

Supplement Table 1: Studies investigating T2 inflammatory mediators in COPD patients with higher eosinophil counts

T2 marker	Biological role in T2 inflammation	Method	Main findings	Ref
IL5	Eosinophil survival, maturation and trafficking [1]	Proteomics	Sputum IL5 ↑ in BEC ^{HIGH250}	[2]
		Proteomics	Sputum IL-5 ↑ in Sput ^{≥3}	[3]
IL5RA	Eosinophil differentiation, recruitment, activation and survival	Gene Expr.	Sputum IL5RA ↑ in Sput ^{≥3}	[4]
IL-9	Eosinophil activation, promotes mast cell growth and differentiation and mediates IgE production [1]	Gene Expr.	Sputum IL9R ↑ in Sput ^{≥3}	[4]
IL-13	Mediator of eosinophil homeostasis and IgE production [1]	Gene Expr.	Sputum IL-13 ↑ in BEC ^{HIGH250}	[5]
IL-33	Activation, migration, and recruitment of eosinophils, ILC2s, mast cells, T cells, dendritic cells. Inducer of T2 cytokines from innate immune cells [6]	Gene Expr.	Serum IL-33 ↑ in Sput ^{≥3}	[7]
CCL11	Eosinophilic chemotactic protein	Proteomics	No difference in BAL CCL11 in BEC ^{HIGH250}	[2]
		IHC	CCL11 associated with eosinophilia in resected lung	[8]
CCL20	Chemoattractant of dendritic cells which orchestration T2 responses [2]	Proteomics	BAL CCL20 ↑ in BEC ^{HIGH250}	[2]
CCL24	Eosinophil survival and trafficking	Proteomics	BAL CCL24 ↑ in BEC ^{HIGH250}	[2]
		IHC	CCL24 associated with eosinophilia in resected lung	[8]
CCL26	Eosinophilic chemotactic protein	Gene Expr.	Sputum CCL26 ↑ in Sput ^{≥3}	[4]
		Gene Expr.	Sputum CCL26 ↑ in BEC ^{HIGH250}	[5]
CLC	Constituent of eosinophils and basophils [9]	Gene Expr.	Sputum CLC ↑ in Sput ^{≥3}	[10]
		Gene Expr.	Sputum CLC ↑ in Sput ^{≥3}	[11]
CLCA1	Constituent of the IL-13 pathway and involved in goblet cell hyperplasia and mucus production [12]	Gene Expr.	CLCA1 from BE, sputum and BAL ↑ in BEC ^{HIGH250}	[12]
		Gene Expr.	Sputum CLCA1 ↑ in BEC ^{HIGH250}	[5]
CPA3	Highly specific to mast cells and basophils [13]	Gene Expr.	Sputum CPA3 ↑ in Sput ^{≥3}	[10]
		Gene Expr.	Sputum CPA3 ↑ in Sput ^{≥3} and BEC ^{HIGH300}	[13]
		Gene Expr.	Sputum CPA3 ↑ in Sput ^{≥3}	[11]
		Gene Expr.	CPA3 associated with parenchymal eos in resected lung	[14]
CST1	May promote eosinophilic inflammation by induction of IL-5 and CCL11 [15]	Gene Expr.	CST1 from BE correlation ⁺ with BEC	[15]
		Gene Expr.	Sputum CST1 ↑ in Sput ^{≥3}	[10]
		Gene Expr.	Sputum CST1 ↑ in BEC ^{HIGH250}	[5]
DNASE1L3	Endonuclease which mediates DNA breakdown during cellular apoptosis [9]	Gene Expr.	Sputum DNASE1L3 ↑ in Sput ^{≥3}	[10]
		Gene Expr.	Sputum DNASE1L3 ↑ in Sput ^{≥3}	[11]
		Gene Expr.	Sputum DNASE1L3 ↑ in Sput ^{≥3} and BEC ^{HIGH300}	[13]
HDC	Catalyses the decarboxylation of histidine to histamine [16]	Gene Expr.	Sputum HDC ↑ in Sput ^{≥3} and BEC ^{HIGH300}	[13]
GATA2	Mast cell and basophil differentiation and maintenance [17]	Gene Expr.	Sputum GATA2 ↑ in Sput ^{≥3}	[13]
GATA3	Activates Th2 helper cells and ILC2 cells	IHC	GATA3 associated with eosinophilia in resected lung	[8]
		Gene Expr.	GATA-3 inhibition = ↓ in sputum eos & IL-5	[18]
TPSAB1	Mast cell related protease [19]	Gene Expr.	Sputum TPSAB1 ↑ in Sput ^{≥3} and BEC ^{HIGH300}	[13]
LTD₄	Released by eosinophils and mast cells, involved in smooth muscle	Mass spec	Sputum LTD ₄ correlation ⁺ with sputum eos	[20]

	contractility, vascular leak and mucus production [20]				
LTE₄	Released by eosinophils and mast cells, involved in smooth muscle contractility, causing vascular leak and mucus production [20]	Mass spec	Sputum LTE ₄ correlation ⁺ with sputum eos	[20]	
5-HETE	Biosynthesis of lipoxins, which have anti-inflammatory properties [20]	Mass spec	Sputum 5-HETE correlation ⁺ with sputum eos	[20]	
5-OXO-ETE	Biosynthesis of lipoxins, which have anti-inflammatory properties [20]	Mass spec	Sputum 5-OXO-HETE correlation ⁺ with sputum eos	[20]	
PGD₂	Eosinophil chemotaxis and activation [21]	Mass spec	Sputum PGD ₂ correlation ⁺ with sputum eos	[20]	
PGE₂	May inhibit eosinophil action [21]	Mass spec	Sputum PGE ₂ correlation ⁺ with sputum eos	[20]	

↑ = Increased; ↓ = Reduced

BAL = bronchoalveolar lavage; BE = bronchial epithelial cell; BEC = blood eosinophil count; BEC^{HIGH250} = COPD patients with a blood eosinophil count >250 cells / uL; BEC^{HIGH300} = COPD patients with a blood eosinophil count ≥300 cells / uL; Correlation⁺ = positive correlation; Eos = eosinophil; Gene Expr. = gene expression; IHC = immunohistochemistry; Mass spec = mass spectrometry; Sput^{≥3} = COPD patients with a sputum eosinophil count ≥3%.

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