



## Autosomal dominant hyper-IgE syndrome

Autosomal dominant hyper-IgE syndrome (AD-HIES), also known as Job syndrome, is a condition that affects several body systems, particularly the immune system. Recurrent infections are common in people with this condition. Affected individuals tend to have frequent bouts of pneumonia, which are caused by certain kinds of bacteria that infect the lungs and cause inflammation. These infections often result in the formation of air-filled cysts (pneumatoceles) in the lungs. Recurrent skin infections and an inflammatory skin disorder called eczema are also very common in AD-HIES. These skin problems cause rashes, blisters, accumulations of pus (abscesses), open sores, and scaling.

AD-HIES is characterized by abnormally high levels of an immune system protein called immunoglobulin E (IgE) in the blood. IgE normally triggers an immune response against foreign invaders in the body, particularly parasitic worms, and plays a role in allergies. It is unclear why people with AD-HIES have such high levels of IgE.

AD-HIES also affects other parts of the body, including the bones and teeth. Many people with AD-HIES have skeletal abnormalities such as an unusually large range of joint movement (hyperextensibility), an abnormal curvature of the spine (scoliosis), reduced bone density (osteopenia), and a tendency for bones to fracture easily. Dental abnormalities are also common in this condition. The primary (baby) teeth do not fall out at the usual time during childhood but are retained as the adult teeth grow in. Other signs and symptoms of AD-HIES can include abnormalities of the arteries that supply blood to the heart muscle (coronary arteries), distinctive facial features, and structural abnormalities of the brain, which do not affect a person's intelligence.

### Frequency

This condition is rare, affecting fewer than 1 per million people.

### Genetic Changes

Mutations in the *STAT3* gene cause most cases of AD-HIES. This gene provides instructions for making a protein that plays an important role in several body systems. To carry out its roles, the STAT3 protein attaches to DNA and helps control the activity of particular genes. In the immune system, the STAT3 protein regulates genes that are involved in the maturation of immune system cells, especially T cells. These cells help control the body's response to foreign invaders such as bacteria and fungi.

Changes in the *STAT3* gene alter the structure and function of the STAT3 protein, impairing its ability to control the activity of other genes. A shortage of functional STAT3 blocks the maturation of T cells (specifically a subset known as Th17 cells) and other immune cells. The resulting immune system abnormalities make people with AD-HIES

highly susceptible to infections, particularly bacterial and fungal infections of the lungs and skin. The STAT3 protein is also involved in the formation of cells that build and break down bone tissue, which could help explain why *STAT3* gene mutations lead to the skeletal and dental abnormalities characteristic of this condition. It is unclear how *STAT3* gene mutations lead to increased IgE levels.

When AD-HIES is not caused by *STAT3* gene mutations, the genetic cause of the condition is unknown.

## **Inheritance Pattern**

AD-HIES has an autosomal dominant pattern of inheritance, which means one copy of an altered gene in each cell is sufficient to cause the disorder. In about half of all cases caused by *STAT3* gene mutations, an affected person inherits the genetic change from an affected parent. Other cases result from new mutations in this gene. These cases occur in people with no history of the disorder in their family.

## **Other Names for This Condition**

- AD-HIES
- autosomal dominant HIES
- autosomal dominant hyper-IgE recurrent infection syndrome
- autosomal dominant hyperimmunoglobulin E recurrent infection syndrome
- autosomal dominant Job syndrome
- Buckley syndrome
- Job-Buckley syndrome
- Job syndrome
- Job's Syndrome
- STAT3 deficiency
- STAT3-deficient hyper IgE syndrome

## **Diagnosis & Management**

### Genetic Testing

- Genetic Testing Registry: Hyperimmunoglobulin E syndrome  
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gtr/conditions/C0022398/>

### Other Diagnosis and Management Resources

- GeneReview: Autosomal Dominant Hyper IgE Syndrome  
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK25507>
- MedlinePlus Encyclopedia: Hyperimmunoglobulin E syndrome  
<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001311.htm>

### General Information from MedlinePlus

- Diagnostic Tests  
<https://medlineplus.gov/diagnostictests.html>
- Drug Therapy  
<https://medlineplus.gov/drugtherapy.html>
- Genetic Counseling  
<https://medlineplus.gov/geneticcounseling.html>
- Palliative Care  
<https://medlineplus.gov/palliativecare.html>
- Surgery and Rehabilitation  
<https://medlineplus.gov/surgeryandrehabilitation.html>

### **Additional Information & Resources**

#### MedlinePlus

- Encyclopedia: Hyperimmunoglobulin E syndrome  
<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/001311.htm>
- Health Topic: Immune System and Disorders  
<https://medlineplus.gov/immunesystemanddisorders.html>
- Health Topic: Lung Diseases  
<https://medlineplus.gov/lungdiseases.html>
- Health Topic: Skin Conditions  
<https://medlineplus.gov/skinconditions.html>

#### Genetic and Rare Diseases Information Center

- Autosomal dominant hyper IgE syndrome  
<https://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/diseases/6800/autosomal-dominant-hyper-ige-syndrome>
- Hyper IgE syndrome  
<https://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/diseases/10956/hyper-ige-syndrome>

#### Additional NIH Resources

- National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases  
<https://www.niaid.nih.gov/diseases-conditions/hyper-immunoglobulin-e-syndrome-hies-or-jobs-syndrome>
- National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases: Primary Immune Deficiency Diseases  
<https://www.niaid.nih.gov/diseases-conditions/primary-immune-deficiency-diseases-pidds>

### Educational Resources

- Disease InfoSearch: Hyperimmunoglobulin E recurrent infection syndrome, autosomal dominant  
<http://www.diseaseinfosearch.org/Hyperimmunoglobulin+E+recurrent+infection+syndrome%2C+autosomal+dominant/3560>
- Disease InfoSearch: Hyperimmunoglobulin E syndrome  
<http://www.diseaseinfosearch.org/Hyperimmunoglobulin+E+syndrome/8588>
- Orphanet: Autosomal dominant hyper-IgE syndrome  
[http://www.orpha.net/consor/cgi-bin/OC\\_Exp.php?Lng=EN&Expert=2314](http://www.orpha.net/consor/cgi-bin/OC_Exp.php?Lng=EN&Expert=2314)

### Patient Support and Advocacy Resources

- Immune Deficiency Foundation  
<https://primaryimmune.org/>
- International Patient Organization for Primary Immunodeficiencies  
<https://ipopi.org/>
- National Organization for Rare Diseases: Autosomal Dominant Hyper IgE Syndrome  
<https://rarediseases.org/rare-diseases/autosomal-dominant-hyper-ige-syndrome/>
- Resource List from the University of Kansas Medical Center: Immune Deficiency Conditions  
<http://www.kumc.edu/gec/support/immune.html>

### GeneReviews

- Autosomal Dominant Hyper IgE Syndrome  
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK25507>

### ClinicalTrials.gov

- ClinicalTrials.gov  
<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/results?cond=%22Job+syndrome%22+OR+%22Job%27s+Syndrome%22>

### Scientific Articles on PubMed

- PubMed  
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed?term=%28%28Job+syndrome%5BTIAB%5D%29+OR+%28Job+syndrome%5BMAJR%5D%29%29+AND+english%5Bla%5D+AND+human%5Bmh%5D+AND+%22last+1080+days%22%5Bdp%5D>

### OMIM

- HYPER-IgE RECURRENT INFECTION SYNDROME, AUTOSOMAL DOMINANT  
<http://omim.org/entry/147060>

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