## Biological Agents and JAK Inhibitors for Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa

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### EB History in Taiwan

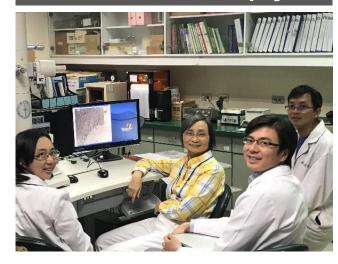
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Electron microscopy

Genetic study EB clinics



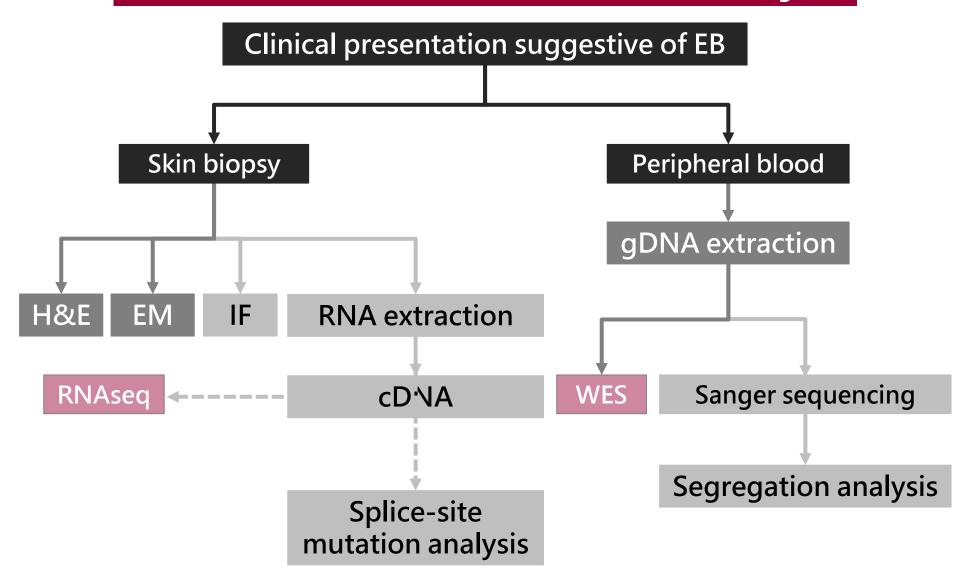




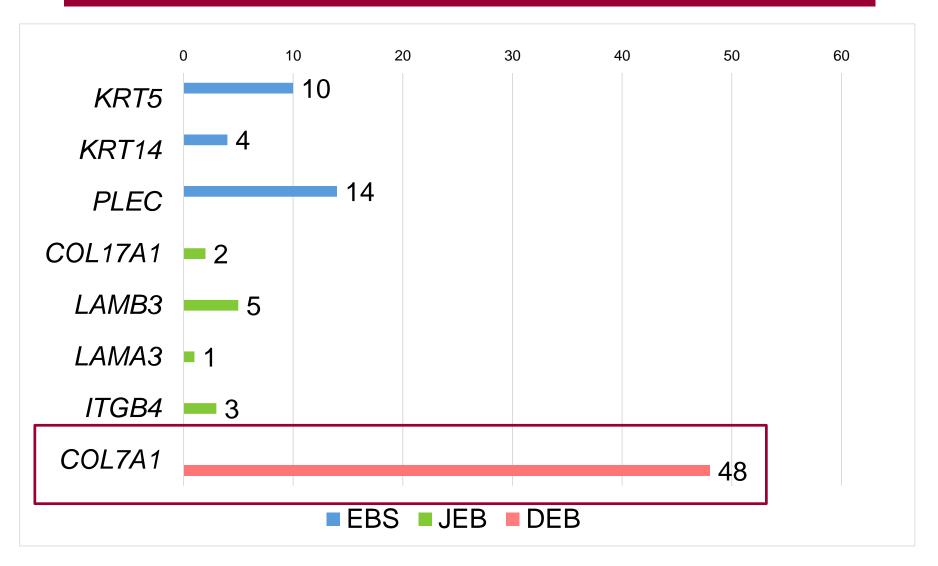
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### NCKUH EB Genetic Study



### **Genetic study of EB patients in NCKU**



## EB pruriginosa





~ 30% of DEB

Severe itch

Poor tx response

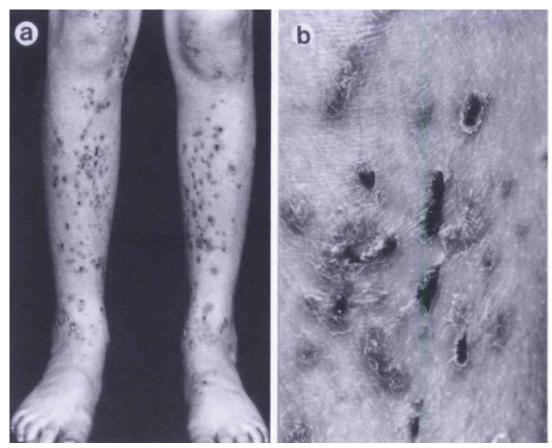
#### Epidermolysis bullosa pruriginosa: dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa with distinctive clinicopathological features



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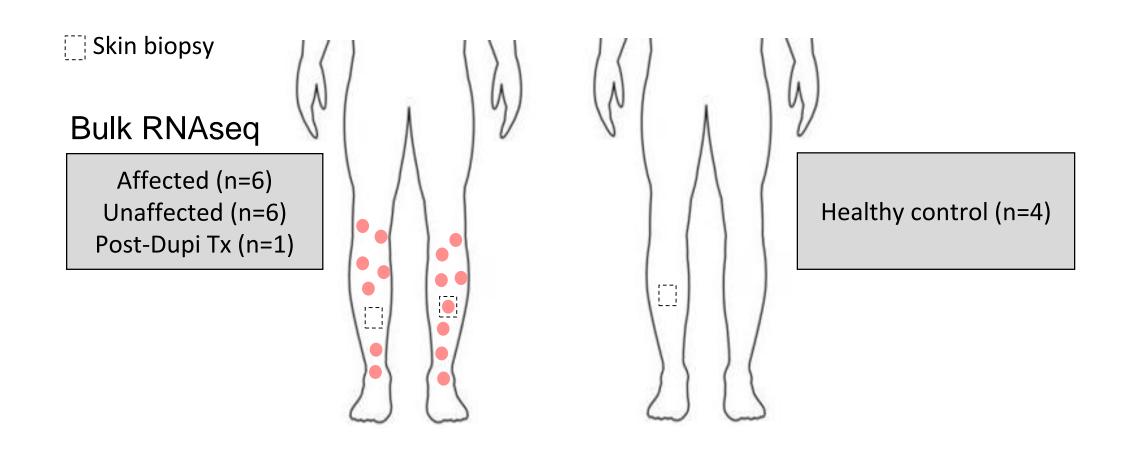
### Dupilumab for EB pruriginosa

> Br J Dermatol. 2020 Jun;182(6):1495-1497. doi: 10.1111/bjd.18855. Epub 2020 Jan 29.

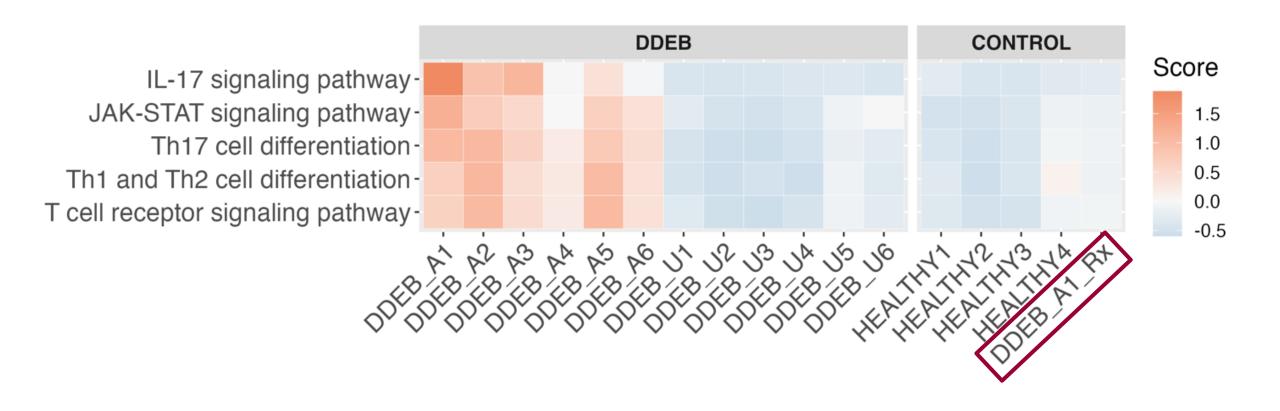
#### Treatment of epidermolysis bullosa pruriginosaassociated pruritus with dupilumab



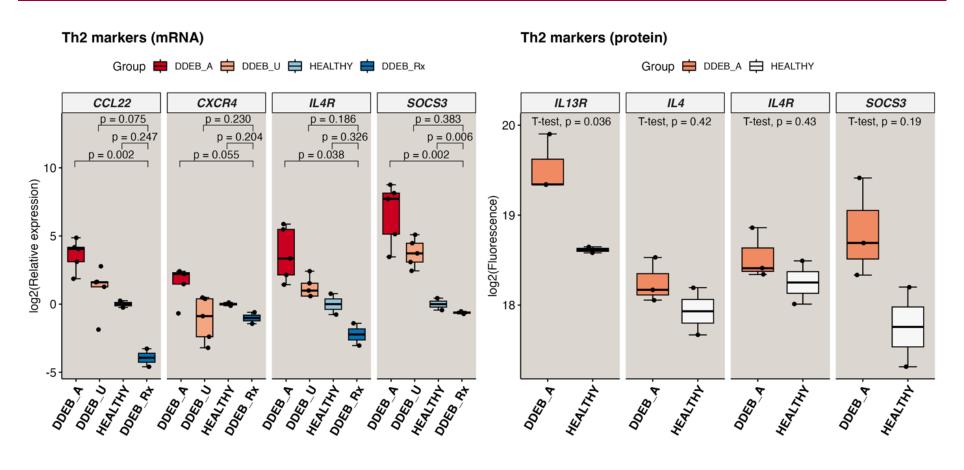
### RNAseq study for EB pruriginosa



### Bulk RNAseq of EB pruriginosa



## Th2-associated mRNA and protein studies of EB pruriginosa

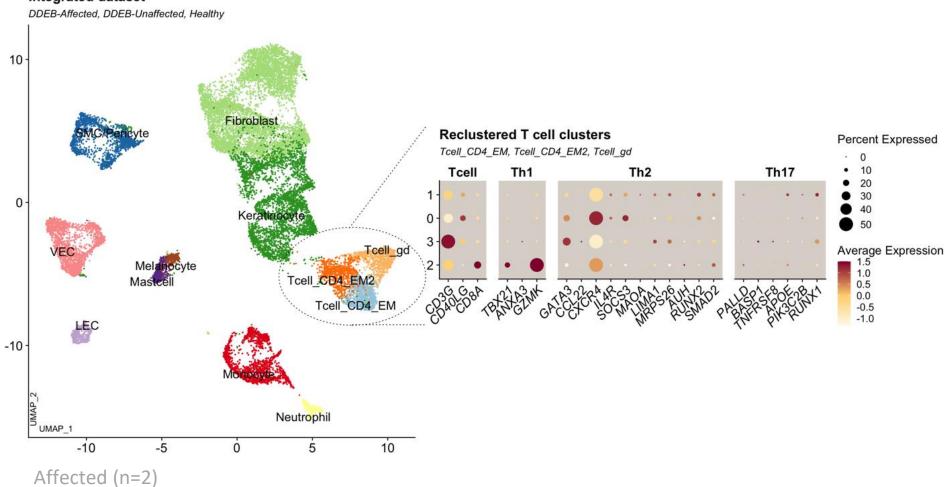


### Single-cell RNAseq of EB pruriginosa



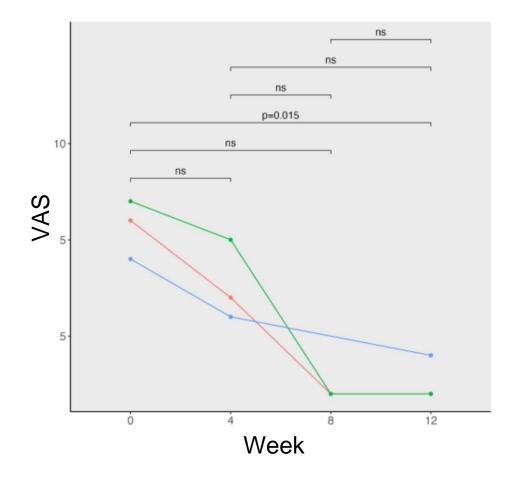
Unaffected (n=1)

Healthy control (n=2)



### Dupilumab for EB pruriginosa

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### JAKi for EB pruriginosa

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# Real-world experience of using dupilumab and JAK inhibitors to manage pruritus in epidermolysis bullosa pruriginosa

Dupilumab (N=3)

JAKi (N=3) Dupi --> JAKi (N=3)



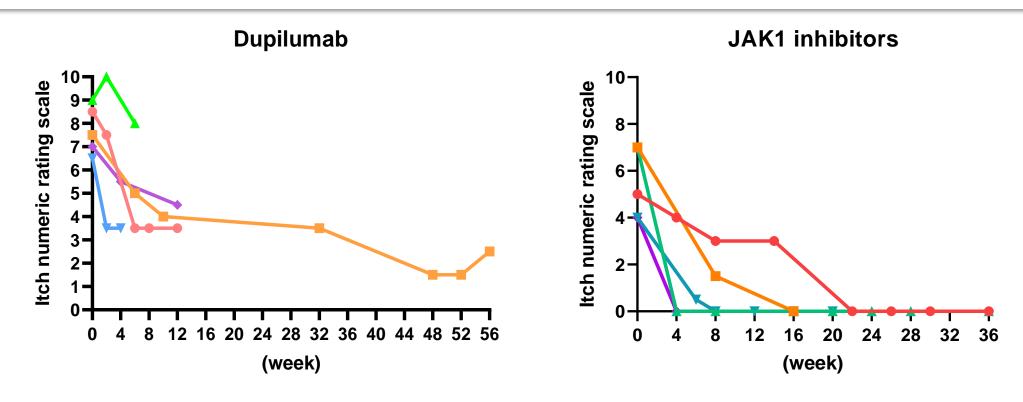
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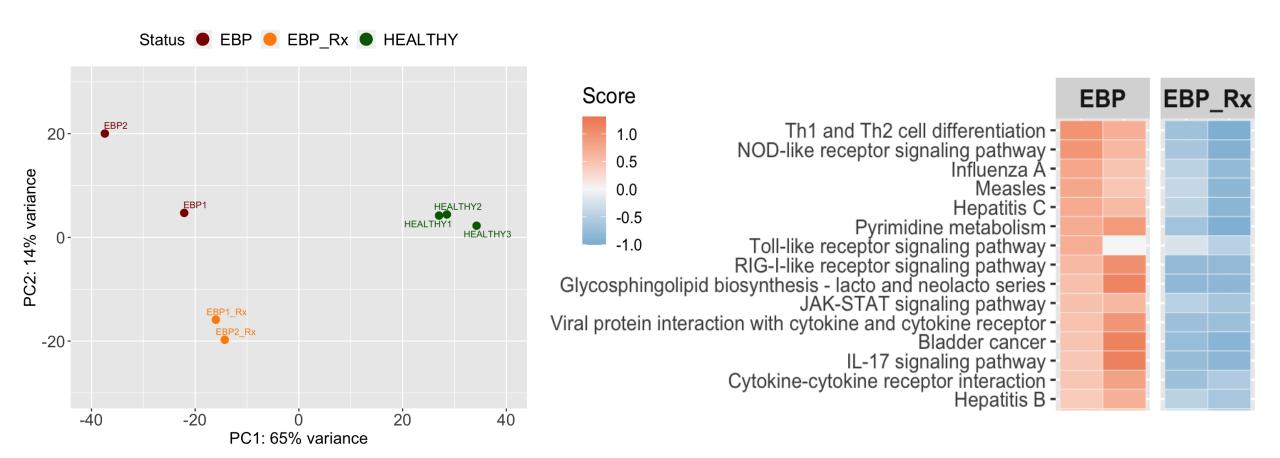
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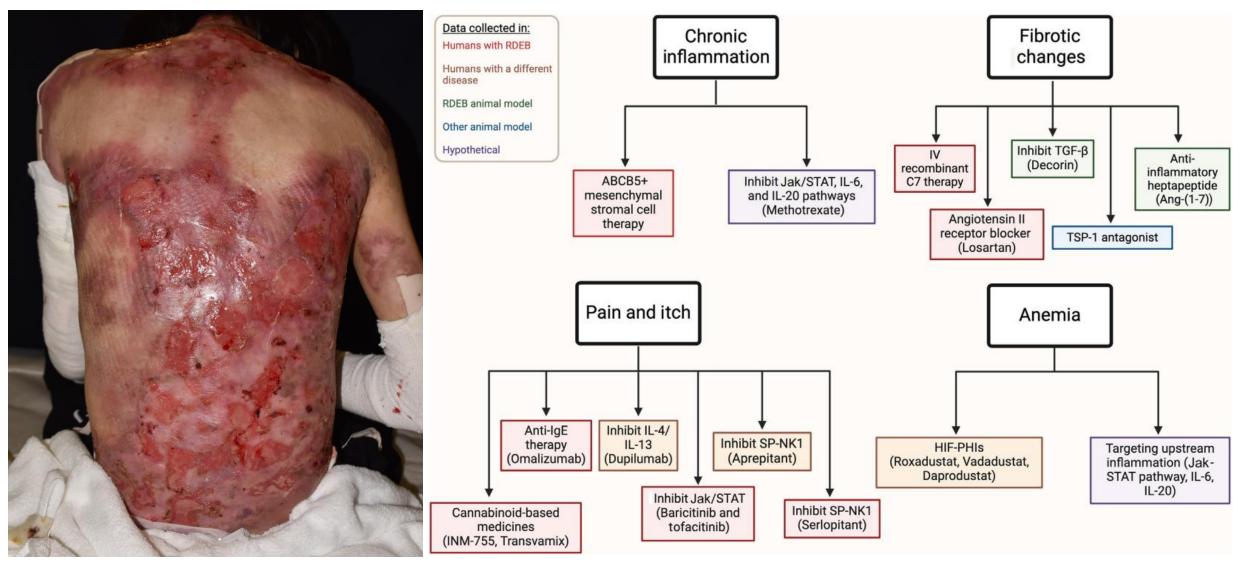
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### Transcriptomic changes after JAKi in EBP



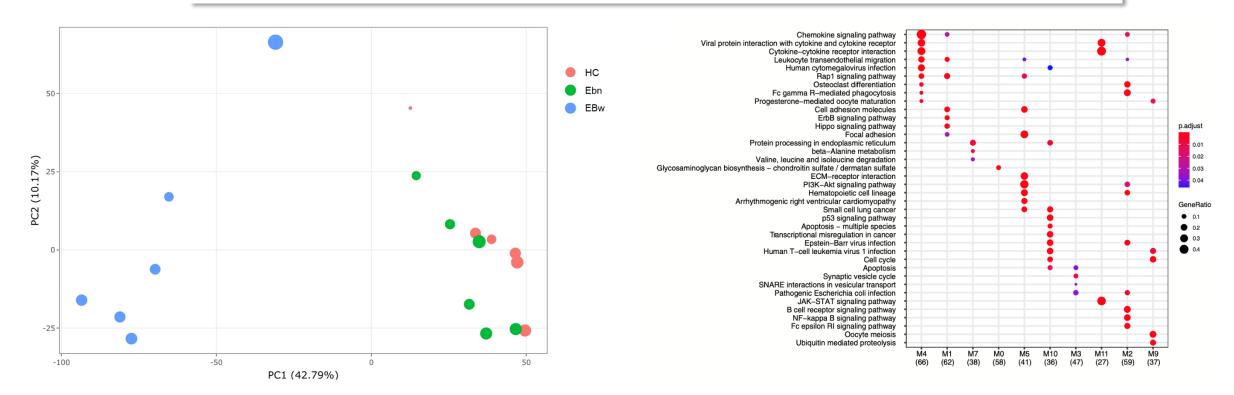
### Recessive Dystrophic EB



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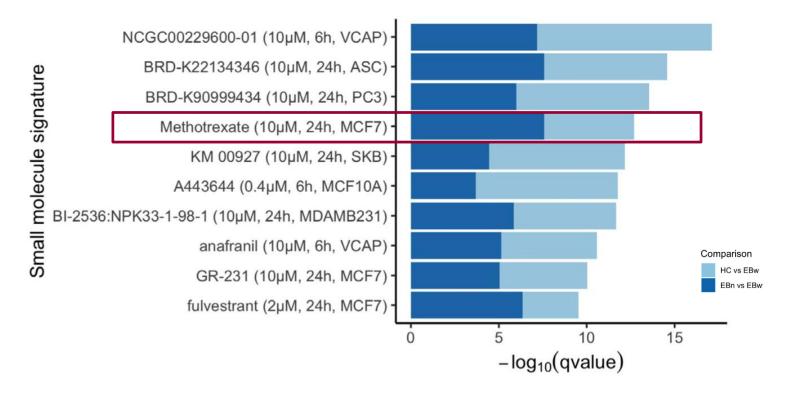
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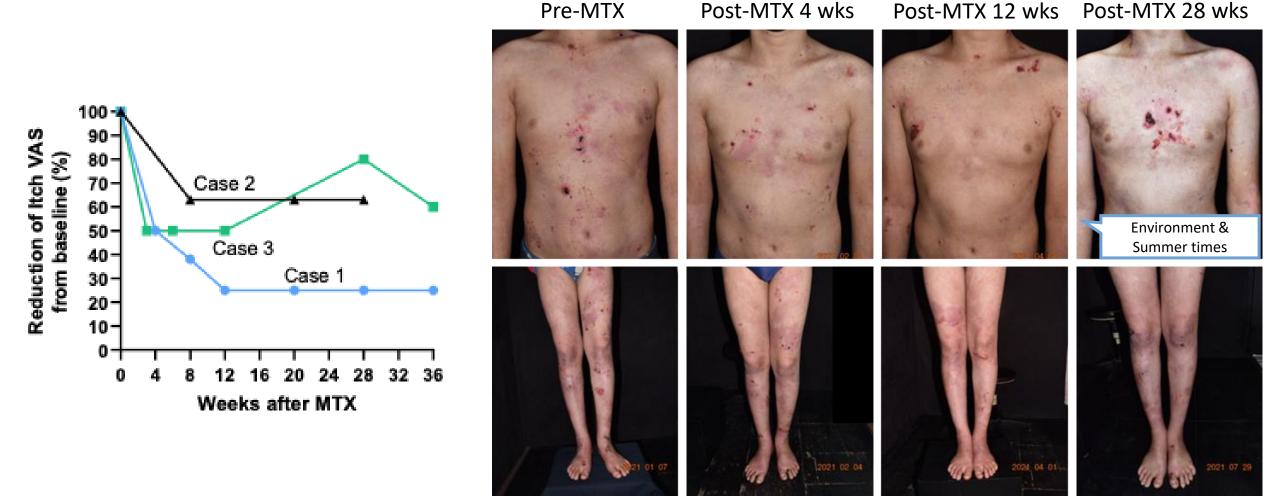


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### Methotrexate for RDEB

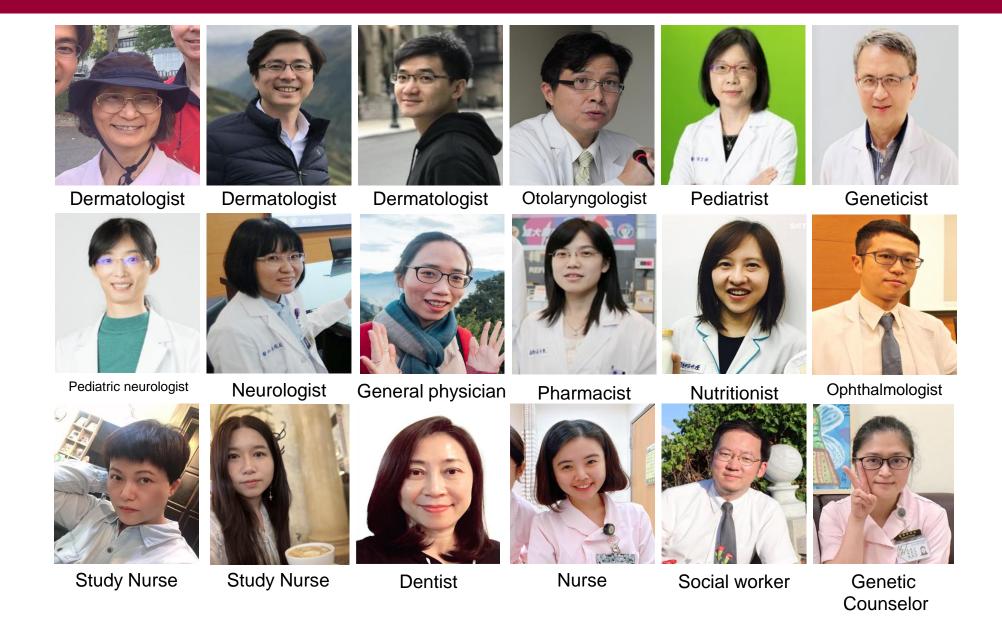


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### Take Home Message

Both dupilumab and JAKi alleviate itch and prurigo-like lesions in patients with EB pruriginosa, and our study suggested JAK inhibitors may be more effective than dupilumab. However, potential side effects should be considered when treating EB patients.

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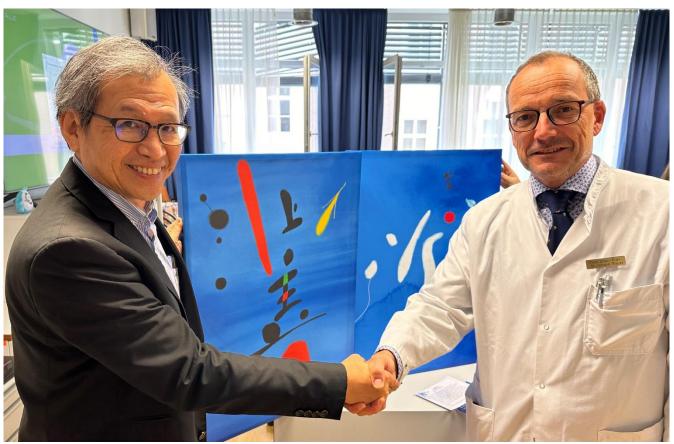












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