

## Correspondence

### Reply

*To the Editor:*

We appreciate the comments of Thyssen et al<sup>1</sup> about the importance of allergic contact dermatitis in patients with atopic dermatitis. As they note, we include contact dermatitis as a consideration in the differential diagnosis and as a possible adverse effect of topical steroids or their vehicle.<sup>2</sup> In addition, we suggest in Annotation 8 to consider contact dermatitis as a complicating factor.<sup>2</sup> We did not address the evaluation and treatment of contact dermatitis because a practice parameter on contact dermatitis is in preparation. We do agree with the authors that patch testing, in properly selected patients with atopic dermatitis for contact allergens, can be valuable.

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