# Differential associations of psoriasis subtypes with autoimmune disorders in United States children and adults: A cross-sectional study

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# Psoriasis is an autoimmune inflammatory skin disease with heterogeneous multiple subtypes



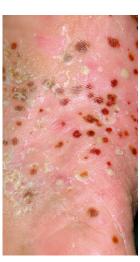
Psoriasis Vulgaris (PV)



Guttate Psoriasis (GP)



Generalized
Pustular
Psoriasis (GPP)



Palmoplantar Pustular Psoriasis (PPP)

# Little is known about the association of different psoriasis subtypes with autoimmune disease

- Previous studies have shown greater frequency of autoimmune diseases among patients with psoriasis
- Patients with psoriasis may experience higher risk of other types of autoimmune disorders such as inflammatory bowel disease in smaller sample cohorts or case reports.
- However, stronger evidence is needed and little studies have examined the association in the emergency room setting.

# Our lab has been a pioneer in utilizing "big data" in epidemiology research for rare skin disorders



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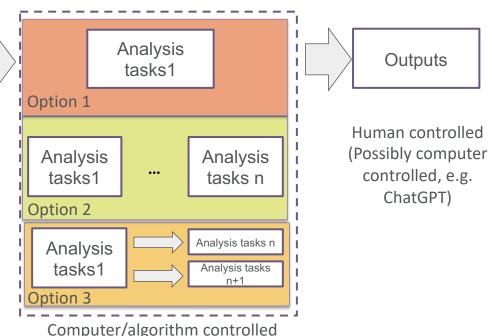
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# We developed a highly efficient pipeline with machine learning models using a super-computer to handle the data analysis

Input (data+

parameters)

- Parallel computing and analyzing data in large volume.
  - Avoiding human error in Human controlled intermediate analysis steps.
- High reproducibility using version control software such as Nextflow.
- Super computing resources supported by Northwestern University Quest High-Performance Computing Cluster



### Study design

- Data were analyzed from the 2015-2019 Nationwide Emergency Department (ED) Sample, including a ~20% sample of all U.S. emergency department visits (n=142,715,425).
- ICD-10 codes were used to identify four subtypes of psoriasis (PV, GP, GPP, PPP) and nine autoimmune diseases.
- Complete data analysis was performed (i.e. patients with missing data were excluded).
- Statistical significance was determined based on a 2-sided P ≤ 0.05.

### Patients with psoriasis were more likely to be diagnosed with at least one autoimmune disorder

#### **Psoriasis subtype**

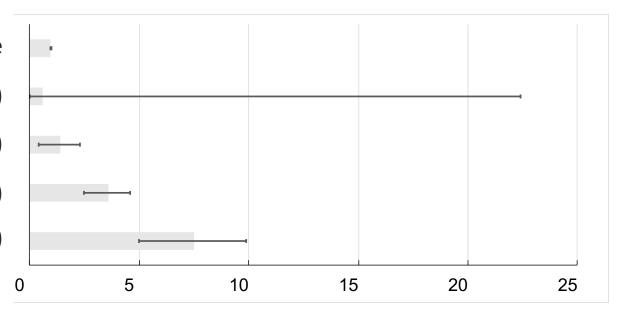
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Palmoplantar pustulosis (PPP)

Guttate Psoriasis (GP)

Psoriasis Vulgaris (PV)

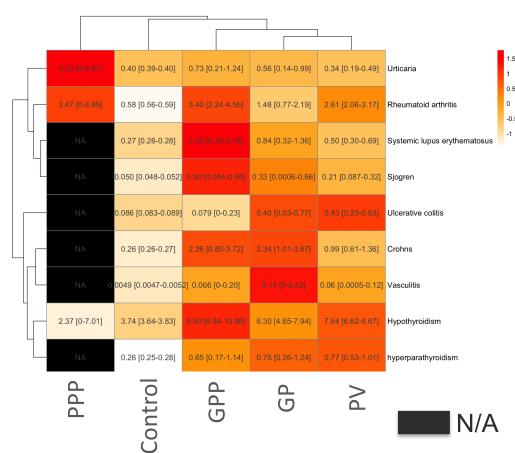
Generalized Pustular Psoriasis (GPP)



Percentage of patients diagnosis with at least one autoimmune disorder in ER

The prevalence of autoimmune disorders varied across psoriasis subtypes

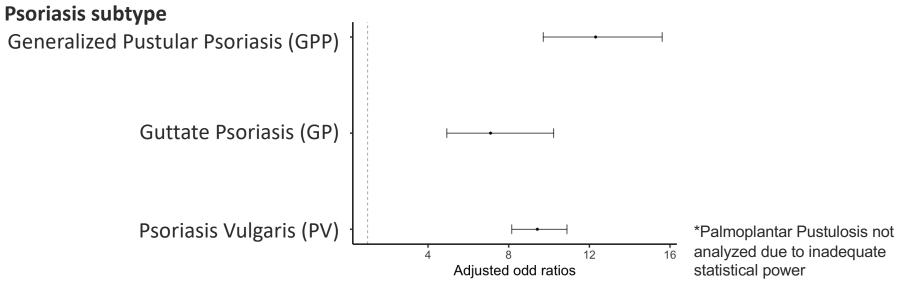
- Heatmap shows the differential association of autoimmune diseases in with psoriasis subtypes.
- Prevalence (95% CI) of each autoimmune disease is presented.



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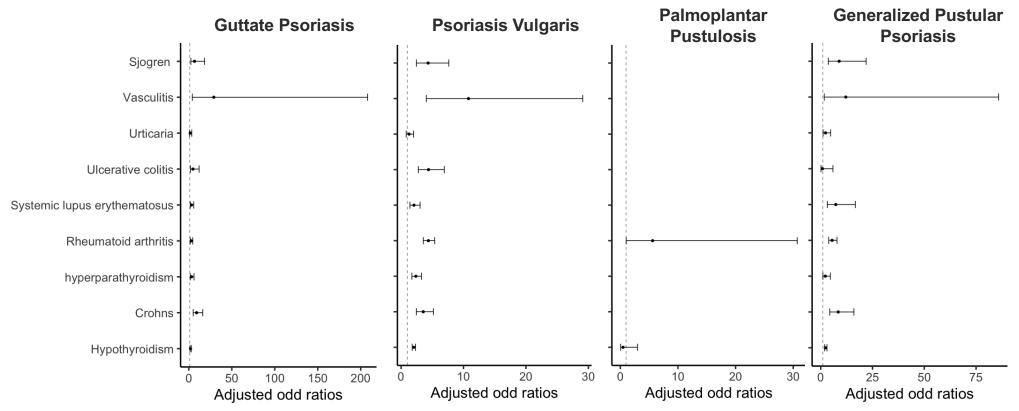
# Patients with psoriasis were associated with a higher risk ratios with different types of autoimmune disorders.

- Adjusted ratio odds were estimated using multivariable logistic regression model adjusting for age, sex and insurance status
- GP, GPP and PV were associated with ≥1 autoimmune disorder with more than 4 times higher risks compared with ER patients without any psoriasis



## Systemic autoimmune disorders have differential higher odds across psoriasis subtypes

 Crohn's diseases, Sjogren's syndrome, vasculitis, and systemic lupus erythematosus had particularly increased odds among GP, PV and GPP.



### Summary

- GPP, PV, GP and PPP were all associated with higher odds of multiple autoimmune diseases, though the profile of autoimmune disorders differed across psoriasis subtypes.
- These results confirm the systemic autoimmune nature of each of these psoriasis subtypes.

### Summary

- Patients with these psoriasis subtypes may benefit from increased screening for autoimmune comorbidities.
- Further research is needed to understand the specific profile of autoimmune disease within each psoriasis subtype.

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