Late summer pollinosis

ImmunoCAP™ Specific IgE tests



Late summer pollinosis is primarily caused by weed pollen. Weeds flowering season typically lasts from June to September and often overlaps with grass and tree pollen seasons, as well as with perennial allergens.

ImmunoCAP™ Whole Allergens

ImmunoCAP™ Allergen Components

Mugwort (w6) Ragweed (w1) Wall pellitory (w21) Par j 2 (w211) **Art v 1** (w231) **Amb a 1** (w230) Defensine like-protein Pectate lyase Primary sensitiser Primary sensitiser Primary sensitiser Major allergen for mugwort · Major allergen for ragweed Major allergen for wall pellitory Responsible for cross-reactivity · Cross-reactivity with pectate • Par j 2 lacks cross-reactivity with with ragweed, sunflower and lyases from the Asterales order LTPs from other species18 chamomile1-14 and with the unrelated major grass allergen Phl p 41,15

Cross-reactive allergens#

Art v 3 (w233) LTP - Profilin (Bet v 2, Phl p 12) - Polcalcin (Bet v 4, Phl p 7

Art v 3 shares clinically relevant cross-reactivity with other pollen and food LTPs such as Pru p 3 and is considered as an allergen associated to LTP syndrome. 16,19

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Whole extracts Mugwort / Ragweed / Wall pellitory	Primary sensitiser Art v 1	Cross-reactive allergens Art v 3/Profilin#/ Polcalcin#	Primary sensitiser Amb a 1	Primary sensitiser Par j 2	Interpreting results*	Management considerations
+/-	+	-	-	-	Primary sensitisation to mugwort is likely ¹⁻¹³	Consider prescription of allergen immunotherapy (AIT) with mugwort pollen Weed pollen exposure reduction ^{1–13}
+/-	+	+/-	-	-	Sensitisation to mugwort and cross-reactive components LTP syndrome likely (if Art v 3 positive) ^{16,19}	Patient well to moderately suitable for AIT with mugwort Weed pollen exposure reduction ^{1–13}
+/-	-	+/-	+	-	Primary sensitisation to ragweed is likely ¹⁻¹³	Consider prescription of AIT with ragweed pollen Weed pollen exposure reduction ¹⁻¹³
+/-	-	+/-	_	+	Primary sensitisation to wall pellitory is likely ^{1,18}	Consider prescription of AIT with wall pellitory pollen Weed pollen exposure reduction ^{1,18}
+	-	-	_	-	If all components of the algorithm are negative and w1, w6 or w21 is positive, the patient could be sensitised to an untested allergen. As such, in the context of clinical history, exposure reduction may still be recommended.	
+/-	-	+	-	-	Sensitisation to cross-reactive minor allergens ⁷⁻¹⁵ Primary sensitiser should be identified	Consider further investigations to identify the primary allergen Weed pollen exposure reduction ^{1–13}

^{*} Results should always be interpreted in the context of the clinical history. # Profilin (Bet v 2, Phl p 12) and polcalcin (Bet v 4, Phl p 7) from birch and Timothy grass can be used as marker for almost all pollen due to structural similarity. 18

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