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### I. Introduction

Virtually all food allergens are proteins, although only a small percentage of the many proteins in foods are allergens.<sup>1</sup> Any food that contains protein has the potential to cause allergic reactions in some individuals. However, a few foods or food groups are known to cause allergies on a more frequent basis than other foods. At a 1995 consultation on food allergies sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), a group of international experts confirmed that peanuts, soybeans, crustacea, fish, cow's milk, eggs, tree nuts, and wheat are the most common allergenic foods.<sup>2</sup> These foods are responsible for more than 90% of serious allergic reactions to foods. Allergies to certain fresh fruits and vegetables are also rather common, but the allergens tend to be labile to processing and cooking and the symptoms are mild and confined primarily to the oropharyngeal area.<sup>3</sup> The prevalence of allergic sensitivities to specific foods varies from one country to another depending on the frequency with which the food is eaten in that country and the typical age at its introduction into the diet. For example, peanuts are a much more frequent cause of food allergies in the United States than in most other countries. Americans eat peanuts more often and introduce peanut butter into the diet of children at an early age. The Japanese probably experience more soybean and rice allergies than some other cultures because of the frequency of these two foods in the Japanese diet.<sup>2</sup> Scandinavians have a high incidence of codfish allergy<sup>4</sup> for similar reasons.

Table 1 provides a listing of the most common allergenic foods and food groups compiled from a thorough search of the medical literature. Too many studies have been conducted to allow citation of the entire body of medical literature; citations reflect the most relevant studies documenting the allergenicity of those foods. Such hallmark studies have comparatively large groups of patients and use the most objective diagnostic criteria, such as double-blind, placebo-controlled food challenge trials (DBPCFC). For some of the individual foods within an allergenic food group, only a few published accounts of allergic reactions can be found. For example, allergic reactions to certain tree nuts, such as pistachio or macadamia, are rarely reported, probably because of less frequent consumption.

**Table 1.** Common Allergenic Foods and Food Groups

Food	Reference
Crustacea (shrimp, lobster, crab)	26, 39, 45, 46, 51, 143, 145, 156, 199, 253
Egg	23, 26, 27, 35, 36, 67, 101, 172, 173, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203
Fish	1, 35, 36, 78, 84, 86, 101, 126, 128, 161, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 253
Milk	23, 26, 27, 35, 36, 79, 101, 172, 173, 175, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 211
Peanuts	17, 25, 26, 27, 35, 101, 117, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 254, 255
Soybeans	17, 23, 25, 27, 101, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 255
Tree nuts	3, 5, 7, 8, 13, 14, 16, 18, 26, 27, 30, 62, 63, 65, 77, 93, 94, 102, 103, 141, 155, 165, 173, 181, 190, 204, 214, 237
Wheat	4, 11, 12, 26, 35, 36, 51, 101, 117, 120, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203

**Note:** This table was compiled using literature searches of the Agricola (1972 to July 1994) and Medline (1966 to July 1994) databases.

Table 2 provides a listing of the less common allergenic foods. Only some of the foods listed in this table have been documented to cause severe, life-threatening allergic reactions. Citations are provided to studies and/or case reports that document the allergenicity of those particular foods. The absence of a particular food on this list may not mean that it is nonallergenic but may indicate that its allergenicity has not been documented. Conversely, the presence of a specific food on the list merely indicates that it has been listed in one or more reports as a cause of food allergy and does not indicate the prevalence or potential as an allergenic food.

Obviously, considerable differences exist in the quality of the information used to establish the allergenicity of each specific food appearing in Table 2. Supporting data range from highly objective DBPCFCs to anecdotal reports based primarily on clinical histories. Reports were not included in the summary if they were based on histories of controversial symptoms not widely acknowledged as being caused by allergic reactions to foods, or if the supporting clinical data were based solely on controversial diagnostic techniques. Table 2 provides information on symptoms, age of patients, and the supportive diagnostic data provided in those reports.

The variability in symptoms is quite large both between individual patients and between different studies (groups of patients). Even individual patients display variable responses depending on such factors as the exposure dose to the offending food. Certainly, some symptoms are more serious than others. Systemic anaphylaxis, asthma, and

laryngeal edema are potentially life-threatening. Some foods are primarily associated with mild adverse reactions, such as the so-called oral allergy syndrome, which is associated with itching, hives, and other mild reactions in the oropharyngeal area only after ingestion of fresh fruits, and only rarely with systemic reactions.<sup>3</sup>

DBPCFCs represent the most objective diagnostic approach to establish a cause-and-effect relationship between ingestion of a food and an allergic reaction.<sup>5</sup> Other types of challenge studies, such as the single-blind and open, are also useful but are somewhat less objective than the DBPCFC. Challenge trials establish a cause-and-effect relationship between ingestion of the food and the onset of symptoms in a sensitized individual. However, they do not establish an allergic mechanism behind the illness.

Table 2 also provides information relating to results of skin tests, immunoassays, and histamine release tests that do provide evidence of an IgE-mediated allergic mechanism for the illness. However, these tests alone are insufficient to establish a cause-and-effect relationship because false positives, and to a lesser extent, false negatives do occur.<sup>6</sup>

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Food	Symptoms (see end of table for list)	Age Years	Oral Challenge	Skin Test	RAST	Other Assays	Ref.	
Abalone	A, CO, DY, FL, PR (with exercise)	19		1+	0+	PH 1+ (after exercise)	51	
		16–42		5+	7+		39	
Acacia gum	I TT, U, W			1+			196	
		39		1+			252	
Allspice	CD, DM, EX, PM	11–87		26+			166	
Amaranth	A, AE, BR, H, U			1+	1+		147	
Amaranth dye	AE or UC AS AE, UC		Single; 2+				148	
			Double; 0+				245	
			Open; 5+				150	
Anise		48			1+		88	
							IB 1+	129
					46+	23+		213
		26	Open; 1+	1+				214
							IB 1+	231
Annatto	AE,UC AE, UC A, AE, H, PR, U		Open; 15+				150	
		8–72	Single; 10+				106	
		62					169	

**Table 2.** *Continued*

Food	Symptoms (see end of table for list)	Age Years	Oral Challenge	Skin Test	RAST	Other Assays	Ref.
Apple	AE, CJ, I (hands), RN			8+			5
				20+	18+		20
		4-18		157+			55
	AE, I (oral, palms), RN			39+			83
	I (eyes, nasal), LE, W	48			1+		88
	AE, BR, D, H, RN,U, V	> 10	Double; 2+	9+			117
		6-41		51+			121
				("Apple")			
				32+			
				(Granny Smith)			
				34+			
				(Sturmer)			
				16+			
			("Pun- kanoli")				
	AE, I (oral)	10-61		36+	32+		177
	D, DI, H, N, V	13		1+	0+	PK 1+	187
	I (hands), OI, SW (hands)	24		1+			228
	A, AE, AS	25		1+	1+		237
	AE	28		1+			247
	AE, DY, PR (palms), U (with exercise)	12	Open; 1+	1+	1+		9
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	HA, N, V	28	Open; 1+				92
	HA	50					92
	AS	27	Open; 1+				92
Avocado	AC, BR, U				1+		42
	BR			1+	1+		125
Balsam of Peru	EX (hands)			1+ (patch)			116
				1+ (patch)			132
	AE, AS, D, U, V	24-62		6+ (patch)			222
	EX		Open; 9+				232

**Table 2.** *Continued*

Food	Symptoms (see end of table for list)	Age Years	Oral Challenge	Skin Test	RAST	Other Assays	Ref.	
Banana	AE, D, I (throat), U, V, W	5–75		6+			6	
	CU, GI, RC		Double; 1+				26	
	AC, BR, U	30			1+		42	
	A, AE, I (mouth), D, RN, S, U	17–32		3+	0+	HR 2+	63	
	AE	28			1+		66	
	A, AE, DY, U	53, 56			2+	2+	72	
	A, U	67			1+	1+	125	
	A, AE, I (throat), U, V, W	15			1+	1+	PK 1+	126
	AE, LV, PP, RN, W	56	Open; 1+	1+	1+	1+	IB 1+	155
	AE, I (oral)	10–61			2+			177
	AE	44	Open; 1+	1+				158
	AE, LV	28, 30			2+	2+	HR 2+	190
	A, AE, DY, U	32			1+	1+		205
	I (pharyngeal), RN	33					EL 1+	239
Barley				3+	3+		53	
	A, EX, W	10	Double; 1+				101	
	AS, GI, U				8+		217	
	AE, PR, VC (with exercise)	16		1+	1+	BC 1–	12	
Beans	AS	20–22		2+	0		73	
Garbanzo	A, AE, W	39		1+			78	
	AS, CO, DY, RN	20		1+	1+	BC 1+	140	
Green	AD, AS, RN		Double; 0+	9+			17	
		20		1+	1+	HR 1+	140	
	I (eyes), U	42	Double; 1+	1+			180	
	AC, AD, AS, N, RN, V	0.33–24		7+			202	
	I (eyes, nasal), RN, S	46		1+	1+	BC 1+; HR 1+	182	
Kidney		23			1+		113	
Lima	H, LE, W		Double; 0+	13+			17	
Pinto	A, AE, U	37		1+		HR 1+	78	
Sprouts— taugeh	AE, U	22		1+	1+	HR 1+	229	

**Table 2.** *Continued*

Food	Symptoms (see end of table for list)	Age Years	Oral Challenge	Skin Test	RAST	Other Assays	Ref.
Beef	DY, H, LE, W	3–27		2+			199
	AD, CU, GI, RC	0.5–25	Double; 9+				200
	AD, AP, AS, N, RN, V	0.33–24	Double; 2+	18+			202
	AD, CU, GI, RC	0.75–24	Double; 0+	4+			35
Cooked	CMA		Double; 3+				246
Less cooked	CMA		Double; 3+				246
Beer	I (facial), U			1+			227
Beta- carotene	AE, UC	8–72	Single; 10+				106
Broccoli		21		1+			21
Buckwheat	A, I (throat), TP, U	38		1+	1+		48
	A			1+		EL 1+, IB 1+	162
Cabbage	A, AE, DY	21		1+	1+		21
				1+			178
Caraway	AD, GP, RN	1–47		31+	5+		167
Cardamom	CD, OM, EX, PM	11–87	Single; 1+	4+			166
Carrot		4–18		150+			55
	AE			20+			83
	I, TS, W	48		1+	1+		88
					2+	2+	90
	LE, OAS	19–20		2+		EL 2+	105
	I, SW	24		1+			228
		34		1+			115
	AE, BR, D, H, N, RN, U, V	> 10	Double; 3+	9+	1+		117
		6–41		46+			121
	BR, LE					IB 1+	129
	A, RCJ, U	41		1+	1+		159
	AE, I (oral)	10–61		13+	6+		177
	11–50		28+			250	
	A				1+	250	
Cassia				10+			132
				(patch)			
		52		1+ (patch)			54
Cassia oil	OI, PU (lips), ST	39		1+ (patch)			209

**Table 2.** *Continued*

Food	Symptoms (see end of table for list)	Age Years	Oral Challenge	Skin Test	RAST	Other Assays	Ref.
Cauliflower		21		1+			21
		Child		1+			178
Celery	AE	50		1+			19
	C, H, TN, U	55	Open; 1+	1+			68
	I, LE, TN, W	48			1+		88
	A, GI, LE, OAS	19–53		4+		EL 4+	105
	A, AE, U	18–55		14+		PK 2+	114
	AE, P	22			1+		124
	BR, LE					IB 1+	129
	A, AE, RC, U	14–49		20+	17+		183
	A, AE, RCJ, U	14–49		9+	9+		184
	A, H	66		1+			193
				70+			213
	AE, DY, H, LE, U	34	Open; 1+	1+			214
	A, EX, U				7+		230
	AE, DY, H, LE, U	23	Open; 1+	1+			214
				36+	36+	IB 21+	224
	A	50		1+	1+		234
	A, AE, AC, RN, U	27–53		70+	70+		251
	AC, AE, U	28		1+	1+		103
	AC, AE, DI, I, PR, U, W, WE (with exercise)	20–39		3+			115
	AE, H, PR (with exercise)	23		1+			210
Celeriac (celery root)				31+			250
Raw		27–53		66+			251
Cooked		27–53		25+			251
Celery salt				25+			250
Chamomile (tea)	A, CO, I (skin), V	8		1+		PK 1+; EL 1+	216
Cherry	AE, I (oral)	10–61		13+			177



**Table 2.** *Continued*

Food	Symptoms (see end of table for list)	Age Years	Oral Challenge	Skin Test	RAST	Other Assays	Ref.
Chicken	CU, GI, RC	0.25–19	Double; 2+				26
	AD, CU, GI, RC	0.75–19	Double; 1+	4+			35
	AD, AP, D, N, S, V, W	0.6–19	Double; 1+	1+			36
	A, EX	2.5	Open; 1+		1+		47
	AD, EX	4	Open; 1+				47
						3+	91
	A, DY, U	29		1+	1+	HR 1+	189
	AD, AP, CU, D, N, RN, S, V	1.3–19	Double; 2+	6+			198
	AD, CU, GI, RC, W	0.5–25	Double; 6+				200
	AD		Double; 2+	1+	2+		201
	D	0.11	Open; 1+				235
	DY, H, LE, W	3–27	Double; 2+				199
	AD, AP, AS, N, RN, V	0.33–24	Double; 3+	19+			202
	AE	39		1+	1+		238
Chocolate	CO, FL, HA, NS, U, V	17–58	Double; 5+	3+			56
	AD		Open; 0+	0+			60
	AC, I (throat, nasal), P, S, U, V, W	4–20		18+			69
	AE, BR, D, H, RN, U, V	> 10	Double; 2+	17+			117
	AE, N, S, U, W	4–60	Double; 3+	3+			142
	AP, CU, D, N, RN, S, V, W	1.33–19	Double; 1+	0+			198
	AS, AP, AS, N, RN, V	0.33–24		4+			202
			Double; 4+	0+	0+	HR 1+	256

**Table 2.** *Continued*

Food	Symptoms (see end of table for list)	Age Years	Oral Challenge	Skin Test	RAST	Other Assays	Ref.
Cocoa	CU, GI, RN	0.75–19	Double; 0+	1+			35
	AE, AS, D, DM, RN	1–80	Open; 14+	12+			168
	AD, CU, GI, RC	1.33–19	Double; 10+	13+			198
	DY, H, LE, W	3–27	Double; 42+				199
	AD		Double; 15+	11+	12+		201
	AD, AP, AS, N, RN, V	0.33–24	Double; 44+	55+			202
	AD, AS, RN	3–18	Double; 45+	59+			203
	AD, CU, GI, RC, W	0.5–25	Double; 106+				200
Cinnamate– methyl				6+ (patch)			152
Cinnamate– benzyl				11+ (patch)			152
Cinnamic acetate				3+ (patch)			132
Cinnamic acid				26+ (patch)			152
Cinnamic aldehyde	ST	52		1+ (patch)			54
	EX(hands), CD			3+ (patch)			116
				15+ (patch)			132
				14+ (patch)			152
Cinnamon	CD			117+ (patch)		166	
Cinnamon leaf oil				1+ (patch)		132	
Cinnamon oil				2+ (patch)			132
	ST	22		1+ (patch)			123
	BU, G, OD			3+ (patch)			151
	EX (hands), CD			2+ (patch)			116

<b>Table 2. Continued</b>							
Food	Symptoms (see end of table for list)	Age Years	Oral Challenge	Skin Test	RAST	Other Assays	Ref.
Cinnamyl alcohol				29+ (patch)			152
Citral	DM	52		1+ (patch)			38
Clams	A, AE, FL, PR, U (with exercise)				1+		143
	AC, CJ, N, U	33	Double; 1+	1+	1+		180
Clove	CD, DM, EX, PM	11-87		36+			166
Clove oil	OI, PU (lips), ST	39		1+ (patch)			209
Coconut				14+			71
Coffee (instant)	FC, OI	47		1+			212
Coriander	A, SW, U, W	14	Double; 1+	1+			24
		48			1+		88
	AD, GP, RN			29+	5+		167
				26+	19+		213
	AS, EX				12+	HR 9+	230
					4+	IB 4+	231
Corn (see maize)							
Cottonseed	AE, BR, D, H, N, U, V	9-79	Double; 2+	6+			15
	A			1+			134
	AE, I, OE, U	29		1+	1+		133
	A	58		1+	1+		176
Cucumber	AE, I (lips, tongue, throat)	12-71				IB 43+	59
	A, GI, LE, OAS	19-53		3+		EL 3+	105
	AE, BR, D, H, RN, U, V	> 10	Double; 0+	32+			117
Pickles	PR	1.5		1+			57
Cumin					1+		88
				24+	11+		213
Curry	CD, DM, EX, PM EX, U	11-87	Single; 3+	6+			166
					12+	HR 9+	230
					4+	IB 4+	231
Cuttlefish	A, AE, GI, TN, U		Double; 1+	1+	1+		208

**Table 2.** *Continued*

Food	Symptoms (see end of table for list)	Age Years	Oral Challenge	Skin Test	RAST	Other Assays	Ref.
Dill				1+			115
Ethanol	PU	60	Open; 1+	0+			2
	U	28	Open; 1+	0+			112
Fennel	AE, I (oral)	10–61	Open; 4+				177
				28+	24+		213
	A, AE, U (with exercise)	19		1+	0+		192
Flax seed	AE, H, U	43	Open; 1+	1+			214
Garlic	D, FL, N, OA, W	30	Double; 1+	1+	1+	BC 1+	130
Gelatin	AD, U	32		1+	1+	IB 1+	240
Ginger	CD, DM, EX, PM	11–87		7+			166
				3+	13+		213
					1+	IB 1+	231
Grapes	A, CO, FL, NS, PR (with exercise)	15		1+	0+	PH 1+ (after exercise)	51
	A, U, W (with exercise)	24		0+			33
Red	A, EX	4	Open; 1+				47
Grapefruit seeds				2+			188
Guava	I (pharyngeal), RN	33				EL 1+; IB 1+	239
Honey	D, DY, U	35		1+	0+		128
Forest		16–78		10+	7+		89
Rape		16–78		10+	6+		89
Dandelion		16–78		17+	14+		89
Sunflower	AP, D, V	24		1+	1+		29
	A	50		1+	1+		19
Royal jelly	A, BR, D	11					34
Hops	AE, DY, H, LE, U	23	Open; 1+	1+			214
Karaya gum				1 + (erythema only)			252

**Table 2.** *Continued*

Food	Symptoms (see end of table for list)	Age Years	Oral Challenge	Skin Test	RAST	Other Assays	Ref.
Kiwi	A, AE, I (eyes, throat)	26		1+			61
	OAS	32		1+			205
	I (ears), (eyes), RC, U	53		1+		PK 1-	64
	AE, D, PS			10+	10+		74
	OPP			12+	0+		74
	OAS, PR, U, V	26		1+		EL 1+, HR 1-	75
	U			1+	1+		76
	A			3+	3+		104
	B, CL, PR	30	Open; 1+	1+			233
				3+			236
	AD, AE	26		1+	1+		237
	AE, GP, I (tongue), U	20	Open; 1+	1+			258
Lemon	DM	52		1+ (patch)			38
Lettuce	A, AE, U	20		1+			192
	A			2+	2+		90
Eruca sativa	I (OM), WH	43		1+	1+		186
Lime	DM	52		1+ (patch)			38
Limpet	A, AE, CH, U	3-27		5+	5+		157
Lentils	DY, V	10		1+			70
	AS	20-22		2+	0+		73
	CO, DY, RN			1+	1+	HR 1+, BC 1+	140
	AS, RN	20				BC 1+	139
		46		1+	1+	HR 1+	182
Lupine				5+	4+		87
	AE, U	5	Open; 1+	1+	1+		87
Mace	EX			12+		HR 8+	230
Maize	CU, GI, RC	0.75-19	Double; 0+	2+			35
	AE				1+		95
						PK 9+	96
	AD, AP, N, RN, V	0.33-24		7+			202
	A	0.71	Open; 1+		0+		47
Maize syrup						PK 3+	96

Food	Symptoms (see end of table for list)	Age Years	Oral Challenge	Skin Test	RAST	Other Assays	Ref.
Maize dex- trimaltose						PK 4+	96
Maize invert sugar	U	30	Open; 1+				171
Maize GF sugar		30	Open; 1+	1+		HR 1+	171
Maize isomerized dextrose	U	30		1+			171
Maize D-psicose	U	30		1+		HR 1+	170
Malt	I (facial), U			1+			227
Maple syrup	ER, PR, U			1+			18
Mango	AC, AE, SW (face), U	28		2+	2+		103
	A, AE, W	24					43
	A, I (eyes), I (mouth), PR, RC	32					195
	A, DY, ER, U	32		1+	0+		149
Melon	AE, D, I (throat), N, U, V	5-75		6+			6
	AE, I (oral)	10-61		3+	0+		177
Water- melon	AD, DY, LE, OAS, U	20-36		3+		EL 3+	105
	OAS	14-67				EL 6+, IB 6+	58
Millet seed	A, AE	25		1+	1+	HR 1+	179
Mushrooms	AE, H, LE, U	31	Open; 1+	1+			214
Ramaria flave	A(1)				1+		118
Shiitake	ER, F	41		0			218
	DM	15-76					163
Mycoprotein ("Quorn")	D, V			2+	2+		221
Mussel		16-42		2+	1+		39

**Table 2.** *Continued*

Food	Symptoms (see end of table for list)	Age Years	Oral Challenge	Skin Test	RAST	Other Assays	Ref.
Mustard		21		1+			21
					10+	HR 4+, EL 4+	80
		39		1+			115
	EX	40		1+			146
	A, AE, RC	17		1+	1+		154
	A, AE, N, RC	14		1+	1+		154
	AD, GP, RN	1-47		29+	5+		167
	SW (glottis), U	Child			1+	1+	178
	AE, H, LE	43	Open; 1+	1+			214
	A, AE, U	25				1+	248
Black		Child			1+	178	
White		Child			1+	178	
Seed	A, AE, U				7+	HR 2+	52
	AE, AS, DY, I (nasal), S, U	31		1+	1+	HR 1+	135
	AE, AS, I (scalp, genitals), U, V	32		1+	1+		135
Nutmeg				3+	1+, 14+ flower		213
Oats				3+	2+		53
	AE, U				0+		95
	AD, AP, AS, N, RN, V	0.33-24		7+			202
	AS, GI, U				9+		217
Orange	DM	52		1+ (patch)			38
	AE, BR, D, H, RN, U, V	> 10	Double; 6+	21+			117
	AE, I (oral)	10-61		11+	3+		177
	A, AE, DY, I, U	49					249
	A, AE, AS, GI, LE, N, RC, U, V	25-61	Open; 0+ (juice)	0+ (juice)		PK 1+ (seed)	257
			Open; 3+ (seed)	3+ (seed)			257
				2+ (seed)			188
Mandarin	I (pharyngeal), RN	33				EL 1+, 1B 1+	239
Orange juice	AC, AE, DY, N, U	33		0+			78
						PK 20+	188

**Table 2.** *Continued*

Food	Symptoms (see end of table for list)	Age Years	Oral Challenge	Skin Test	RAST	Other Assays	Ref.
Oysters	AE, FL, PR, U (with exercise)				1+		143
		16-42		2+			39
Papain	AE, E, DY, I, W AP, CJ, D, U	31	Single; 1+	1+		PK 1+	137
			Double; 5+	5+	5+		138
Chymo- papain					6+		197
Paprika	CD, DM, EX, PM AD, GP, RN	11-87		4+			166
				22+	6+		167
Parsley	I (nasal, eye), LE, TS, W A, AE, U	48		1+			88
			18-55		12+		114
Pea	AD, AS, RN		Double; 2+	18+			17
		0.25-19	Double; 5+				26
	DY, V	10		1+			70
	AS	20-22		2+	2+		73
		20		1+	1+	HR 1+	139
	AE, AS, D, DM, RN	1-80		42+			168
	AE, I (oral)	10-61		5+	4+		177
AC, AD, AS, N, RN, V	0.33-24		19+			202	
Chickling		39		1+			98
Peach	AE, AS, GI, RN, U			69+		HR 58+	3
		DY, N	30			1+	
	AC, U	28		1+	1+		103
	AE, BR, D, H, RN, U, V	> 10	Open; 6+, Double; 43+	65+			117
	CU, OAS	16-27		25+ (flesh) 22+ (skin)			127 127
	AE, U	14	Double; 0+	1+	0+		128
				8+	8+	1B 3+	220
	A, I (pharyn- geal), RN	33				EL 1+	239
	A, AE, D, GI, U (with exercise)	24		1+			33



**Table 2.** *Continued*

Food	Symptoms (see end of table for list)	Age Years	Oral Challenge	Skin Test	RAST	Other Assays	Ref.
Peanut oil	AD, AE (with peanuts)	0.5	Open; 1+				153
	AE, AS, D, H, LE, N, V (with peanuts)	17-45	Double; 0+	0+			219
	AD, AE, ER (with peanut oil)	0.5	Open; 1+	1+	1+		153
	AD (with peanut oil)	0.33	Open; 1+	1+	1+		153
	EX (with peanut oil)	"infant"	Open; 1+	1+			85
Pear	AE, I (oral)	10-61		6+			177
	I (hands), OI, SW (hands)	24		1+ raw; 0+ cooked			228
Pepper		48		1+			88
Cayenne	AD, GP, RN	1-47		20+	7+		167
Red				11+	16+		213
White	CD, OM, EX, PM	11-87		4+			166
	EX				12+	HR 2+	230
	AD, GP, RN	1-47		4+	3+		167
				5+	15+		213
Pineapple	A, D, I, V	5-70					107
Plum	A, EX	4	Open; 1+				47
Pomegranate	AE, TS	85	Double; 1+	0	0	HR 1-	97
Poppy seed	AE, RC, U, V	20		1+	1+		31
	AE, AS	27		1+	1+		110
	A, AD, AE, AS, D, P, U, V	11-33		5+	5+		237
Pork	AD, CU, GI, RC	0.75-19	Double; 0+	3+			35
	AD, DY, H, LE, W	3-27	Double; 1+				199
	AD, AP, CU, D, N, RN, S, V	1.33-19	Double; 0+	7+			198
	AD, CU, GI, RC		Double; 3+				200
	AD, AP, AS, N, RN, V	0.33-24	Double; 2+	32+			202

**Table 2.** *Continued*

Food	Symptoms (see end of table for list)	Age Years	Oral Challenge	Skin Test	RAST	Other Assays	Ref.
Potato	AE, RN			24+			5
	A, AE, AS, H, S, U, V	11		1+	1+	HR 1+; PK 1+; IB 1+	40
		4-18					55
	AE, DY, W	17		1+		HR 1+	78
	AE			2+			83
	RN, S, TP	24		1+		PK 1+	164
	AE, OAS	10-61		7+	3+		177
	AE, AS, U	21		1+		PK 1+	185
	CU, GI, LE, NS	0.5-25	Double; 4+				200
	AP, D, N, NS, RN, S, V, W	1.33-19	Double; 1+	2+			198
	DY, H, LE, W	3-27	Double; 1+				199
	AD, AP, AS, N, RN, V	0.33-24	Double; 2+	7+			202
	GI, U	1-16				12+	IB 5+; HR 8+
EX	0.71	Open; 1+					47
Psyllium	A, I (eyes), V	43		1+			10
	A, AC, CO, D, H, I (eyes), N, V, W	27-73			18+	IB 20+	102
	A, AE, CO, I (mouth), V	43		1+			111
	A, AE, TC, U	60			1+	HR 1+	122
	AS, RN	28		1+			194
Rape		40		1+			146
Rice	A, D, V	0.75	Single; 1+				28
	A, AC, AE, DY, PR	21		1+		HR 1+	78
	GI, NS	55	Open; 1+	1+ raw, 1+ cooked	1+ raw, 0+ cooked	HR 1+, IB 1+	160
	AD, AP, AS, N, RN, V	0.33-24		8+			202
	AS, EX	5-21		6+	6+		207
	D, FL, V	2			1+	IB 1+, PK 1+	215
	AD, AS					HR 17+, IB 32+	223
	QE	25		1+			226
	D, V	0.5	Open; 1+				235
				4+		242	
				10+		243	

**Table 2.** *Continued*

Food	Symptoms (see end of table for list)	Age Years	Oral Challenge	Skin Test	RAST	Other Assays	Ref.
Rye	CU, GI, RC	0.25–19	Double; 1+				26
				3+	3+		53
	AD, AP, CU, D, N, RN, S, V, W	1.25–19	Double; 1+	2+			198
	AD, AP, AS, N, RN, V	0.33–24		8+			202
	AS, GI, U				10+		217
	AS, DM, RN	12–46		2+	8+		237
	AE, PR, VC (with exercise)	16		1+	0+		12
Sesame seed	A, AE, B, FL, I (general), RD, TN, U, W	30			1+		99
	A, AE, D, E, N, U, V	20–38		5+	5+		108
	A, AE, H, PP, U	31–72			3+		136
	AE	45		1+	1+		237
	AS	6–17					244
Single cell protein	D, N, V		Open; 7+		0+		206
	D, N, V		Open; 2+		0+		206
Soybean oil	AE, AP, LE, RC, RN, U, W (with soybeans)	18–63	Double; 0+	0+			37
Spinach		20		1+	1+	HR 1–	49
Squash	CU, GI, RC	0.25–19	Double; 1+				26
Squid—Raw		16–42		0+	1+	BC 1+	39
	Boiled	AE, AS, CJ, D, N, U, V	16–42	Double; 0+	7+	7+	39
Strawberry	AC, AD, AS, N, RN, V	0.33–2		1+			202
	I (pharyngeal), RN	33				EL 1+	239
Sugar beet		20		1+	1+	HR 1–	49

**Table 2.** *Continued*

Food	Symptoms (see end of table for list)	Age Years	Oral Challenge	Skin Test	RAST	Other Assays	Ref.
Sunflower seed	AE, BR, D, H, RN, U, V	> 10	Double; 25+	52+			117
	A, AE, DY, N, PR, U, V, W	29–37	Open; 0+ (oil)	2+	2+	PK 1+ (seed)	82
	A, AE, GP, I (lips)	11–58		3+	3+		174
	AE, H, LE	34	Open; 1+	1+			214
		13	Open; 0+ (w/exer- cise)	1+			141
Sunflower oil	A, AE, DY, N, PR, U, V, W (with sun- flower seeds)	29–37	Open; 0+ (oil)	2+	2+	PK 1+ (seed)	82
Swiss chard	AS, RCJ	20	Open; 1+	1+	1+	HR 1+	49
	I (eyes, nasal), RN, S	46		1+	1+	BC 1+; HR 1+	182
Tangerine	AC, AE, DY, N, U	33		1+			78
Tangerine seeds				2+			188
Tomato	AE, AS, DM, U	12–45		9+			22
	DM, I (lips)			7+			83
	AE, BR, D, H, RN, U, V	> 10	Double; 2+	18+			117
	EX, U			1+			144
	AE, I (oral)	10–61		12+	5+		177
	AD, AP, AS, N, RN, V	0.33–24		5+			202
	DM, I (throat, lips)			4+	9+		50
A (with exercise)	20–39		2+			115	
Tragacanth gum	AS, U	33	Open; 1+	1+		PK 1+	32
	AE, AP, DY, PR	35		1+			44
	I			1+			196
		39		1+			252
				(erythema only)			
Turkey	CU, GI, RC	0.25–19	Double; 1+				26
Turnip				1+			178
Vanillin				3+			166
				8+ (patch)			152

**Table 2.** *Continued*

Food	Symptoms (see end of table for list)	Age Years	Oral Challenge	Skin Test	RAST	Other Assays	Ref.
Vitamin A	AD, V	0.75	Double; 1+	0+			81
Vitamin E	DM	21		1+ (patch)			191
Wine	PU	60	Open; 1+				2
	A, AE, U	31		1+	0+	PK 1-	41
Yeast	U		Double; 5+				100
	AE, U	34	Open; 1+ (wine)	1+			112
	U	33	Open; 1+ (wine)	1+			112
	AS, EX, RN	6-51		39+			119
	AE, NS, PR, U	15-66		7+			131
	AS	15		1+			225
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	AD, EX			28+			109
Zucchini		12-71				EL 62+	59

<sup>a</sup>This table was compiled using literature searches of the Agricola (1972 to July 1994) and Medline (1966 to July 1994) databases.

**Abbreviations:** A, anaphylaxis; AC, abdominal cramping; AD, atopic dermatitis; AE, angioedema; AP, abdominal pain; AS, asthma; B, burning mouth or lips; BC, bronchial challenge; BR, bronchospasm; BU, buccal ulceration; C, chills; CD, contact dermatitis; CH, choking; CJ, conjunctivitis; CL, Colic; CMA, cows' milk allergy; CO, cough; CU, cutaneous complaint (see banana); CY, cyanosis; D, diarrhea; DI, dizziness; DM, dermatitis; DS, difficult swallowing; DY, dyspnea; E, edema; EL, enzyme linked immunosorbent assay; ER, erythema; EX, eczema; F, fever; FC, flatulence; FL, flushing; G, gingivostomatitis; GI, gastrointestinal symptoms; GP, gastric pain; H, hypotension; HA, headache; HR, histamine release assay; I, itching; IB, immunoblotting; LE, laryngeal edema; LV, lost voice; M, migraine; N, nausea; NS, nasal symptoms; OA, occupational asthma; OAS, oral allergy syndrome; OD, oral dermatitis; OE, oral edema; OI, oral irritation; OM, oral mucosa; OPP, oropharyngeal pruritus; P, palpebrae (eyelids); PH, plasma histamine; PK, Prausnitz-Kustner test; PM, pompholyx; PP, pharyngeal pruritus; PR, pruritus; PS, pharyngeal swelling; PU, purpura; QE, Quincke's edema (see rice); RAST, radioallergosorbant test; RC, respiratory complaints; RCJ, rhinoconjunctivitis; RD, respiratory distress; RN, rhinitis; S, sneezing; ST, stomatitis; SW, swelling; T, elevated tryptase; TC, tachycardia; TN, tongue swelling; TP, throat pain; TS, throat swelling; TT, throat tightness; U, urticaria; UC, chronic urticaria; V, vomiting; VC, vascular collapse; W, wheezing; WE, weakness; WH, wheal

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