Editor's Column

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In the current issue, we have one report of a retrospective study on skin prick tests and the commonly seen allergens identified in children, as well as a review article on pulmonary interstitial glycogenosis, a rarely seen respiratory condition in infants.

Dr. PY Chow reported a retrospective study of skin prick tests performed on 1,959 atopic children in Kwong Wah Hospital. The five most common aeroallergens including house dust mite, cat, dog, cockroach and tree pollens were discussed. The high negative predictive value of house dust mite skin prick test result to all other aeroallergens and its implication in clinical application and cost were also discussed. On the other hand, Dr. Sergio Koo presented a review on pulmonary interstitial glycogenosis. Pulmonary interstitial glycogenosis is a type of interstitial lung disease seen only in infants, characterized by the interstitium being expanded by poorly differentiated mesenchymal cells with abundant glycogen. The clinical presentation, histopathology, pathogenesis and treatment of the condition were discussed.

Do also take the challenge from Dr. Eric Chan in the X-ray quiz.