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Revised nomenclature and classification of inherited ichthyoses: Results of the First Ichthyosis Consensus Conference in Sorèze 2009

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36 different conditions

Non-syndromic and syndromic forms

NON-SYNDROMIC ICHTHYOSIS

Table II. Clinicogenetic classification of inherited ichthyoses, part A: nonsyndromic forms

Common ichthyoses*		
IV	Autosomal semidominant	*FLG*
RXLI		
Nonsyndromic presentation	X-linked recessive	*STS*
ARCI		
Major types		
HI	Autosomal recessive	*ABCA12*
LI†	"	*TGM1/NIPAL4‡/ALOX12B/ABCA12*/loci on 12p11.2-q13
CIE	"	*ALOXE3/ALOX12B/ABCA12/CYP4F22/NIPAL4‡/TGM1*/loci on 12p11.2-q13
Minor variants		
SHCB	Autosomal recessive	*TGM1, ALOX12B, ALOXE3*
Acral SHCB	"	*TGM1*
BSI	"	*TGM1*
Keratinopathic ichthyosis (KPI)		
Major types		
EI§	Autosomal dominant	*KRT1/KRT10*
SEI	"	*KRT2*
Minor variants		
AEI§	Autosomal dominant	*KRT1/KRT10*
ICM	"	*KRT1*
AREI	Autosomal recessive	*KRT10*
Epidermolytic nevi//	Somatic mutations	*KRT1/KRT10*)
Other forms		
LK	Autosomal dominant	*LOR*
EKV¶	"	*GJB3/GJB4*
PSD	Autosomal recessive	Locus unknown
CRIE	Autosomal dominant (?) (isolated cases)	Locus unknown
KLICK	Autosomal recessive	*POMP*

SYNDROMIC ICHTHYOSIS

Table III. Clinicogenetic classification of inherited ichthyoses, part B: syndromic forms

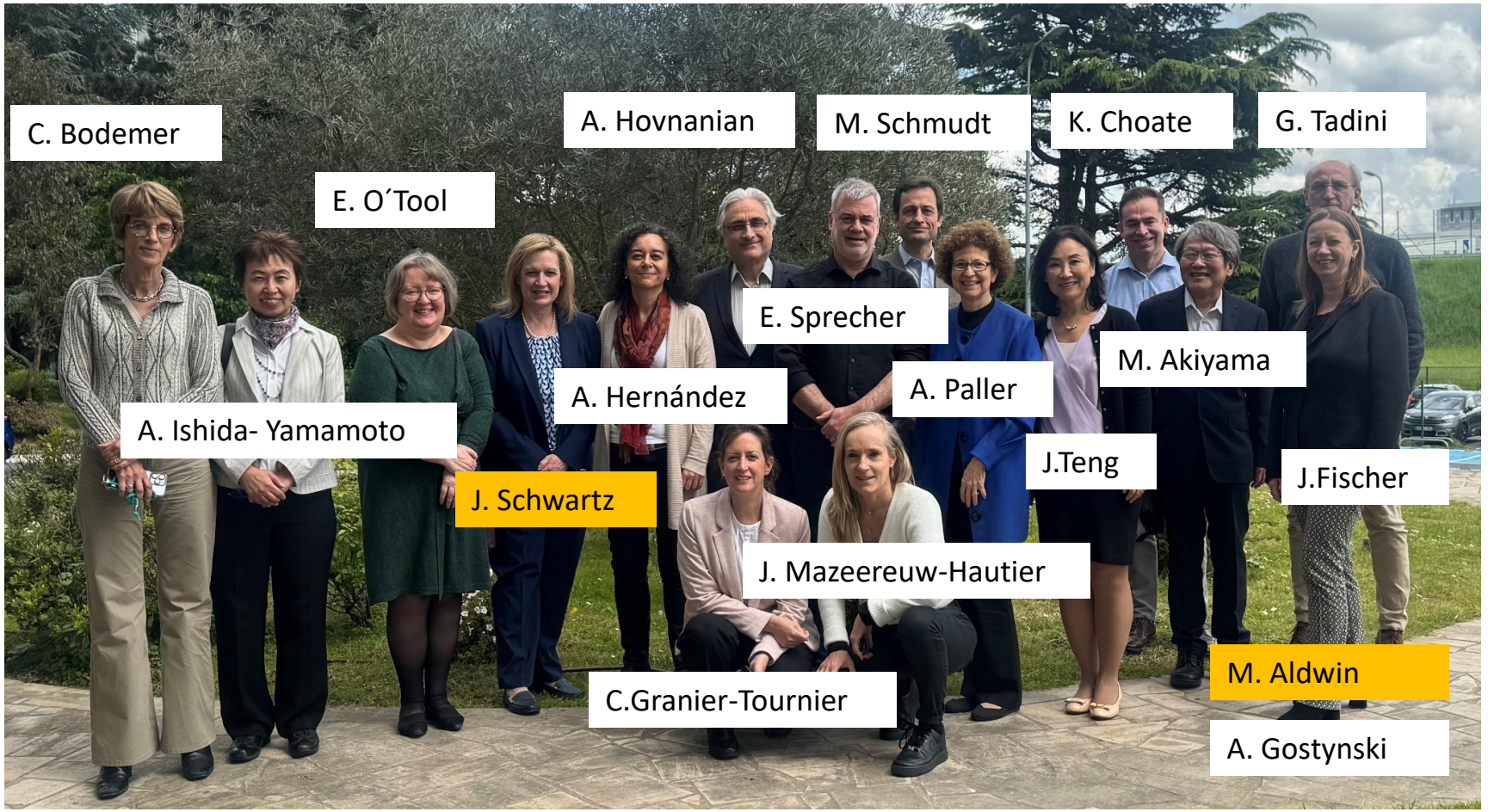
Disease	Mode of inheritance	Gene(s)
X-linked ichthyosis syndromes		
RXLI*		
- Syndromic presentation	X-linked recessive	*STS* (and others[†])
IFAP syndrome	"	*MBTPS2*
Conradi-Hünermann-Happle syndrome (CDPX2)	X-linked dominant	*EBP*
Autosomal ichthyosis syndromes (with)		
Prominent hair abnormalities		
NS	Autosomal recessive	*SPINK5*
IHS[‡]	"	*ST14*
IHSC syndrome[§]	"	*CLDN1*
TTD	"	*ERCC2/XPD ERCC3/XPB GTF2H5/TTDA*
*TTD (not associated with congenital ichthyosis)	"	*C7Orf11/TTDN1*
Prominent neurologic signs		
SLS	"	*ALDH3A2*
*Refsum syndrome (HMSN4)	"	*PHYH/PEX7*
MEDNIK syndrome	"	*AP1S1*
Fatal diseases course		
Gaucher syndrome type 2	"	*GBA*
MSD	"	*SUMF1*
CEDNIK syndrome	"	*SNAP29*
ARC syndrome	"	*VPS33B*
Other associated signs		
KID syndrome	Autosomal dominant	*GJB2 (GJB6)*
Neutral lipid storage disease with ichthyosis	Autosomal recessive	*ABHD5*
IPS	"	*SLC27A4*

Congenital ichthyosis 15 years later…

- Novel genes reported
- New clinical entities
- Deeper physiopathological knowledge
- Development of innovative therapies

Paris, 2024: REDDI meeting

(Reclassification of Epidermal Disorders Differentiation Initiative)



Toward a new classification: goals

- **Update** clinical entities and causative genes
  - ✓ *CARD14*, *ATP2A2* and others
- **Delete** classical (outdated or imprecise) names
  - ✓ Eponyms / descriptive terms like *fish*, *vulgar or harlequin*
- **Dyadic clinical & genetic classification**
  - ✓ Better phenotype and genotype correlation
  - ✓ Offer individualized therapeutic approach

First challenge: new generic name!

- Ichthyosis and PPK *vs* **epidermal differentiation disorders** (EDDs)

- EDD types
  - ✓ Non-syndromic (**nEDD**)
  - ✓ Syndromic (**sEDD**)
  - ✓ With (prominent) palmoplantar involvement (**pEED**)

Condition´s name: *gene* name-xEDD ± descriptor

Former name	Gene- xEDD	Descriptor if needed	New name
Ichthyosis vulgaris	*FLG*-nEDD		*FLG*-nEDD
Keratinopathic ichthyosis Pachyonychia congenita	*KRT1/10*-nEDD KRT6/16/17-pEDD	Epidermolytic/revertant mosaic PC	*KRT1/10*-nEDD-epidermolytic/revertant mosaic *KRT1/16/17*-pEDD-PC
Recessive X-linked ichthyosis	*STS*-nEDD		*STS*-nEDD
ARCI	*ALOX12*-nEDD		*ALOX12*-nEDD
Netherton syndrome	*SPINK5*-sEDD		*SPINK5*-sEDD
Trichotiodystrophy	*XPD / ERCC2*-sEDD	TTD	*XPD or ERCC2*-sEDD-TTD
Congenital ichthyosis	Unspecified-EDD	?	*Unspecified*-EDD-likely TG1?

Classification by functional groups

FLG
KRT1 to KRT17

→ **INTRACELLULAR STRUCTURAL PROTEINS**
- Filaggrin/keratins

→ Keratinocyte

STS
ALOX12B

→ **LIPIDS**
- Cholesterol
- Ceramides

→ Intercellular substance

SPINK5
DSP

→ **DESMOSOMES**

→ Intercellular junctions

ERCC2
XPD

→ **DNA DAMAGE REPAIR**

→ Others

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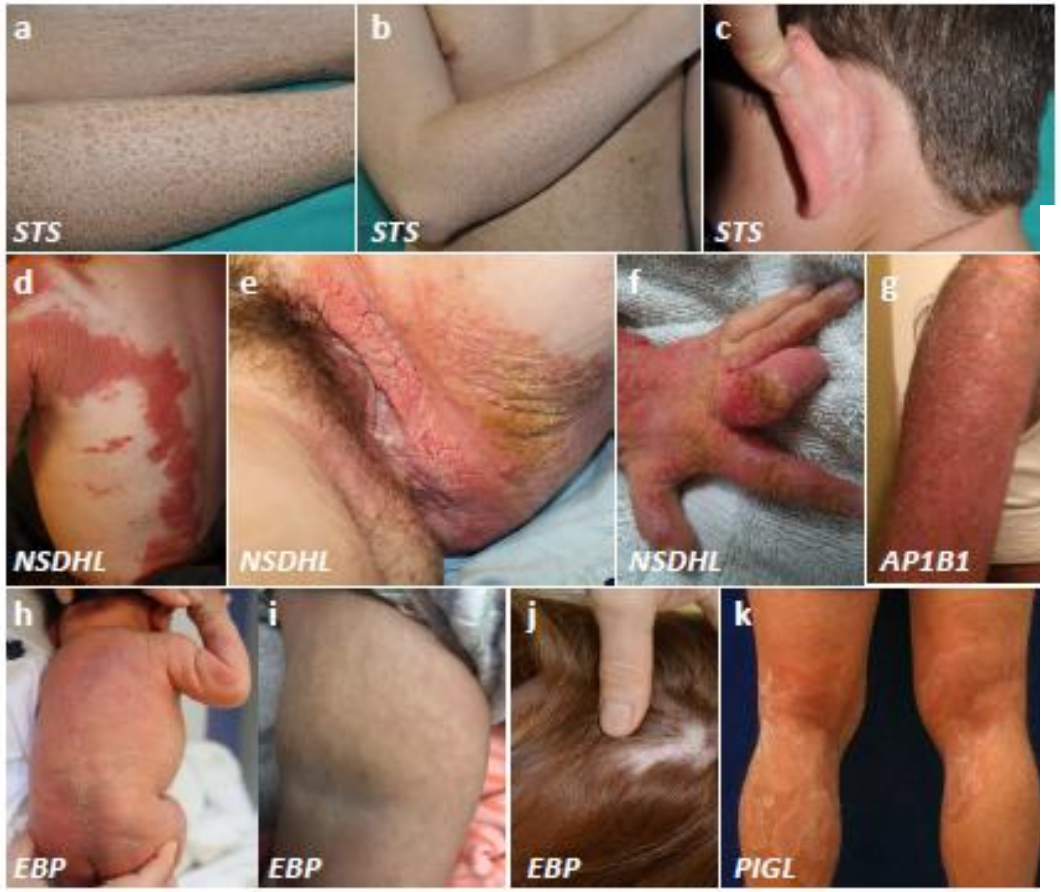

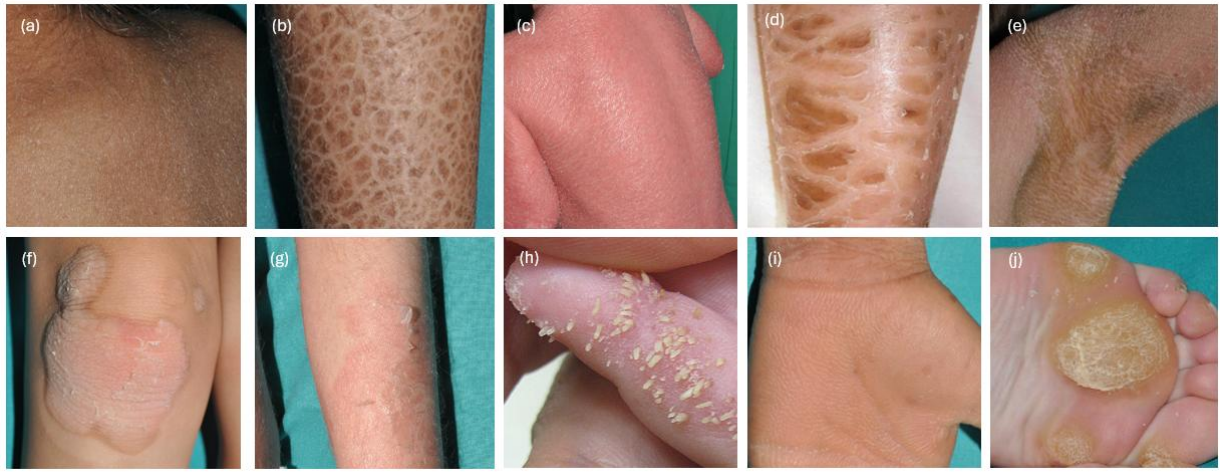

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New Name	Inheritance	Age of Onset	Clinical Clues
FLG-nEDD	AD (autosomal semidominant)	Infancy to childhood	**Generalized fine scaling and palmoplantar hyperlinearity,** variable **keratosis pilaris, atopic diathesis,** PPK
KRT1-nEDD-epidermolytic	AD from an affected parent or germline (gonadal) mosaicism from an unaffected parent	Birth	**Blistering/erosions and erythema at birth,** progressive development of **corrugated, localized or diffuse thickening and scaling, Severe PPK**
KRT1-nEDD-nonepidermolytic	AD	Infancy	**Very severe dark, spiky or verrucous plaques, severe PPK**
KRT1-nEDD-annular	AD	Childhood	A cyclic history of **annular erythematous plaques with peripheral scale.**
KRT10-nEDD-epidermolytic	AD from an affected parent or germline (gonadal) mosaicism from an unaffected parent; AR (rare)	Birth	**Blistering/erosions and erythema at birth,** progressive development of **corrugated, localized, or diffuse skin thickening and scaling,** usually **mild or absent PPK**
KRT10-nEDD-nonepidermolytic	AD	Infancy	**Widespread verrucous lesions; the face, palms and soles are unaffected**
KRT10-nEDD-annular	AD	Childhood	A cyclic history of **annular erythematous plaques with peripheral scale.**
KRT2-nEDD	AD from an affected parent or germline (gonadal) mosaicism from an unaffected parent	Birth	**Blistering/erosions and erythema at birth,** mild scaling without erythroderma, **superficial erosion ('molting', superficial denuded areas),** flares with large bullae
KRT1-nEDD-mosaic	Somatic mosaicism	Birth to infancy	**Localized skin thickening, scaling and erosions following the lines of Blaschko**
KRT2-nEDD-mosaic			
KRT10-nEDD-mosaic			
KRT16-nEDD-mosaic			

What changes in practice?

Patients´ perspective

- ✓Definite diagnosis
  - ▪Improved genetic counseling
  - ▪Multidisciplinary approach as needed
- ✓Entitled to request genetic testing (whenever possible)

Future therapeutic directions

- ✓Trial eligibility based on genotype
- ✓Targeted therapy

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Targeted therapies

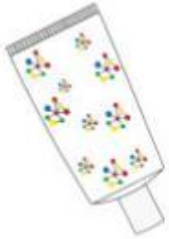
To provide what is lacking

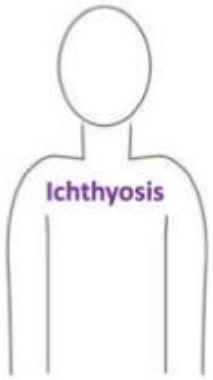
To block what is in excess

Replacement therapy

Pre-clinical studies
Enzyme replacement of:
- TG1
- Corneodesmosin
- ω-O-acylceramides

Clinical studies
- Cholesterol replacement (cholesterol/lovastatin)
- Cholesterol synthesis inhibition (simvastatin)





Repurposing biologicals

Clinical studies
Inhibition of:
- TNF-α (Infliximab, Adalimumab)
- IL-17a (Secukinumab, Ixekizumab)
- IL-12 and IL-23 (Ustekinumab)
- IL-4 and IL-13 (Dupilumab)
- IL-36 (Imsidolimab)

Repurposing therapies

Small molecules

Pre-clinical studies
- KLK5 inhibition (GSK951)
- KLK5, KLK7, KLK14 inhibition (SFTI)

Clinical studies
- Protease inhibitor (alpha1-antitrypsin)
- Aldehyde degradation (Reproxalap)
- KLK5, KLK7, KLK14 inhibition (SXR1096)
- KLK7, ELA2 inhibition (BPR277)
- Lipid aldehyde inhibition (NS2)

Gene therapy

Pre-clinical studies
- Retroviral vector with *STS*
- pCMG-tag4B vector with *ABCA12*
- rAAV-2 vector with FALDH
- HSV-1 vector with *SPINK5* (KB104)
- Retroviral vector with *TGM1*
- TALEN for *KRT10*
- ABE system in *TGM1*
- siRNA for *GJB2*

Clinical studies
- HSV-1 vector with *TGM1* (KB105)
- Lentiviral vector with *SPINK5*

Gene therapy

Biologics in EDDs

- Alteration of the skin barrier justifies the appearance of inflammation
  - ✓Very well studied in atopic dermatitis
- Evidence of **Th17/IL-23 pathway activation** in EDDs (particularly erythrodermic forms)
- The clinical impact of treatment with biologics remains under study
  - ✓Mostly isolated case reports and small series of patients (inconsistent results)
  - ✓One RCT with secukinumab: safe but not effective

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- Retrospective, observational, international multicenter study
- 98 patients, mean age 19.7 years
  - ✓ Netherton's syndrome (30%) or congenital ichthyosiform erythroderma (21.4%)
- Th2 and Th17 blockers
- 45.9% of responders, only **18.3% good responders**
  - ✓ **All with severe erythroderma**
  - ✓ None with epidermolytic ichthyosis
- Mean duration of follow-up: **22±20.1 months**
- Conclusion: This series identified **subsets of CIs that may respond to biologics**

Other repurposed drugs: EGFR & MEK inhibitors

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Conclusions

1. Ichthyosis has broken the barrier toward a **dyadic classification**
   - ✓ Moving from phenotype to genotype, understanding of pathogenesis
   - ✓ Big challenge: become more familiar with gene-based terminology
2. The biggest challenge remains **achieving a genetic diagnosis** for every patient
   - ✓ Essential for accurate classification and individualized treatment
3. **Individualized therapies** are promising
   - ✓ There is still a lot to learn about biologics, especially predicting who will respond
   - ✓ From isolation to collaboration