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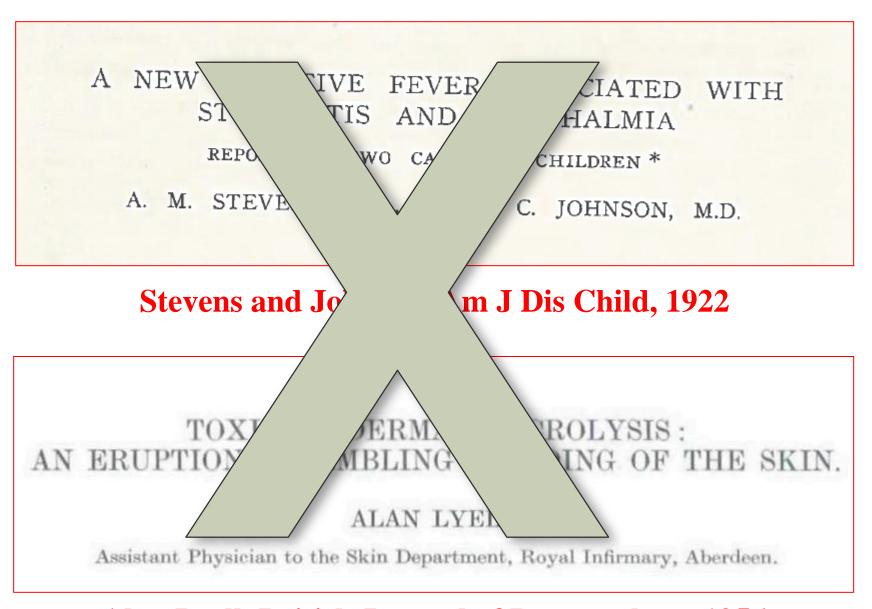
Clinical Syndromes, Epidemiology, Genomics, Diagnosis and Treatment.

#### **Potential Conflicts**

- Consultant to pharmaceutical industry related to drug hypersensitivity reactions.
- □ All therapeutic comments are off-label.

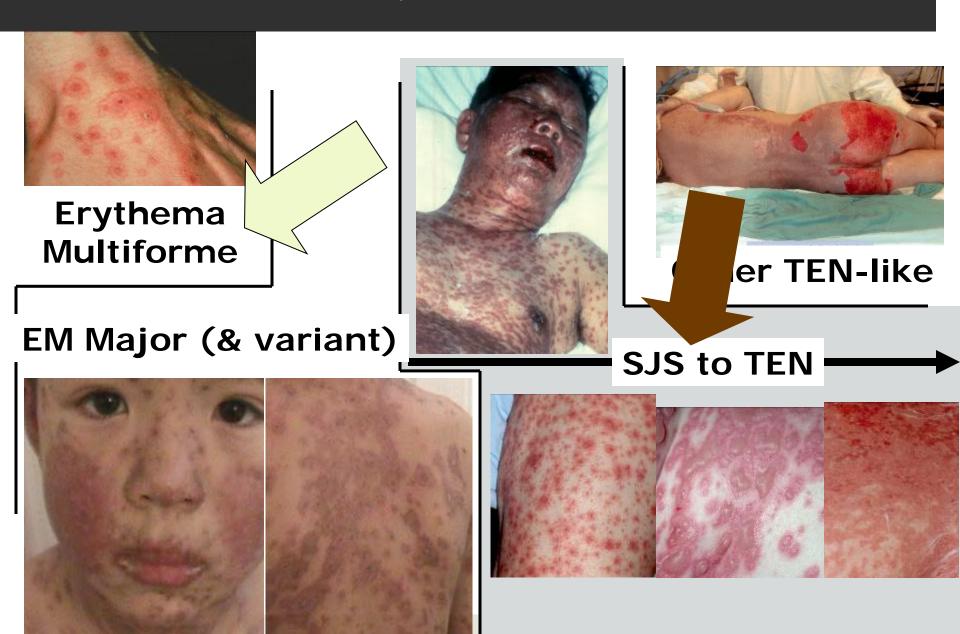
# SCAR Clinical Syndromes Severe Cutaneous Adverse Reactions

- DRESS
  - Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms
- AGEP
  - Acute Generalized Exanthematous Pustulosis
- □SJS/TEN = TENS
  - Stevens Johnson Syndrome/Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis



Alan Lyell. British Journal of Dermatology, 1956

#### EM-EMM-SJS/TEN-"TEN": 4+ Diseases



## A Story

- "Patient with SJS in the Emergency"
  - Caused by Amoxil taken for a sore throat
- History reveals
  - ■39 year old woman
  - Carbamazepine (Tegretol) for 3 weeks
- Does she have SJS? Yes she does!
- What caused it? Carbamazepine?

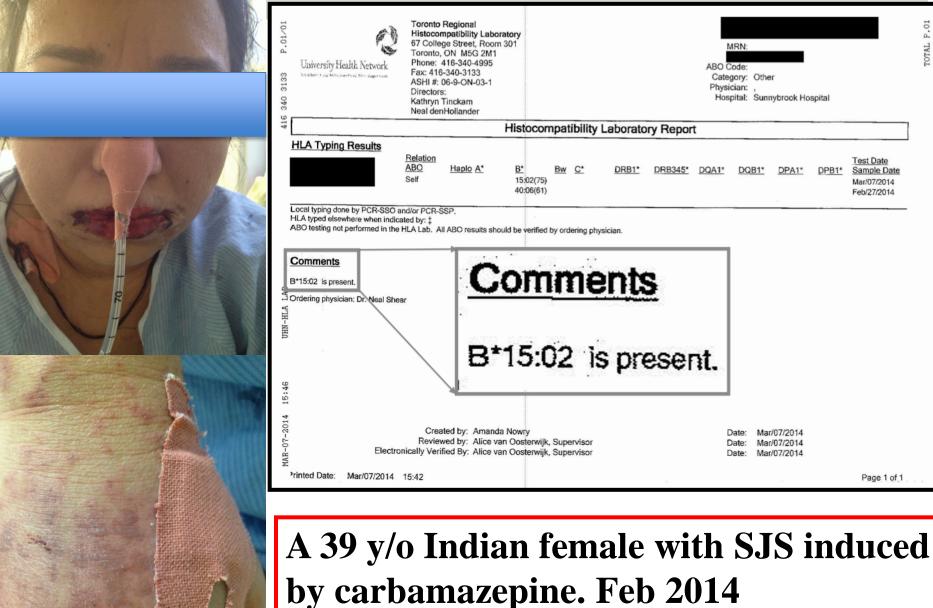




A 39 y/o Indian female with SJS induced by carbamazepine. Feb 2014

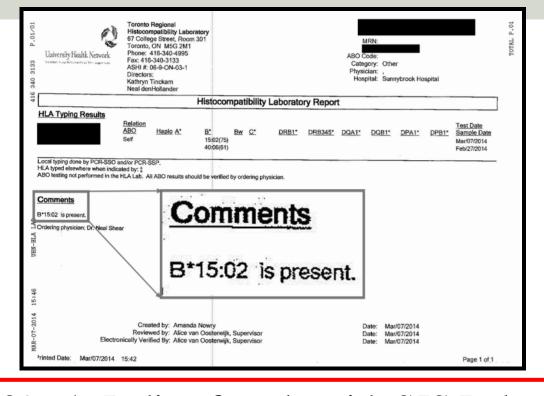
## FDA Guidelines

- "PATIENTS WITH ANCESTRY IN GENETICALLY AT-RISK POPULATIONS
- □SHOULD BE SCREENED FOR THE PRESENCE OF HLA-B\*1502 PRIOR TO INITIATING TREATMENT WITH CARBAMAZEPINE."



## by carbamazepine. Feb 2014



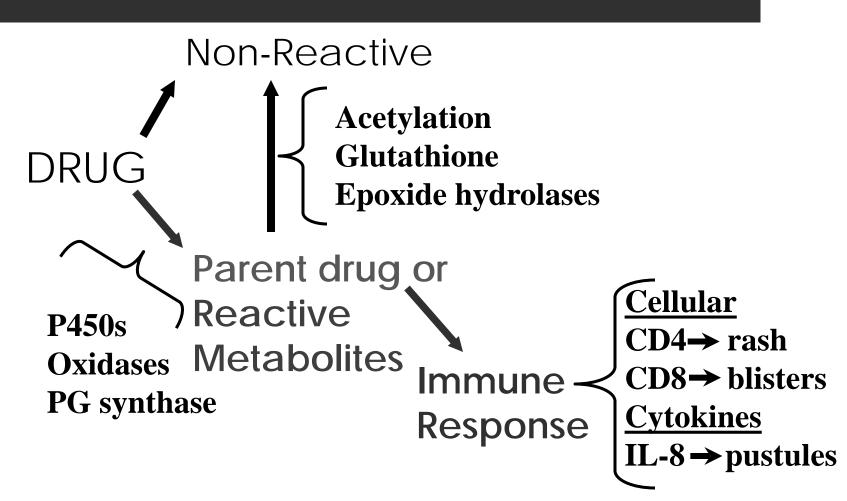


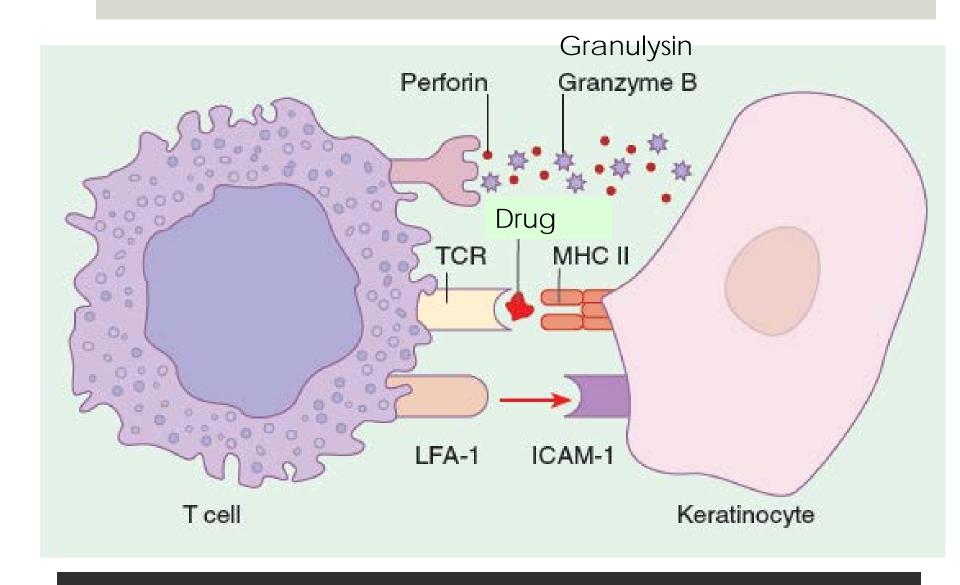
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#### The importance of positive HLA test:

- Support diagnosis
- Confirm the suspected offending drug
- Valuable for familial genetic consultation

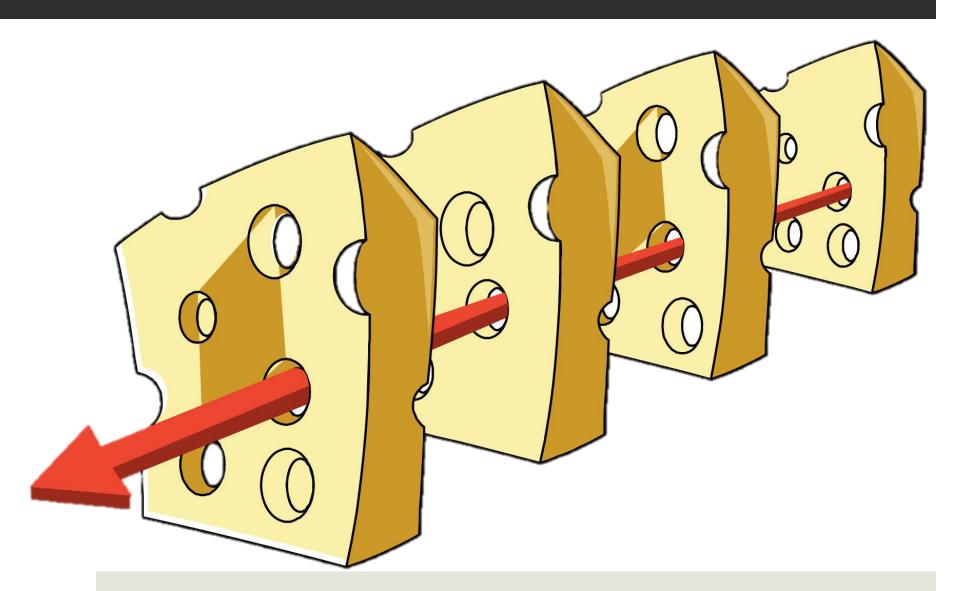
## Pathophysiology of Immune-Mediated Drug Reactions



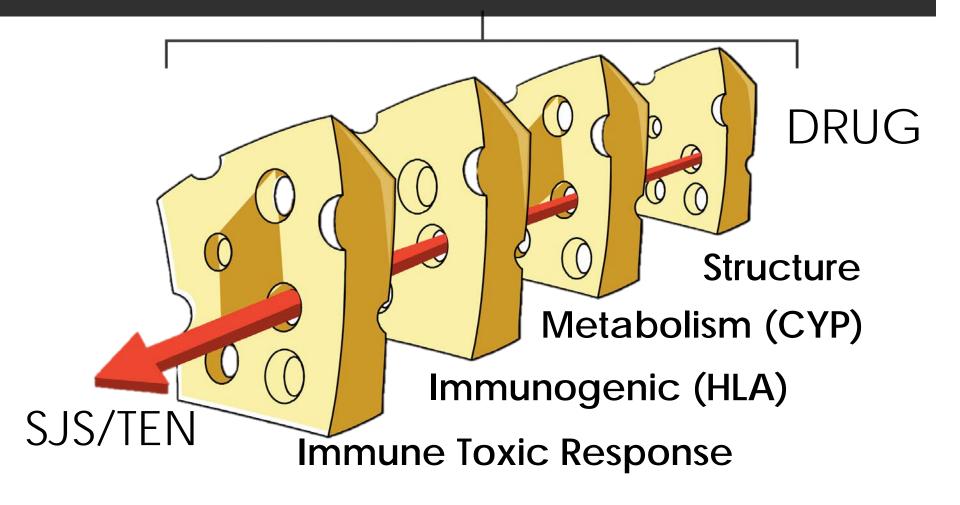


### Drug fits in HLA groove - SJS/TEN

#### J.T. Reason: Swiss Cheese Model



# Model of a Drug Reaction Putative Risk Factors



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## **Epidemiology**

- Dodiuk-Gad, Laws, Shear
- Seminars in Cutaneous Medicine and Surgery
- 2014
- "SJS/TEN is rare (1 per million population)"

#### Genomics

Syndrome and drug	HLA Alleles	Populations	Year first described	
SJS-TEN (SCAR)				
Allopurinol	B*58:01	Han Chinese, Thai, European, Italian, Korean, Portuguese	2005	
CBZ	B*15:02	Han Chinese, Thai, Malaysian, Indian	2004	
	B*15:11	Korean, Japanese	2010	
	B*15:18, B*59:01, and Cw*07:04	Japanese	2010	
	A*31:01	Japanese, northern European, Korean	2011	
Oxcarbazepine	B*15:02	Han Chinese	2010	
Lamotrigine	B*15:02, positive	Han Chinese	2010	
	B*15:02, no association found	Han Chinese	2010	
Nevirapine	C*04:01	Malawian	2013	
Phenytoin	B*15:02; B*13:01, Cw*08:01, and DRB1*16:02	Han Chinese	2007	
Phenobarbital	B*51:01	Japanese	2013	
Sulfamethoxazole	B*38	European	2008	
Methazolamide	B*59, B*59:01, Cw*01:02 alleles, and B*59:01-Cw*01:02-A*24:02 haplotype	Japanese, Korean, and Japanese	1997, 2011	
Sulfonamides	A*29, B*12, and DR*7	European	1987	
Oxicam	B*73	European	2008	
	A*2,B*12	European	1987	
Strontium ranelate	Under investigation in postmarketing period		2009	
Zonisamide	A*02:07	Japanese	2013	

Pavlos R et al. J Allergy Clin Immunol Pract. Feb 2014

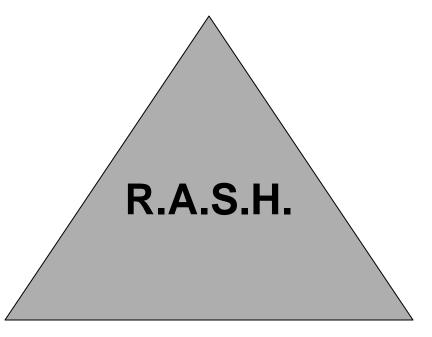
## Diagnosis of TENS





## Shear's Diagnostic Triangle

**APPEARANCE** 



**SYSTEMIC** (Fever)

**HISTOLOGY** 

Remember: Appearance, Systemic, Histology

#### Special Article

## Clinical Classification of Cases of Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis, Stevens-Johnson Syndrome, and Erythema Multiforme

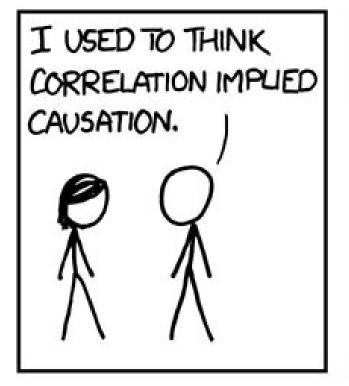
Sylvie Bastuji-Garin, MD; Berthold Rzany, MD; Robert S. Stern, MD; Neil H. Shear, MD, FRCPC; Luigi Naldi, MD; Jean-Claude Roujeau, MD

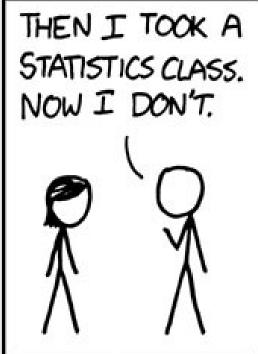
Proposed Classification of Cases in the Spectrum of Severe Bullous EM*							
				TEN			
Classification	Bullous EM	SJS	Overlap SJS-TEN	With Spots	Without Spots		
Detachment	<10%	<10%	10%-30%	>30%	>10%		
Typical targets	Yes						
Atypical targets	Raised	Flat	Flat	Flat			
Spots		Yes	Yes	Yes			

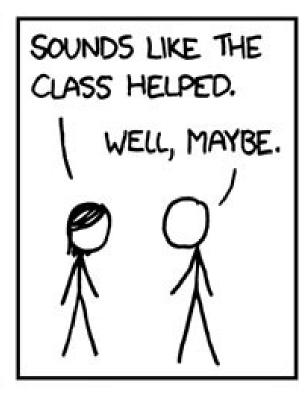
\*EM indicates erythema multiforme; SJS, Stevens-Johnson syndrome; and TEN, toxic epidermal necrolysis.

Bastuji-Garin et al. Arch Dermatol. 1993

## Causality Assessment (via XKCD)







#### **Treatment**

- Hugely variable
- ■Burn Unit w/ support
- Survey of Canadian & USA units
  - Corticosteroids
  - Cyclosporine
  - ■Anti-TNF therapy

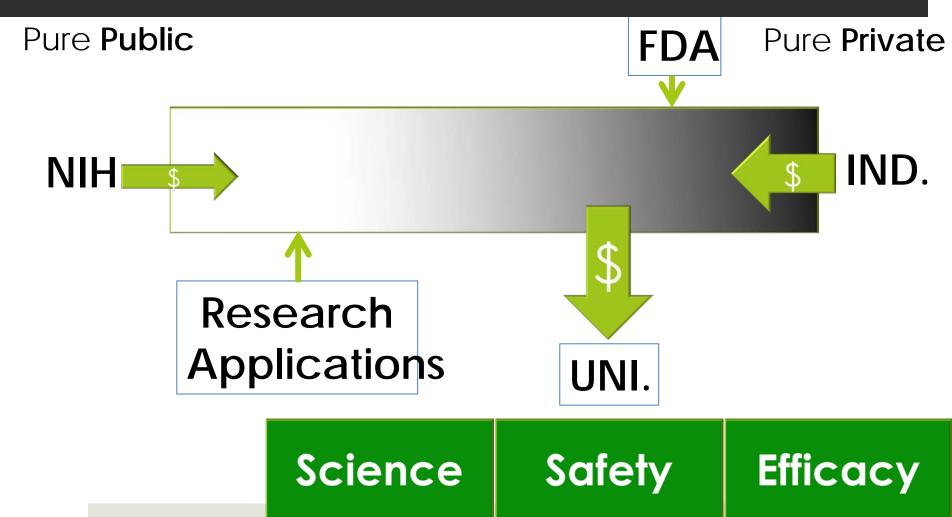
## Treatment part 2

- Eyes
  - Amniotic membrane
- Genitals
  - ■Examination and daily care
- Post-traumatic syndromes in survivors

#### We can do better

- Patients that should be screened are not being screened
- ■Better communication must follow the advance in science
- Care guidelines during and post TEN are needed

## Partnering for Success



#### iSCAR at WCD - Vancouver 2015

- □Tuesday, June 8, 2015
- World Congress of Dermatology
- http://sunnybrook.ca/iscar2015