

Description of Additional Supplementary Files

File Name: Supplementary Data 1

Description: Characteristics of the study populations included in the meta-analysis on rare variants in eczema.

File Name: Supplementary Data 2.

Description: 48 Independent SNPs from 38 loci associated with eczema at genome-wide significance (all variants included).

SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism; Chr, chromosome; Pos, genomic positions (GRCh37.p13); Ref, reference allele; Alt, alternative allele; AF, allele frequency; OR, odds ratio.

^a Two-sided score test as implemented in RVTESTS and RAREMETALS (Zhan et al.2016, PMID: 27153000).

^b Mixed model logistic regression as implemented in SAIGE (Zhou et al. 2018, PMID: 30104761).

^c Asymptotic *P* value for t-statistic from logistic regression model as implemented in PLINK (Purcell et al. 2007, PMID: 17701901).

^d Two-sided Z-test as implemented in METAL (Willer et al. 2010, PMID: 20616382); all *P* values are uncorrected for the number of tests; genome-wide significance threshold was set at $P < 1 \times 10^{-8}$.

^e Genome-wide significant *P* value of independently associated SNPs after conditioning on the lead variant. If three independent SNPs were identified, the 3rd one was conditioned on the first 2 variants.

^f References for loci associated with eczema in previous GWAS ordered by publication date (PMID);

¹Esparza-Gordillo et al. 2009 (19349984), ²Sun et al. 2011 (21666691), ³Paternoster et al. 2011 (22197932), ⁴Hirota et al. 2012 (23042114), ⁵Ellinghaus et al. 2013 (23727859), ⁶Esparza-Gordillo et al. 2013 (23582566), ⁷Weidinger et al. 2013 (23886662), ⁸Baurecht et al. 2015 (25574825), ⁹Paternoster et al. 2015 (26482879), ¹⁰Kichaev et al. 2018 (30595370), ¹¹Johansson et al. 2019 (31361310)

^g rs12123821 is in LD ($D' = 0.78$; $r^2 = 0.19$) with the exonic loss-of-function variant rs558269137 (FLG:2284del4, stopgain).

File Name: Supplementary Data 3.

Description: Rare and low-frequency variants associated with eczema at $P < 1 \times 10^{-6}$ in the meta-analysis.

SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism; Chr, chromosome; Pos, genomic positions (GRCh37.p13); Ref, reference allele; Alt, alternative allele; AF, allele frequency; OR, odds ratio.

^a Two-sided score test as implemented in RVTESTS and RAREMETALS (Zhan et al.2016, PMID: 27153000).

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^d Two-sided Z-test as implemented in METAL (Willer et al. 2010, PMID: 20616382); all *P* values are uncorrected for the number of tests; genome-wide significance threshold was set at $P < 1 \times 10^{-8}$.

File Name: Supplementary Data 4.
Description: Correlation between common and rare/low-frequency variants located at the same locus.
LD, linkage disequilibrium (D' and r^2); SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism; Chr, chromosome; Pos, genomic positions (GRCh37.p13); Ref, reference allele; Alt, alternative allele; AF, allele frequency; OR, odds ratio.

^a Rare/low-frequency variants in bold.
^b Two-sided score test as implemented in RVTESTS and RAREMETALS (Zhan et al. 2016, PMID: 27153000).
^c Mixed model logistic regression as implemented in SAIGE (Zhou et al. 2018, PMID: 30104761).
^d Asymptotic *P* value for t-statistic from logistic regression model as implemented in PLINK (Purcell et al. 2007, PMID: 17701901).
^e Two-sided Z-test as implemented in METAL (Willer et al. 2010, PMID: 20616382); all *P* values are uncorrected for the number of tests; genome-wide significance threshold was set at $P < 1 \times 10^{-8}$.
^f Association *P* value of a common variant was conditioned on the rare variant identified at the same locus and vice versa.
^g Association *P* value of the respective rare SNP was conditioned on the 2 common variants at the same locus. Likewise, *P* value of the respective common SNP was conditioned on the 2 rare variants at the same locus.

File Name: Supplementary Data 5.
Description: Replication results for 32 loci identified in previous GWAS on eczema.
SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism; Chr, chromosome; RA, risk allele; AA, alternative allele; AF, allele frequency; OR, odds ratio; LD, linkage disequilibrium; RefA, reference allele; NA, data not available; N.s., not significant.

^a If available the lead SNP of the largest study (Paternoster et al. 2015, PMID: 26482879) is shown. If a SNP was not present in our study, a proxy is indicated (marked by an asterisk). For eczema-associated SNPs identified in Asian populations which did not replicate, the best-associated SNP from our study within a ± 1 -Mb window is shown (marked by a §).
^b Genomic positions are based on human genome reference assembly GRCh37.p13.
^c If in the original study the complementary sequence was reported for the respective SNP, the reference sequence is shown in parentheses.

85 ^d References (PMID) are Sun et al. 2011 (21666691), Paternoster et al. 2011 (22197932),
86 Hirota et al. 2012 (23042114), Ellinghaus et al. 2013 (23727859), Schaarschmidt et al. 2015
87 (25865352), Paternoster et al. 2015 (26482879)

88 ^e Two-sided Z-test as implemented in METAL (Willer et al. 2010, PMID: 20616382); *P* values
89 are uncorrected for the number of tests; replication threshold was set at *P* < 0.0015
90 (0.05/32) according to the number of SNPs tested.

91 ^f Pairwise LD (*D'* and *r*²) between a reported lead SNP and a proxy SNP from our study was
92 calculated by using LDlink (<https://ldlink.nci.nih.gov/?tab=ldpair>, selected population: EUR).

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94 File Name: Supplementary Data 6.

95 Description: Different SNP selection strategies and association tests for the gene-based
96 analyses in the RV set.

97 SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism; OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval; n, number of
98 genes tested for each aggregation strategy; CADD, PHRED-scaled CADD score.

99 ^a Significant *P* values are labeled in bold. *P* values are two-sided and uncorrected for the
100 number of tests performed. Significance thresholds for the different aggregation strategies
101 were *P* < 1.5x10⁻⁴ (n = 322), *P* < 4.0x10⁻⁶ (n = 12,474), *P* < 3.0x10⁻⁶ (n = 16,538).

102 The results for three different aggregation strategies and two different gene-level
103 association tests (GRANVIL and SKAT) are shown. Using the RV set, different marker
104 selection strategies combining different sets of variants according to their annotations and
105 functional prediction scores were tested; (i) loss-of-function (LOF) variants, ii) LOF plus
106 missense variants, iii) variants with a high deleteriousness score (PHRED-scaled CADD score
107 > 15). In addition, since the disease-causing allelic architecture is expected to be diverse
108 across the genome, two different gene-level association tests were applied, GRANVIL and
109 SKAT, which are implemented in the RAREMETALS software package. GRANVIL is a burden
110 test that has its strengths when multiple deleterious variants within a gene are combined.
111 SKAT, a variance-component test, has more power to identify association of a gene if both,
112 risk and protective alleles are present. Both the variant selection strategy and the applied
113 association test had an impact on the results. While the number of genes under study with
114 at least two LOF variants was very low (n=322), the inclusion of missense variants diluted
115 the results in genes like *FLG*, in which the number of missense variants with small and
116 heterogeneous effects exceeded the number of a few variants with high impact. Selecting
117 variants based on the CADD score counteracted both undesirable effects. In combination
118 with the variance-component test it performed best for the different scenarios.

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120 File Name: Supplementary Data 7.

121 Description: Gene-level association results.

122 CHR, chromosome; NSNP and NPARAM, number of single nucleotide polymorphisms and
123 parameters respectively included in the analysis; N, effective sample size.

124 Best associated gene at each locus is indicated in bold. Genes represented by a single SNP
125 are not shown.

^a Two-sided Z-test as implemented in FUMA (Watanabe et al. 2017, PMID: 29184056); *P* values are uncorrected for the number of tests; significance threshold was set at $P < 3.8 \times 10^{-6}$ (0.05/13,000) according to the number of genes tested.

File Name: Supplementary Data 8.

Description: Functional annotations of the identified rare/low-frequency variants.

SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism; LD, linkage disequilibrium; Chr, chromosome; Ref, reference allele; Alt, alternative allele; AF (EUR) allele frequency in Europeans; eQTL, expression quantitative trait locus; r^2 and D' , measures for LD of the indicated SNP (SNP in LD) with the lead SNP (associated SNP).

^a Rare and low frequency variants from the single variant analysis and from the gene-level analysis (Table 1) are included. In addition, all SNPs in LD ($r^2 > 0.8$) with the associated SNPs are listed.

^b Genomic positions are based on human genome reference assembly GRCh37.p13.

File Name: Supplementary Data 9.

Description: Gene-set analysis using all variants.

N Genes, number of genes; STD, standard deviation; SE, standard error

^a Competitive gene-set analysis tests whether the genes in a gene-set are more strongly associated with the phenotype than other genes using a one-sided two-sample t-test as implemented in MAGMA (de Leeuw et al. 2015, PMID: 25885710). Uncorrected and Bonferroni corrected *P* values are indicated.

File Name: Supplementary Data 10.

Description: Gene-set analysis for common and rare/low-frequency variants respectively.

N Genes, number of genes; STD, standard deviation; SE, standard error

^a Competitive gene-set analysis tests whether the genes in a gene-set are more strongly associated with the phenotype than other genes using a one-sided two-sample t-test as implemented in MAGMA (de Leeuw et al. 2015, PMID: 25885710). Uncorrected and Bonferroni corrected *P* values are indicated.

File Name: Supplementary Data 11.

Description: Heritability (observed scale) explained by different LD scores and minor allele frequency bins.

SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism; MAF, minor allele frequency; NSNPs, number of SNPs; SE, standard error; Q, quartiles based on LD scores of the SNPs; bins contributing significantly to the model in bold.

^a Significant regions excluded were defined as ± 500 Kb from significant variants ($P < 1 \times 10^{-8}$) identified in the meta-analysis.

^b Likelihood Ratio Test (LRT) comparing the full model (i.e. all bins included) to the reduced model (i.e. all bins except the bin tested); linear mixed models using genome-based restricted maximum likelihood (GREML) as implemented in GCTA (Yang et al. 2011 and 2015, PMID: 21167468 and 26323059).

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170 File Name: Supplementary Data 12.

171 Description: Heritability (observed scale) explained by variants <5%.

172 SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism; MAF, minor allele frequency; NSNPS, number of SNPs;

173 ALL, for each frequency bin, all LD score quartiles from Supplementary Data 11a were

174 combined.

175 ^a Significant regions excluded were defined as ± 500 Kb from significant variants ($P < 1 \times 10^{-8}$)
176 identified in the meta-analysis.

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178 File Name: Supplementary Data 13.

179 Description: Imputation quality (r^2) of the identified rare/low-frequency variants in the 21
180 study populations.

181 ^a Best associated rare/low-frequency variants from the single variant analysis and significant
182 variants from the gene-level test are shown.

183 ^b For CATSS, SALTY, FINNGEN, and UKBB the INFO score is reported.

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185 File Name: Supplementary Data 14.

186 Description: Imputation quality of the identified exonic variants.

187 SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism; r^2 , imputation quality in HRC-imputation; NRS, non-
188 reference sensitivity; NRD, non-reference discordancy.

189 ^a Comparison of HRC-imputed genotypes vs. exome sequencing results in an in house data
190 set (n = 892).