

RATIONALE

- Antibiotic allergy is commonly reported in children, however the incidence of true allergy is unknown.
- Amoxicillin is one of the most commonly prescribed antibiotics for treatment of bacterial infections in children, with a reported incidence rate of allergy estimated between 1-10%.
- However, many of these cases are diagnosed as allergic reactions without performing appropriate diagnostic tests.

METHODS

- We performed a retrospective case-note review of pediatric patients 1-17 years of age with a reported antibiotic allergy who subsequently underwent challenge.
- We evaluated:
 - gender distribution
 - type of antibiotic and reported reaction
 - age at initial reaction and at challenge
 - Self and family history of atopy and other drug allergy
 - skin test results
 - single-dose versus graded challenge and outcome of challenge

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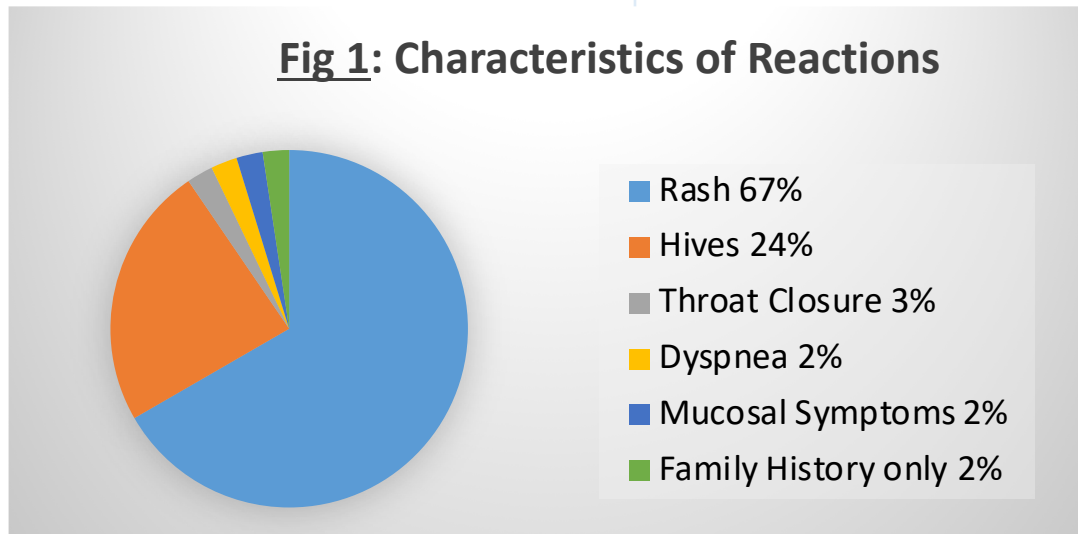
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RESULTS

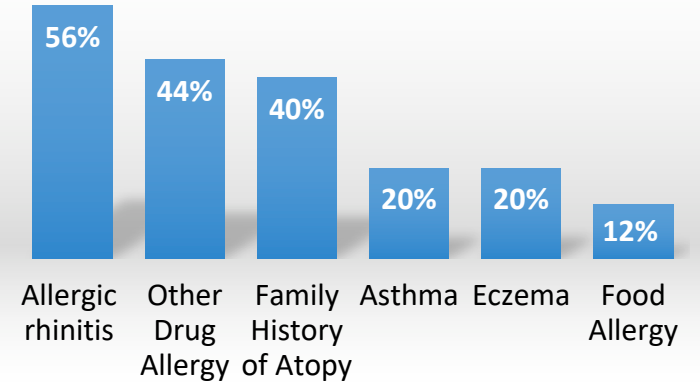
- Forty-six challenges were undertaken in 45 children, Thirty-two were challenges to amoxicillin, 9 to cephalosporin, 2 to amoxicillin/clavulanic acid and 1 each to dicloxacillin, clindamycin and azithromycin.
- 41 of the 45 (91%) challenges were performed as a single dose.
- Forty-five of the challenges were negative, two of these had positive skin testing results.
- The one positive challenge was to amoxicillin with symptoms of pharyngeal edema occurring at the first graded 1/10th dose.
- Eight challenges were performed without prior skin testing, all of which were negative.
- The mean age at initial reaction was 5 years (range 3 months to 17 years). The mean age at challenge was 8.2 years (Range 1 year- 17 years).
- Male to female ratio was 1.8 : 1.
- 2/3 of the patients report history of one or more atopic disease. 44% reported other drug allergies.
- Otitis media was the most common reason antibiotics were prescribed (14) with strep pharyngitis as the second most common (10).

Fig 1: Characteristics of Reactions



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Fig 2: Atopic History



CONCLUSIONS

- In this large pediatric cohort 99% of children with reported history of antibiotic allergy were able to pass an oral drug challenge.
- The majority of reported allergy history was to amoxicillin.
- Cutaneous manifestations were an universal symptom of initial reaction in our study.
- PCN allergy in this age group is rare, and every effort should be made to rule out or confirm PCN allergy in the pediatric population.

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