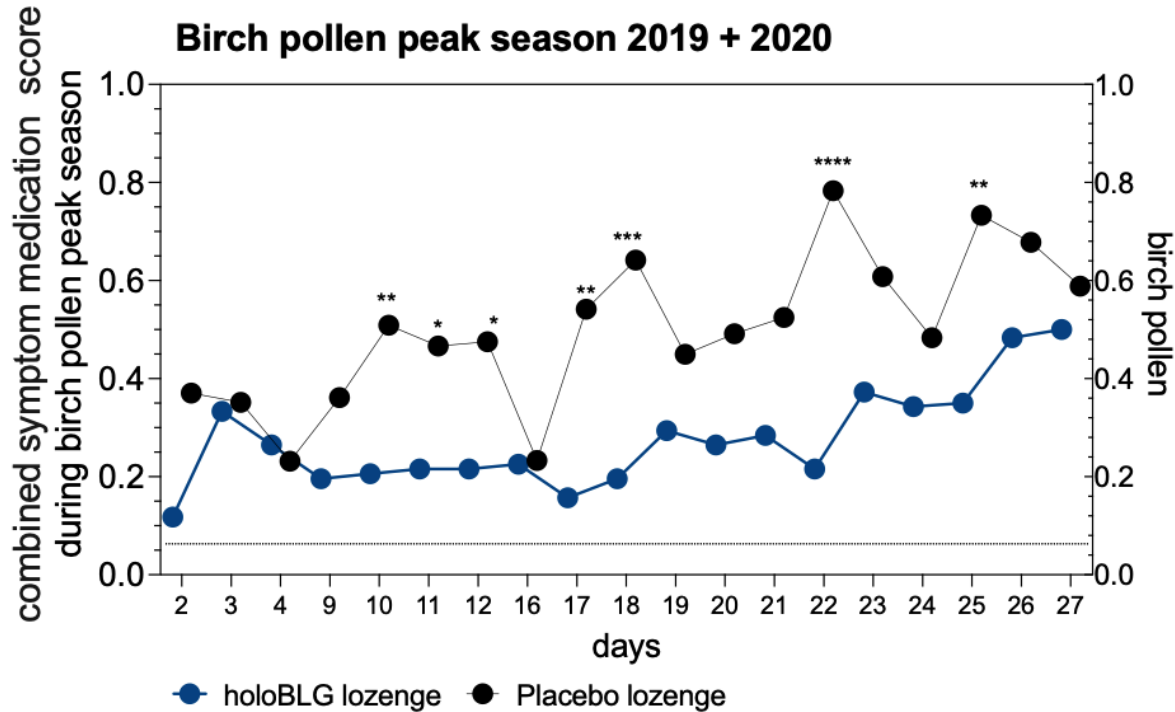


HoloBLG increased labile iron in monocytes

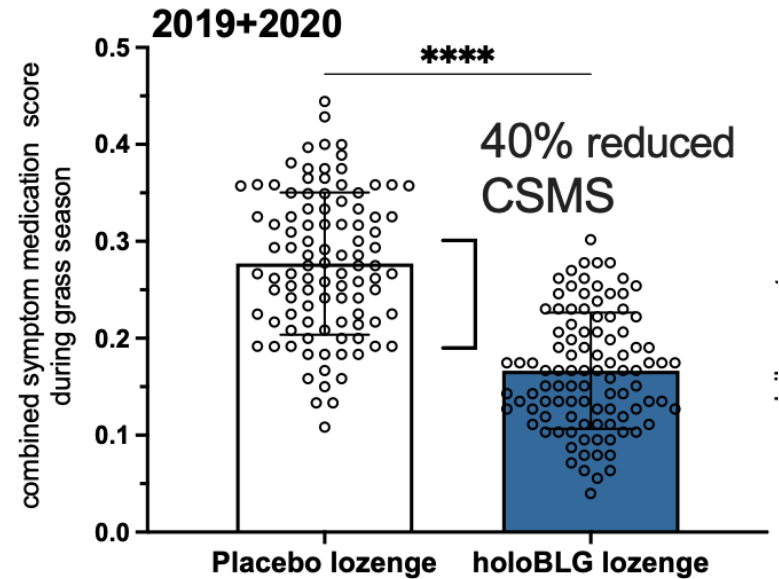
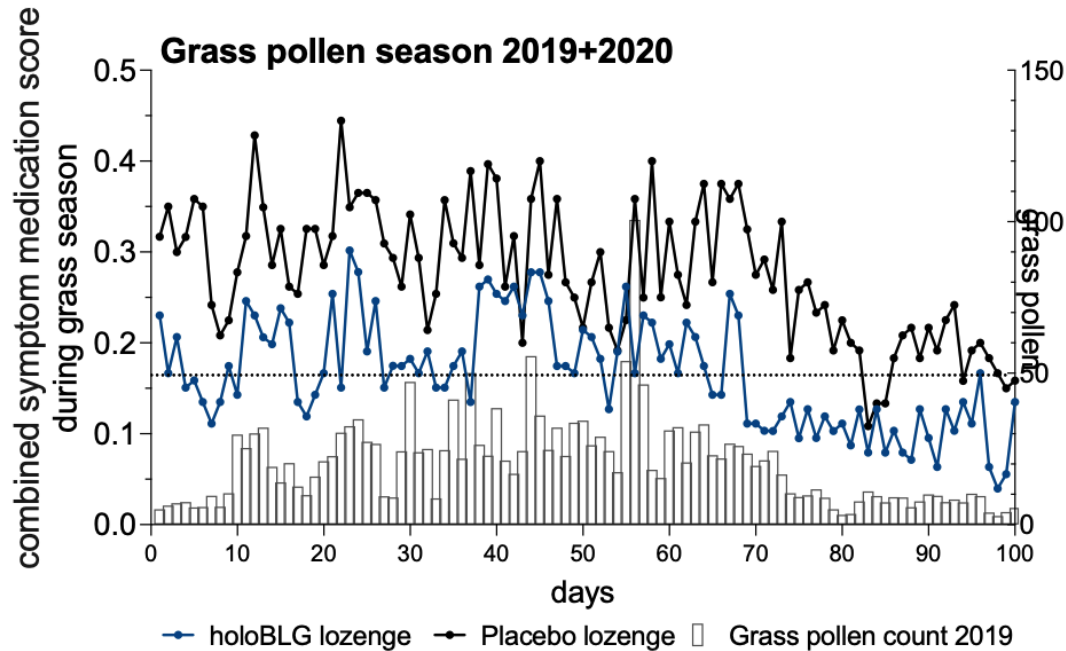


Bartosik et al., J Allergy Clin Immunol Pract. 2022 Mar 6:S2213-2198(22)00229-X

holoBLG: Reduced symptom burden in the birch season



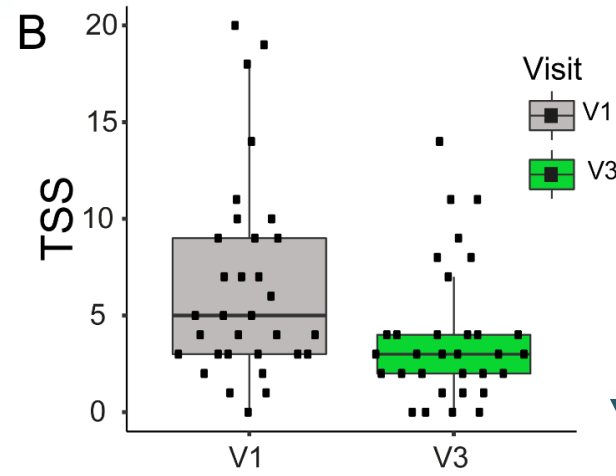
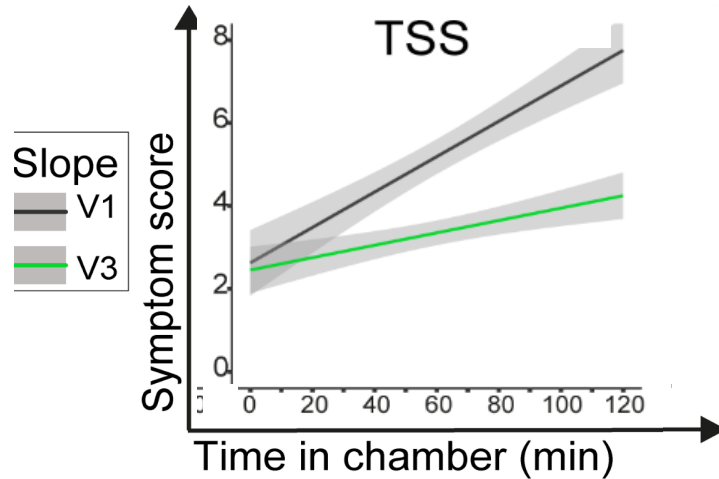
holoBLG: Reduced symptom burden in the grass pollen season



holoBLG: Reduced symptom burden



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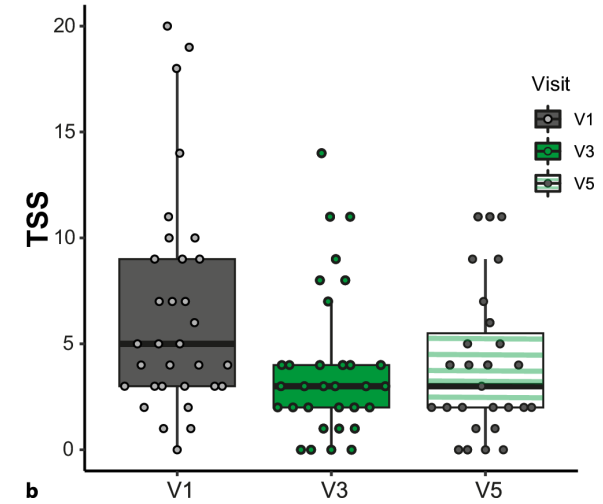
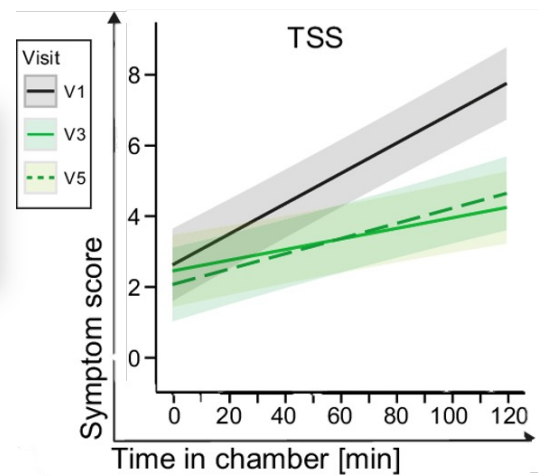


Study in 32 in house dust mite allergics

-40%

Bergmann, KC et al. *Allergo J Int* 2021; 30: 141-149

Lasting effect
7-8 months later



-40%

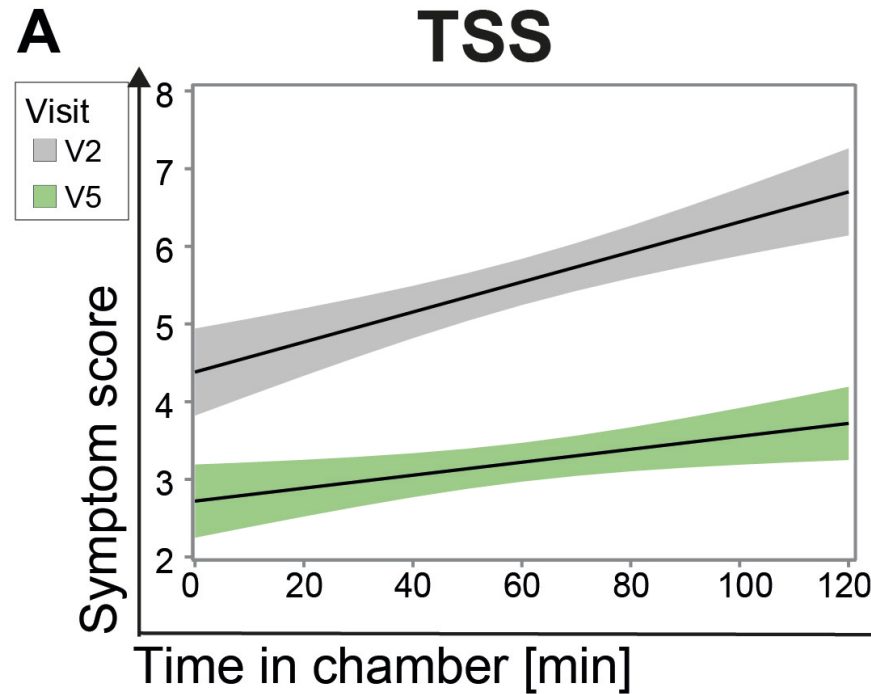
Follow-up study with 27 of the 32 house dust mite allergic subjects

Bergmann, KC et al. *Allergo J Int* 2022; 31: 161-171

holoBLG: Reduced symptom burden



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-50%

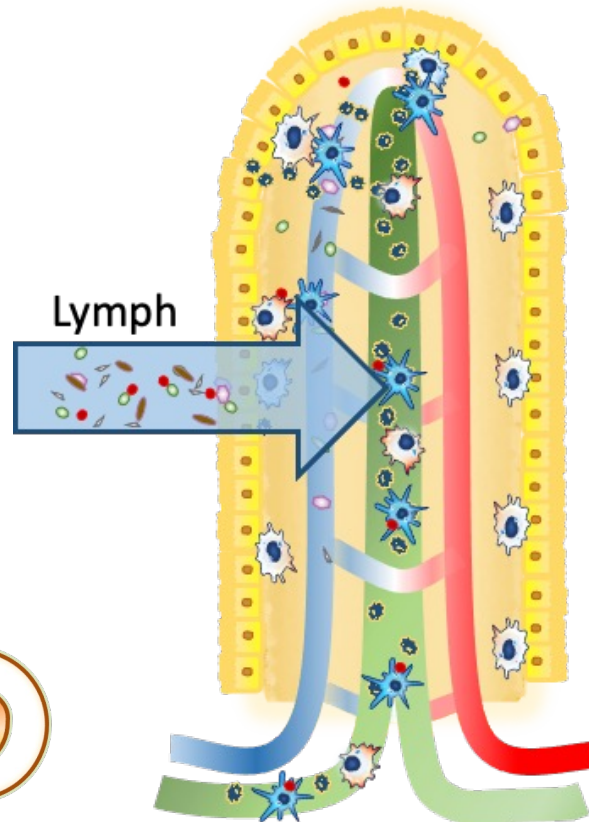
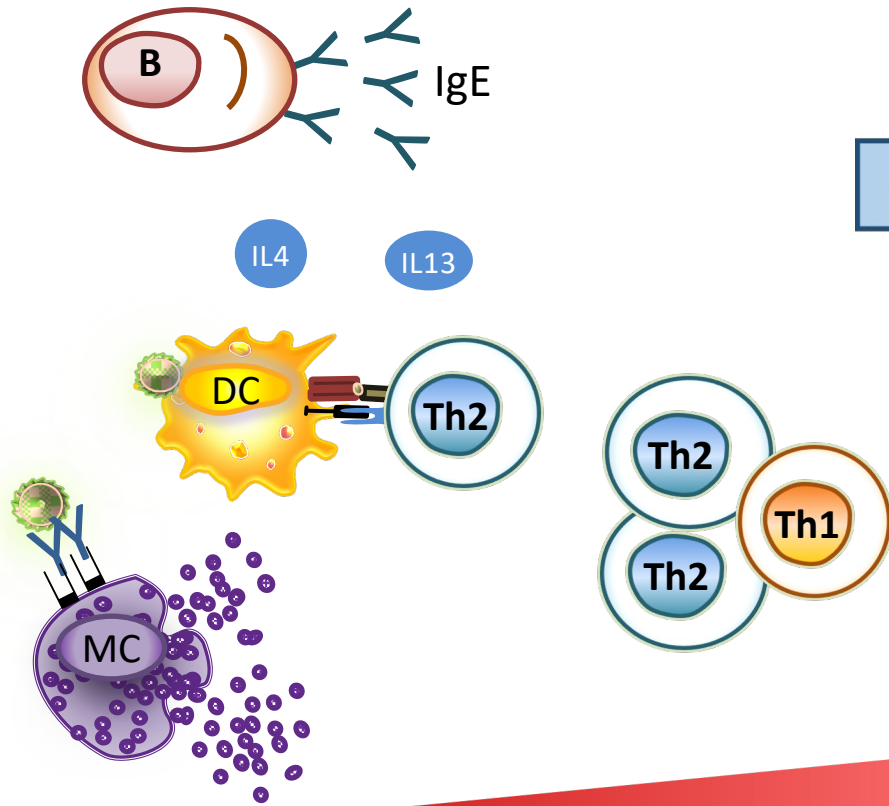
in 35 cat allergic patients

3-month intervention

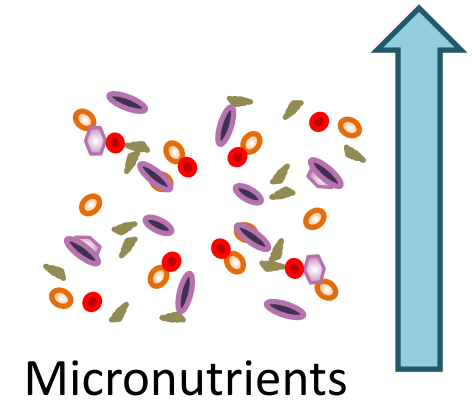
median TSS reduction
of 50%

Conclusion

Inflammation



Health



deficient

sufficient

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