



## **FREQUENCY AND DERMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF ATOPIC DERMATITIS IN PATIENTS APPLYING TO THE ALLERGY OUTPATIENT CLINIC.**

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### **INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE:**

Atopic Dermatitis (AD) is the most common, recurrent chronic skin disease of infant and childhood. AD is a mixed multifactorial disease group that develops as a result of the combined effects of genetic and environmental factors. [1]. Patients generally have elevated serum IgE levels, familial or personal asthma and/or allergic rhinitis [2-3]. Although the etiology of the disease is not fully known, it is thought that a complex multifactorial etiology plays a role with the participation of genetic, environmental and infectious factors [4-5]. In infantile AD, the most frequently involved area is the face. Unclear erythema is observed on the forehead and chin, especially on the cheeks, on the face where the nose and mouth contours are protected [6-7]. Lesions may occur on the scalp and neck, extensor surfaces of the extremities and trunk after crawling starts [6-8]. Childhood AD is characterized by subacute lesions [9]. Papules and lichenified plaques are usually noted in the lesions. Involvement of flexural regions such as wrists and neck is typical [6,8,9]. Itching increases especially at night or after exercise and can be severe enough to wake the patient from sleep [2,3,8]. Due to the lack of a specific and routine laboratory method used in the diagnosis of AD, the diagnosis is made based on the history and clinical features [10].

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### **MATERIALS AND METHODS :**

Between the years 2021-2023 (January-February), patients aged 3-18 months in the pulmonology department of the pediatric multidisciplinary medical center in Bukhara region were included in the study. Patients were classified as age, gender, age groups,

family history of allergy, respiratory and skin findings. Statistical evaluation will be done using the Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS) for Windows 23.0 program. The conformity of the variables to the normal distribution will be examined using visual (histogram and probability graphs) and analytical methods (Kolmogoro-Smirnov/Shapiro-Wilk tests). Descriptive analyzes will be given using the mean and standard deviation ( $mean \pm SD$ ) for normally distributed variables, and median and maximum-minimum values ( $median \pm max-min$ ) for non-normally distributed variables. Pearson Correlation test will be used for normally distributed continuous variables, and Spearman Correlation test will be used for the analysis of continuous variables that do not conform to normal distribution. Correlation coefficients between 0-0.25 will be considered as weak, between 0.26-0.50 as moderate, between 0.51-0.75 as strong, and between 0.76-1.00 as very strong correlation. Results will be accepted as 95% confidence interval, statistical significance  $p < 0.05$ .

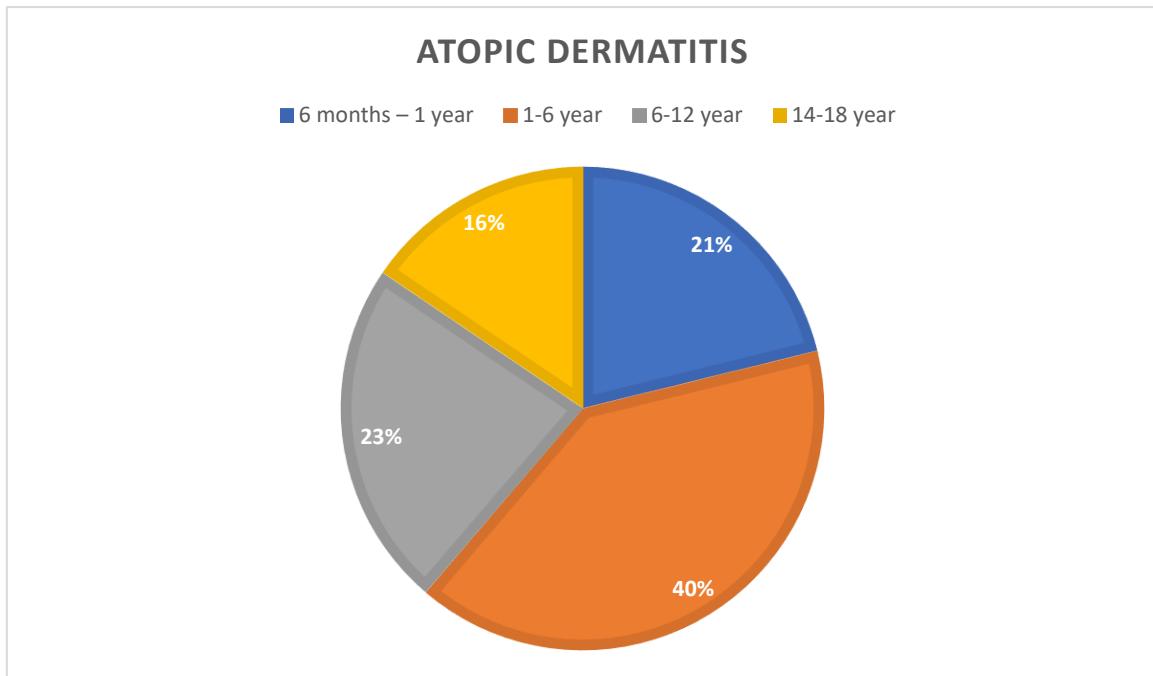
### **FINDINGS :**

324 (61.25%) of the patients were male and 205 (38.75%) were female. According to age distribution, 112 (21.17%) patients were 6 months – 1 year old, 212 (40.08%) patients were 1- 6 years old, 123 (23.25%) patients were 6-12 years old, and 82 (15.50%) patients were 14-18 years old. It was found that 266 (50.28%) of the patients who were examined presented with skin findings and 301 (56.90%) with respiratory system findings. Of the 529 patients, 84 had a family history of allergies. Family history was found in 5 (1.88%) patients with skin findings and 82 (27.24%) patients with respiratory system findings.

When the results of the study were examined, the age of the patients with AD was distributed as follows: 112 (21.17%) patients 6 months – 1 year, 212 (40.08%)

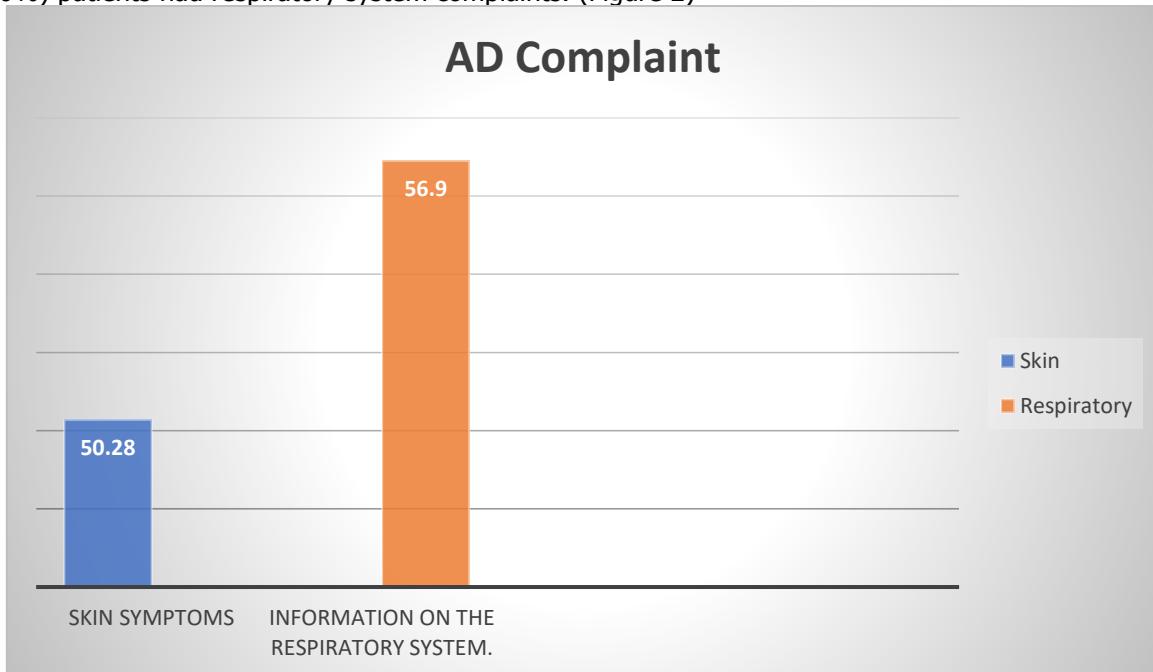


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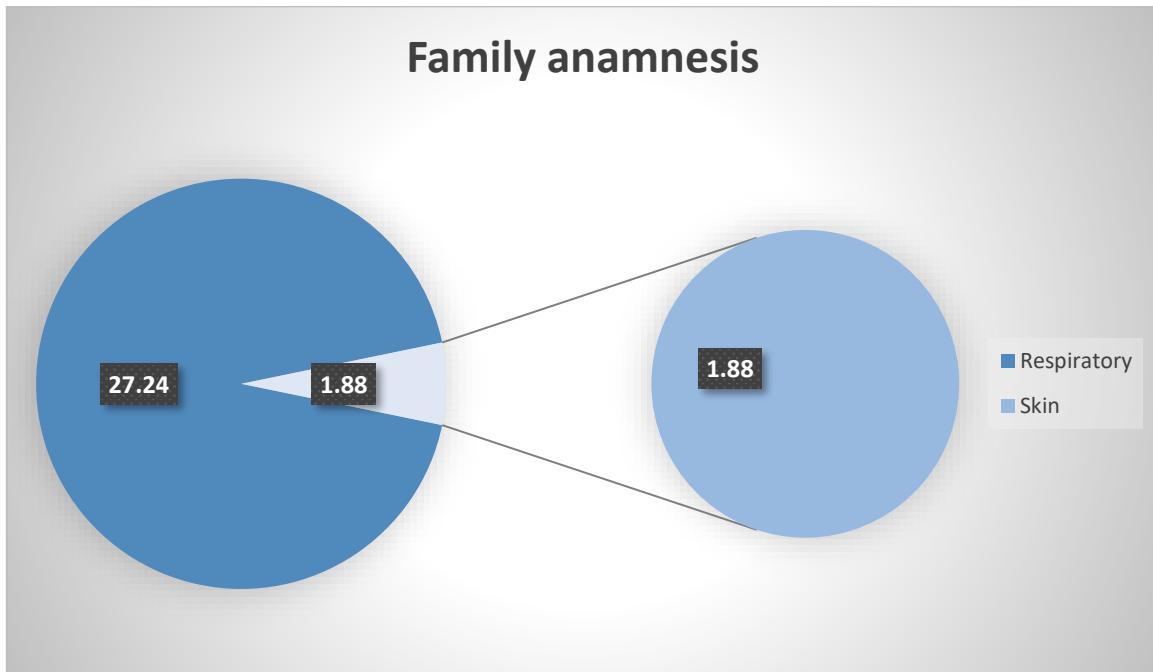
**Figure 1: Distribution of AD patients by age.**

When the complaints of the patients were analyzed, it was seen that 266 (50.28%) patients had skin complaints and 301 (56.90%) patients had respiratory system complaints. (Figure 2)



**Figure 2: Complaints of AD patients.**

When the family history of the patients was examined, 84 of 529 patients had a family history of allergy. It was found that 5 (1.88%) of the patients with skin findings and 82 (27.24%) of the patients with respiratory system findings had a family history (Figure 3).



**Figure 3: Family history of AD patients.**

#### DISCUSSION :

In our study, male gender was more common. AD peaked in the 6-12 age range and 14-18 age range. This is what Jesús Garde et al. compatible with the literature. In our study, it was found that most of the patients with respiratory symptoms had a history of atopic dermatitis. This is Dr. It is compatible with the literature that A. Pınar Ulutaş made in Yeditepe University Faculty of Medicine, Department of Pediatric Allergy.

Since children start solid food between the ages of 6-12, atopic dermatitis findings are very common. Between the ages of 14-18, eating fast food outside independently of their families and contacting with soaps, odors and unsuitable substances that can cause atopic dermatitis can explain this.

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