**Appendix S1**

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**Predicting persistence of atopic dermatitis in children using clinical attributes and serum proteins**

**Short title**: Predicting atopic dermatitis persistence in infants

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**Supplemental information on the LISA Study cohort**

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Details on the cohorts’ recruitment and follow-up strategies have been described previously 1. Briefly, healthy, full-term newborns (n = 3094) were recruited from obstetric clinics in Munich, Wesel, Leipzig, and Bad Honnef, between 1997 and 1999. Information on selected exposures and health outcomes were obtained using questionnaires and medical examinations carried out at various follow-up assessments. The study was approved by the local ethics committees (Bavarian Board of Physicians, University of Leipzig, Board of Physicians of North-Rhine-Westphalia), and written consent was obtained from all participants’ families.

**Supplemental methods**

**IgE analysis in the LISA cohort**

Total IgE and specific IgE levels in sera of LISA participants at age of 2 years were determined by the Pharmacia CAP System (Pharmacia Diagnostics, Freiburg, Germany). Sera were screened for sIgE against seasonal aero- (RX1) allergens by a multiallergen panel. RX1 includes timothy, mugwort, ribwort, glass herb and birch.FX5 includes hen’s egg, milk protein, codfish, soybean, peanut, and wheat; with egg white, peanut and milk protein being tested separately when the food allergen panel exceeded >0.35kU/l. For the feature “Specific IgE ≥ 0.35 kU/l to common pollen and environmental inhalant allergens”, the allergens from panel MX1(= mould fungus), RX1, HX2 (= mites and cockroach) and E1 (=cat dander) were combined. Samples with specific IgE concentrations >0.35 kU/l were regarded as positive.

**Clinical variables used from the LISA cohort**

To compare the results from the study cohort with LISA Munich, following variables were extracted (categorial or continuous): female sex (categorial), family history for allergic diseases (atopic dermatitis of mother and/or father; categorial), exposure to pets (keeping of dogs, cats, hamster, guinea pigs, birds in the first 3 years of children’s life, categorial), siblings (categorial), maternal smoking (smoking in one and/or two and/or three trimesters; categorial) maternal infection (maternal infection during pregnancy; categorial), C-section delivery (categorial), breast feeding (breast feeding for a period of minimum one month between the first 1-6 months, categorial), milk crust (categorial), allergic rhinitis (doctor diagnosed, at age 3-10; categorial), allergic asthma (doctor diagnosed, at age 3-10 years, categorial)

**Clinical questionnaire**

**Patient data:**

first name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

last name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

current age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (years)

* Female
* Male

**Please mark the correct answer for each question!**

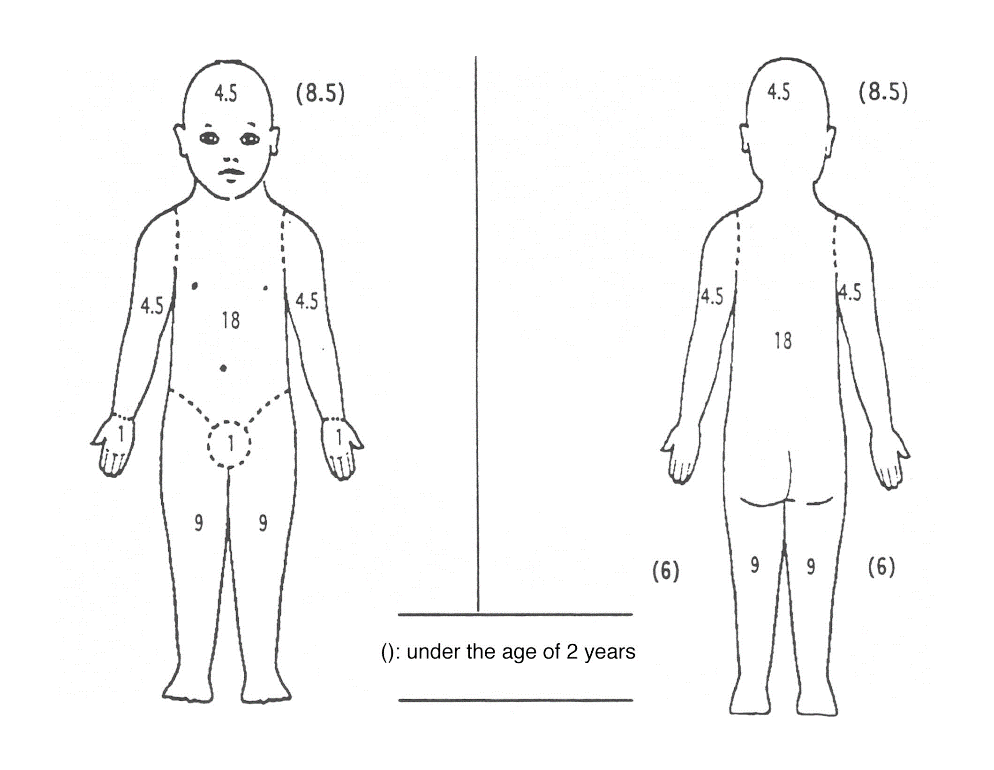
Are other family members affected by following diseases?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **atopic dermatitis** | **allergic rhinoconjuctivitis (ARC)** | **allergic asthma** |
| **mother** | * yes * no | * yes * no | * yes * no |
| **father** | * yes * no | * yes * no | * yes * no |
| **siblings** | * yes * no | * yes * no | * yes * no |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Active maternal smoking during pregnancy** | * yes * no |
| **Maternal infection during pregnancy** | * yes * no |
| **Pregnancy week at children’s birth (p.m.)** | \_\_\_\_\_\_ week (post menstruationem) |
| **Spontaneous vaginal delivery** | * yes * no |
| **Caesarean section** | * yes * no |
| **Birth weight** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (gram) |
| **Maternal breast feeding** | * yes, for: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (months) * no |
| **Preventive cream application before onset of atopic dermatitis** | * yes * no |
| **Did your child suffer from milk crust? Was it rather mild or severe?** | * Yes, for: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (months) * no * mild * severe |
| **Age of your child at onset of atopic dermatitis** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (months) |

**SCORAD at onset of atopic dermatitis**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ if known, otherwise:

Which body parts were affected by atopic dermatitis when the **disease** appeared for the **first time**?



Try to remember a representative area of the dermatitis when the disease appeared for the first time.

Please asses the intensity of each of the following signs in this area.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | none | mild | moderate | severe |
| redness |  |  |  |  |
| scratch marks |  |  |  |  |
| swelling |  |  |  |  |
| skin thickening |  |  |  |  |
| oozing/crusting |  |  |  |  |
| dryness  (in an area where there is no inflammation) |  |  |  |  |

How intense was the itch when the disease appeared for the first time?

(no itch) 0 -------------------------------------------------------------------- 10 (worst imaginable itch)

How bad was the sleeplessness of your child when the disease appeared for the first time?

(no sleeplessness) 0 ----------------------------------------------------------------- 10 (sleeplessness)

**SCORAD of atopic dermatitis at age 3 years**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ if known, otherwise:

Which body parts were affected by atopic dermatitis when your child was **3 years old**?

Ein Bild, das Zeichnung enthält.

Automatisch generierte Beschreibung

Try to remember a representative area of the dermatitis when your child was 3 years old.

Please asses the intensity of each of the following signs in this area.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | none | mild | moderate | severe |
| redness |  |  |  |  |
| scratch marks |  |  |  |  |
| swelling |  |  |  |  |
| skin thickening |  |  |  |  |
| oozing/crusting |  |  |  |  |
| dryness  (in an area where there is no inflammation) |  |  |  |  |

How intense was the itch caused by the atopic dermatitis when your child was 3 years old?

(no itch) 0 -------------------------------------------------------------------- 10 (worst imaginable itch)

How bad was the sleeplessness caused by the atopic dermatitis when your child was 3 years old?

(no sleeplessness) 0 ----------------------------------------------------------------- 10 (sleeplessness)

**SCORAD of atopic dermatitis at age 7 years**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ if known, otherwise:

Which body parts were affected by atopic dermatitis when your child was 7 years old?

Ein Bild, das Zeichnung enthält.

Automatisch generierte Beschreibung

Try to remember a representative area of the dermatitis when your child was 7 years old.

Please asses the intensity of each of the following signs in this area.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | none | mild | moderate | severe |
| redness |  |  |  |  |
| scratch marks |  |  |  |  |
| swelling |  |  |  |  |
| skin thickening |  |  |  |  |
| oozing/crusting |  |  |  |  |
| dryness  (in an area where there is no inflammation) |  |  |  |  |

How intense was the itch caused by the atopic dermatitis when your child was 7 years old?

(no itch) 0 -------------------------------------------------------------------- 10 (worst imaginable itch)

How bad was the sleeplessness caused by the atopic dermatitis when your child was 7 years old?

(no sleeplessness) 0 ----------------------------------------------------------------- 10 (sleeplessness)

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Did your child have regular contact to pets?** | * yes * no |
| **Does your child have siblings?** | * yes * no   How old are they? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Did or do following factors cause acute flares/ exacerbation of the disease?

*If you mark yes please comment at which age of your child the factor caused a worsening of the atopic dermatitis.*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Stress** | * yes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ * no |
| **Change in the weather (temperature/humidity)** | * yes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ * no |
| **Pollen exposure** | * yes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ * no |
| **Infectious diseases/ sickness** | * yes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ * no |
| **Vaccination** | * yes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ * no |

How did you treat the skin lesions of your child?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Basic therapy** | * never * daily * multiple times a week |
| **Topical corticosteroids** | * never * proactive * if needed |

Does your child have one of the following diseases?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Allergic rhinoconjunctivits** | * yes (since he/she was \_\_\_ years old) * no   Against which allergen(-s) does your child show allergic rhinoconjunctivits?   * Birch * Mixed grass * House dust mite * Cat dander |
| **Allergic asthma** | * yes (since he/she was \_\_\_ years old) * no |

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Food allergy** | **allergen** | **onset (months)** | **end (months)** | **still persistent** |
| egg |  |  | * yes * no |
| cow’s milk |  |  | * yes * no |
| nuts |  |  | * yes * no |

Summary disease course:

Does your child still suffer from atopic dermatitis?

* yes
* no (since he/she was \_\_\_\_\_ years old)

Comments:

- Thank you for providing the requested informations-

**Supplemental Figure**

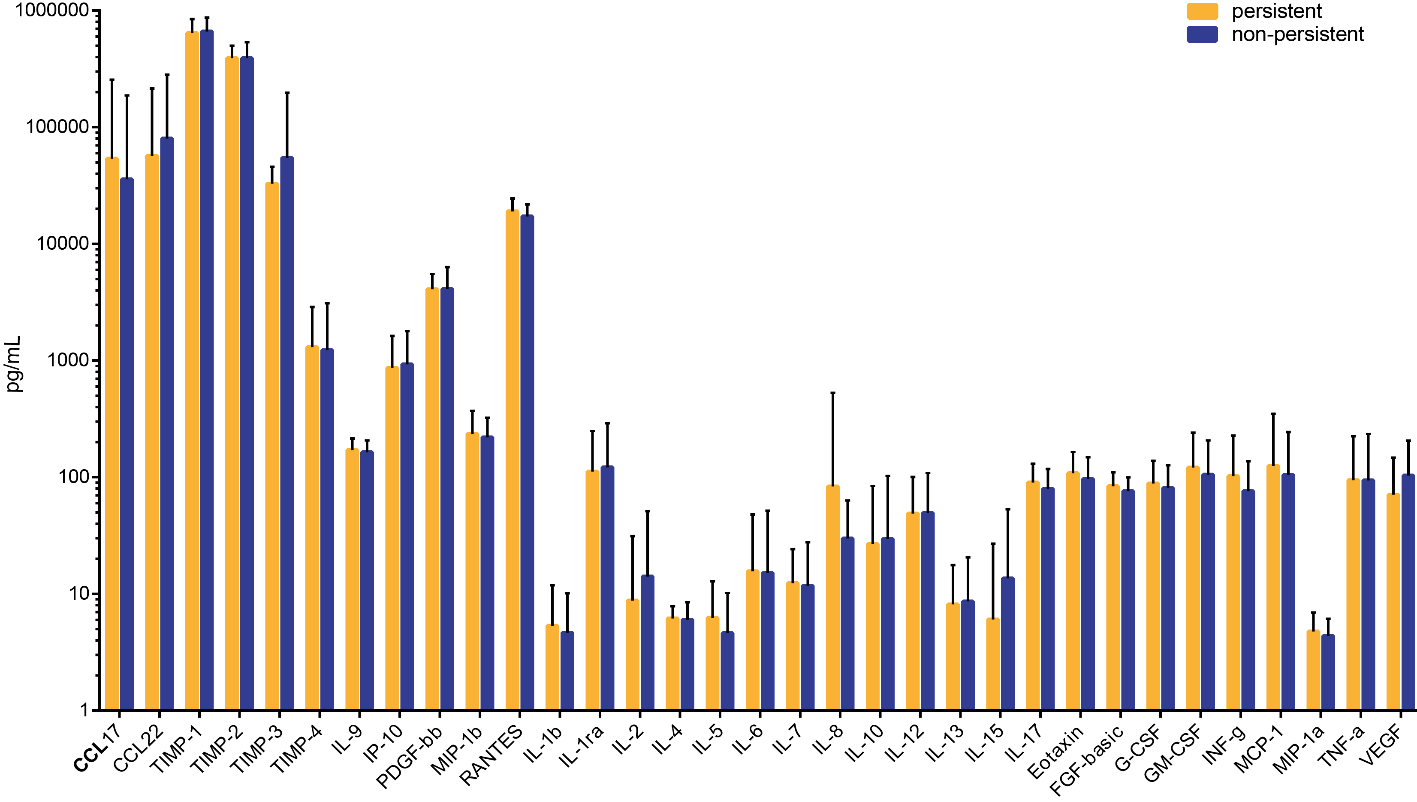


Figure E1: Cytokine levels measured by Luminex between the two groups of patients showing either remission (non-persistent) or no remission (persistent) of disease by the age of seven years.

**Supplemental Tables**



Table E1: Variables assed in the study cohort. Variables are listed according to category (categorial or continuous). All 76 variables used for clustering and prediction model are highlighted in bold, the response variable (persistence of disease) for the prediction model is shown in bold red font.



Table E2: Variables presented for each of the 3 clusters. Categorial variables are shown as percentages, continuous variables as means ± SD or SEM. All significantly different variables between clusters are highlighted in bold. Small numbers in italics behind calculated values indicate clusters that are significantly different (p value ≤ 0.05).

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Training cohort | | | |
| No. Patient | True Class | Predicted class | Probability |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.1550 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 0.9731 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 0.9297 |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | 0.9116 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0.1750 |
| 6 | 1 | 1 | 0.9657 |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 0.1778 |
| 8 | 1 | 1 | 0.9647 |
| 9 | 0 | 0 | 0.0297 |
| 10 | 0 | 0 | 0.0763 |
| 11 | 1 | 1 | 0.7495 |
| 12 | 0 | 0 | 0.0166 |
| 13 | 1 | 1 | 0.9224 |
| 14 | 0 | 0 | 0.1042 |
| 15 | 1 | 1 | 0.6722 |
| 16 | 1 | 1 | 0.9773 |
| 17 | 1 | 1 | 0.9654 |
| 18 | 1 | 1 | 0.6185 |
| 19 | 1 | 1 | 0.8274 |
| 20 | 1 | 1 | 0.9449 |
| 21 | 1 | 1 | 0.5854 |
| 22 | 1 | 1 | 0.8932 |
| 23 | 1 | 1 | 0.8642 |
| 24 | 1 | 1 | 0.9838 |
| 25 | 0 | 0 | 0.1913 |
| 26 | 1 | 1 | 0.7104 |
| 27 | 1 | 1 | 0.9524 |
| 28 | 1 | 1 | 0.6173 |
| 29 | 1 | 1 | 0.8471 |
| 30 | 1 | 1 | 0.9619 |
| 31 | 0 | 1 | 0.5413 |
| 32 | 1 | 1 | 0.9426 |
| 33 | 0 | 0 | 0.2992 |
| 34 | 1 | 1 | 0.8598 |
| 35 | 1 | 1 | 0.8939 |
| 36 | 1 | 1 | 0.9825 |
| 37 | 1 | 1 | 0.9401 |
| 38 | 1 | 1 | 0.9920 |
| 39 | 1 | 1 | 0.8281 |
| 40 | 0 | 0 | 0.1922 |
| 41 | 1 | 1 | 0.9759 |
| 42 | 0 | 0 | 0.0081 |
| 43 | 1 | 1 | 0.9798 |
| 44 | 0 | 0 | 0.1338 |
| 45 | 1 | 1 | 0.8904 |
| 46 | 0 | 0 | 0.0759 |
| 47 | 1 | 1 | 0.9448 |
| 48 | 1 | 1 | 0.7953 |
| 49 | 1 | 1 | 0.9296 |
| 50 | 0 | 0 | 0.0178 |
| 51 | 0 | 0 | 0.0265 |
| 52 | 1 | 1 | 0.9666 |
| 53 | 0 | 0 | 0.1090 |
| 54 | 1 | 1 | 0.9795 |
| 55 | 1 | 1 | 0.9300 |
| 56 | 0 | 0 | 0.1599 |
| 57 | 1 | 1 | 0.9273 |
| 58 | 0 | 0 | 0.0963 |
| 59 | 1 | 1 | 0.9349 |
| 60 | 0 | 0 | 0.1495 |
| 61 | 1 | 1 | 0.9242 |
| 62 | 1 | 1 | 0.7571 |
| 63 | 1 | 1 | 0.8779 |
| 64 | 1 | 1 | 0.7973 |
| 65 | 0 | 0 | 0.4475 |
| 66 | 1 | 1 | 0.9348 |
| 67 | 0 | 0 | 0.2381 |
| 68 | 1 | 1 | 0.8904 |
| 69 | 0 | 0 | 0.3516 |
| 70 | 1 | 1 | 0.6059 |
| 71 | 0 | 0 | 0.0476 |
| 72 | 1 | 1 | 0.7422 |
| 73 | 0 | 0 | 0.1943 |
| 74 | 1 | 1 | 0.8411 |
| 75 | 1 | 1 | 0.9221 |
| 76 | 0 | 0 | 0.2532 |
| 77 | 1 | 1 | 0.9557 |
| 78 | 1 | 1 | 0.8864 |
| 79 | 0 | 0 | 0.0108 |
| 80 | 1 | 1 | 0.9517 |
| 81 | 0 | 0 | 0.1744 |
| 82 | 1 | 1 | 0.7493 |
| Test cohort | | | |
| No. Patient | True Class | Predicted class | Probability |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.1617 |
| 2 | 1 | 0 | 0.4654 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.4264 |
| 4 | 1 | 0 | 0.2977 |
| 5 | 1 | 1 | 0.9659 |
| 6 | 1 | 1 | 0.6400 |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 0.0204 |
| 8 | 1 | 1 | 0.6483 |
| 9 | 1 | 0 | 0.1716 |
| 10 | 1 | 1 | 0.9179 |
| 11 | 0 | 1 | 0.5291 |
| 12 | 1 | 1 | 0.9490 |
| 13 | 0 | 0 | 0.0195 |
| 14 | 1 | 0 | 0.1328 |
| 15 | 0 | 1 | 0.5915 |
| 16 | 1 | 1 | 0.9876 |
| 17 | 0 | 0 | 0.0763 |
| 18 | 1 | 1 | 0.6182 |
| 19 | 0 | 0 | 0.0424 |
| 20 | 1 | 1 | 0.8399 |
| 21 | 0 | 0 | 0.1774 |
| 22 | 1 | 1 | 0.7964 |
| 23 | 0 | 1 | 0.6325 |
| 24 | 1 | 1 | 0.7854 |
| 25 | 0 | 0 | 0.0689 |
| 26 | 1 | 1 | 0.9186 |
| 27 | 0 | 1 | 0.7455 |
| 28 | 1 | 0 | 0.0223 |
| 29 | 0 | 0 | 0.1297 |
| 30 | 1 | 1 | 0.9821 |
| 31 | 0 | 0 | 0.3363 |
| 32 | 1 | 1 | 0.9411 |
| 33 | 0 | 0 | 0.0346 |
| 34 | 1 | 1 | 0.8208 |
| 35 | 1 | 1 | 0.8828 |
| 36 | 1 | 1 | 0.9787 |
| 37 | 1 | 1 | 0.9890 |
| 38 | 0 | 0 | 0.4303 |
| 39 | 1 | 1 | 0.9555 |
| 40 | 0 | 0 | 0.2086 |
| 41 | 1 | 1 | 0.5426 |
| 42 | 0 | 0 | 0.0773 |
| Training cohort | | | |
| No. Patient | True Class | Predicted class | Probability |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.9516 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 0.7676 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 0.7100 |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | 0.9767 |
| 5 | 1 | 0 | 0.1018 |
| 6 | 0 | 0 | 0.4122 |
| 7 | 1 | 0 | 0.3753 |
| 8 | 1 | 0 | 0.4787 |
| 9 | 1 | 1 | 0.5632 |
| 10 | 0 | 0 | 0.4491 |
| 11 | 1 | 1 | 0.7579 |
| 12 | 0 | 0 | 0.2124 |
| 13 | 1 | 1 | 0.8472 |
| 14 | 1 | 1 | 0.9216 |
| 15 | 0 | 0 | 0.1900 |
| 16 | 1 | 1 | 0.8097 |
| 17 | 0 | 1 | 0.8762 |
| 18 | 1 | 1 | 0.8857 |
| 19 | 0 | 0 | 0.4661 |
| 20 | 1 | 1 | 0.9075 |

Table E3: Probabilities of patients in training cohort (n=82), test cohort (n=42) and validation cohort (n=19) for persistence of AE at the age of 7 years. 1= persistence, 0=remission.

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