Peanut allergy treatments change DNA of the immune cells

Scientists with Stanford University are finding that healing a peanut allergy with oral immunotherapy alters the DNA of the patient's immune cells. The finding could serve as the basis for a simple blood test to monitor the long-term effectiveness of the allergy therapy.

Allergy scientists are performing clinical trials of doctor-supervised immunotherapy involving peanutallergy sufferers taking escalating amounts of peanut powder in an attempt to desensitize them to the nuts. At the conclusion of the trial, patients are usually expected to eat some peanuts every day throughout their lives.

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