IgE-Binding Epitopes of Pis v 1, Pis v 2 and Pis v 3, the Pistachio (*Pistacia vera*) Seed Allergens

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Abstract: Sequential IgE-binding epitopes were identified on the molecular surface of the Pis v 1 (2S albumin), Pis v 2 (11S globulin/legumin) and Pis v 3 (7S globulin/vicilin)—major allergens from pistachio (*Pistacia vera*) seeds—using the Spot technique. They essentially consist of hydrophilic and electropositively charged residues well exposed on the surface of the allergens. Most of the epitopic regions identified on Pis v 1 and Pis v 3 do not coincide with the putative N-glycosylation sites and thus are not considered as glycotopes. Surface analysis of these epitopic regions indicates a high degree of conformational similarity with the previously identified epitopic regions of the corresponding allergens Ana o 1 (vicilin), Ana o 2 (legumin) and Ana o 3 (2S albumin) from the cashew (*Anacardium occidentale*) nut. These results offer a molecular basis for the IgE-binding cross-reactivity often observed between pistachio and cashew nut. They support the recommendation for prescribing pistachio avoidance in cashew allergic patients. Other conformational similarities were identified with the corresponding allergens Ses i 1 (2S albumin), Ses i 3 (vicilin) and Ses i 6 (legumin) from sesame (*Sesamum indicum*), and Jug r 1 (2S albumin), Jug r 2 (vicilin) and Jug r 4 (legumin) from walnut (*Juglans regia*). Conversely, conformation of most of the epitopic regions of the pistachio allergens often differs from that of epitopes occurring on the molecular surface of the corresponding Ara h 1 (vicilin), Ara h 2 (2S albumin) and Ara h 3 (legumin) allergens from peanut (*Arachis hypogaea*).

Keywords: pistachio; cashew nut; sesame; walnut; allergens; IgE-binding epitopes; IgE-binding cross-reactivity

1. Introduction

The IgE-mediated anaphylaxis to tree nuts, such as almond (*Prunus dulcis*), Brazil nut (*Bertholletia excelsa*), cashew nut (*Anacardium occidentale*), hazelnut (*Corylus avellana*), pecan nut (*Carya illinoinensis*), pistachio nut (*Pistacia vera*), walnut (*Juglans regia*), has now become a public health concern, responsible for a major proportion of often severe anaphylactic shocks in both children and adults [1–3]. Although belonging to different botanical families, tree nuts share with peanut (*Arachis hypogaea*) and other edible seeds from lentil (*Lens culinaris*), pea (*Pisum sativum*), kidney bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris*), soybean (*Glycine max*), sesame (*Sesamum indicum*) and buckwheat (*Fagopyrum esculentum*), three groups of 2S albumins, 7S globulins or vicilins, and 11S globulins or legumins that have been recognized for a long time as being the most frequent allergen sources in seeds [4]. However, except for peanut and...
hazelnut, seed allergens from other tree nuts are less well known. This is the case with pistachio allergens, which are responsible for sometimes severe allergic manifestations. Ingestion of roasted pistachio nuts (*Pistacia vera*) has been reported to cause potentially harmful anaphylactic reactions [5,6], but pistachio is also currently incorporated in ice creams, bakery products and various exotic dishes. Food-dependent exercise-induced anaphylaxis to pistachio has also been reported [7]. However, anaphylaxis to pistachio is most often associated to cashew anaphylaxis [8,9].

To date, three major pistachio seed storage protein allergens have been identified in pistachio, corresponding to a 2S albumin (Pis v 1), a 11S globulin (Pis v 2) and a 7S globulin (Pis v 3) [10,11]. Another 11S globulin closely related to Pis v 2, Pis v 5, was further reported to occur in pistachio seed [ acces. Q8GZP6]. In addition, another major allergen, Pis v 4, which consists of a [Mn]SOD (superoxyde dismutase) unrelated to seed storage proteins, was identified in pistachio [12]. These allergens closely resemble the corresponding allergens from peanut (the 7S globulin Ara h 1, the v2S albumin Ara h 2, and the 11S globulin Ara h 3) [13–15] and other tree nuts, and cross-react, especially, with the 7S globulin Ana o 1, the 11S globulin Ana o 2 and the 2S albumin Ana o 3 of cashew (*Anacardium occidentale*) [16,17], which belongs to the same botanical family of Anacardiaceae. Additional cross-reactivity with the homologous allergens from more distantly-related seeds, has been also reported [18–22].

The present work was aimed at identifying the IgE-binding epitopes of the major allergens of pistachio, Pis v 1 (2S albumin), Pis v 2 (11S globulin/legumin), and Pis v 3 (7S globulin/vicilin), as the molecular basis for their cross-reactivity with other corresponding tree nut allergens.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Plant Material and Human Sera

Raw seeds from pistachio (*Pistacia vera*), cashew nut (*Anacardium occidentale*) and sesame (*Sesamum indicum*) were freely obtained from SOFICOR-Menguy’s company (Toulouse, France).

Immune sera were drawn after informed consent of patients experiencing anaphylaxis to cashew nut (Table 1). Their reactivity towards pistachio was checked in Western blot experiments using a freshly prepared pistachio protein extract in Tris buffered saline (pH 7.5) as an allergen source. The specificity of the used sera had been assessed in previous publications [8,23].

| Subjects | Sex/Age (Years) | ** Pistachio Specific IgE (KU/L)*** | *** Cashew Specific IgE (KU/L)*** |
|----------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1        | * M/14         | >100                               | 83.8                            |
| 2        | M/5            | 2.20                               | 1.35                            |
| 3        | M/8            | 0.36                               | 0.25                            |
| 4        | M/4            | 0.17                               | 0.45                            |
| 5        | M/9            | 1.65                               | 1.51                            |
| 6        | M/16           | 0.47                               | 0.10                            |
| 7        | *F/7           | 5.69                               | 3.92                            |
| 8        | F/8            | 2.54                               | 1.44                            |
| 9        | M/4            | 2.46                               | 1.20                            |

* M: male, F: female, ** ImmunoCAP Phadia F203, *** ImmunoCAP Phadia F202.

Sera from patients allergic to cashew were used as probes to identify the IgE-binding cross-reacting epitopic stretches from Pis v 1, Pis v 2, Pis v 3 and Ana o 3, immobilized on cellulose sheets. Sera from patients allergic to sesame (Table 2), were used as probes to identify the IgE-binding epitopic stretches from Ses i 3 and Ses i 6, immobilized on cellulose sheets.
Table 2. List of sera from subjects allergic to sesame.

| Subjects | Sex/Age (Years) | * Sesame Specific IgE (KU/L) |
|----------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1        | M/6            | 0.10                          |
| 2        | M/16           | 0.26                          |
| 3        | F/10           | 0.74                          |
| 4        | M/10           | 0.26                          |
| 5        | M/5            | 1.53                          |
| 6        | M/10           | 1.85                          |
| 7        | M/10           | 14.2                          |
| 8        | F/6            | 46.3                          |
| 9        | F/9            | 84.4                          |

* ImmunoCAP Phadia Fl0.

2.2. Analytical Methods

Protein extract was prepared from frozen seeds by two grinding steps of 40 s each in a Fast Prep-24 homogenizer (MP Biomedicals, Illkirch, France), in 20 mM Tris-HCl buffered saline (pH 7.4). The resulting slurry was centrifuged at 15,000×g for 10 min at 4 °C. The supernatant fraction was carefully collected while avoiding the floating lipid layer, filtered through a 0.2 µm membrane, and stored at −20 °C until used.

The protein content of the pistachio extract was estimated using the bicinchoninic acid kit reagent (Pierce) [24] with bovine serum albumin as a standard. The protein extract was checked by SDS-PAGE in 15% polyacrylamide gels using Tris-glycine as trailing ion [25] and staining with Coomassie blue. Coomassie blue stained bands were digested with trypsin in the gel and mass mapped by MALDI-TOF analysis as previously described [26]. The software Protein Prospector was used for the identification of the protein using the NCBI non-redundant database.

2.3. Immunoblotting

IgE-containing sera from allergic patients were used in Western blotting as probes for the pistachio allergens. Following 1D SDS-PAGE, proteins were transferred onto a Protran nitrocellulose 0.2 µm membrane (Sigma-Aldrich, L’Isle d’Abeau Chesnes, France) at 20 V during 45 mn using a 48 mM Tris/39 mM glycine/20% (v/v) methanol mixture. After an overnight incubation in 10 mM PBS (pH 7.4) containing 0.2% (v/v) tween and 5% (v/v) skimmed milk, the membrane was soaked in the patient IgE-containing sera diluted 1:10 in the same buffer and incubated for 2 h in a moist chamber. After three washings of 10 min each with the same buffer, the membrane was soaked in rabbit HRP-labelled anti-human IgE diluted 1/5000 in the buffer and incubated for 1 h under gentle stirring. Following three washings of 10 min each with buffer, the immunolabelled spots were detected using the ECL Plus detection (ThermoScientific, Illkirch, France) after 3 min exposure in cassette. All the handling was carried out at room temperature.

2.4. Peptide Synthesis and IgE-Binding Epitope Mapping

Overlapping 15-mer peptides, frameshifted by three residues, covering the entire amino acid sequences of Pis v 1, Pis v 2 and Pis v 3 were prepared by using the SPOT technique [27]. The protocol previously described in detail [28] was followed with the exception of the utilization of the Multipep automatic Spot synthesizer (Intavis). Briefly, peptides were assembled using the Fmoc chemistry on a cellulose membrane harboring an amino polyethylene glycol moiety. The C-terminal residue of each peptide was coupled to the activated membrane. After Fmoc deprotection, the following amino acids were sequentially added. At the end of the synthesis, side chain protecting groups were removed by a trifluoracetic acid treatment while the linkage of the peptides to the membrane was maintained.

The membrane was soaked overnight into 20 mL of Tris-buffered saline (TBS) containing 2 mL blocking buffer (ThermoFisher, Montigny-le-Bretonneux, France) and 1 g sucrose (pH 7.0), and then washed three times with TBS containing 0.1% (v/v) tween (TBSTw). A 1:10 (v/v) diluted pool of patient
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sera was added in the presence of an anti-protease cocktail Roche (Sigma-Aldrich, L'Isle d’Abeau Chesnes, France) and the membrane was incubated in a moist chamber for 2 h. After three washes with TBSTw (pH 7.0) the membrane was stirred in a 1:4000 dilution of mouse monoclonal anti-human IgE labelled with alkaline phosphatase (Sigma-Aldrich, L’Isle d’Abeau Chesnes, France) for 1 h. After three washes with TBSTw (pH 7.0), the interacting peptide spots were colored for 30 min by adding the 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolylphosphate (BCIP) substrate for alkaline phosphate (Promega). The membrane was washed three times with deionized water and dried for scanning. The membrane can be used repeatedly after a regeneration step consisting in one wash in dimethylformamide for 1 min, three washes in deionized water, three washes in 8M urea containing 1% (w/v) SDS and 1% (w/v) β-mercaptoethanol and three subsequent washes in a mixture of ethanol-acetic acid-water (50:10:40, v/v/v). A similar protocol was used to map IgE-binding epitopes along the amino acid sequence of Ana o 3 (2S albumin) from Anacardium occidentale, and Ses i 3 (7S globulin/vicilin) and Ses i 6 (11S globulin/legumin) from sesame (Sesamum indicum) seed.

2.5. Bioinformatics

The amino acid sequences of Pis v 1 (acces. ABG73108.1), Pis v 2 (acces. ABU42022.1) and Pis v 3 (ABO36677.1) were taken from the NCBI protein database (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed, accessed on 7 January 2021). The multiple amino acid sequence alignment was performed with MacVector, using the T-coffee program [29]. Unrooted phylogenetic trees were built up from the multiple alignment of 2S albums, vicilins (7S globulins) and legumins (11S globulins), using the uncorrected neighbor joining method integrated in MacVector.

Homology modelling of Pis v 1, Pis v 2, Pis v 3, Ana o 3 and Ses i 3 was performed with YASARA [30], using appropriate templates from the Protein Data Bank (PDB) [31]. Five different models were built for Pis v 1, using 2S albumin from Moringa oleifera (PDB code 5DOM) [32], Ara h 2 from Arachis hypogaea (PDB code 3OB4) [33], Ber e 1 from the Brazil nut Bertholletia excels (PDB code 2LVF) [34], the seed storage albumin from Helianthus annuus (PDB code 5U87) (to be published), and the sweet protein mabinlin II from Capparis masaikai (PDB code 2DS2) [35], as appropriate templates. Nine different models were built for Pis v 3 (vicilin, 7S globulin) using vicilin from eggplant Solanum melongena (PDB code 5CAD, 5VF5) [36,37], vicilin-like protein from Capsicum annum (PDB code 5YJ5) [38], Car i 2 (vicilin) from the pecan nut Carya illinoinensis (PDB code 5E1R) [39], and vicilin from Pinus koraiensis (PDB code 4LE1) [40], as appropriate templates. Nineteen different models were built for Pis v 2 (legumin, 11S globulin) using 11S globulin from Wrightia tinctoria (PDB code 5WXU) [41], cocosin (legumin) from the coconut Cocos nucifera (PDB code 5WPW) [42], subunit-β of 11S globulin from Cucurbita maxima (PDB code 2E9Q) [43], 11S globulin from Amaranthus hypochondriacus (PDB code 3QAC) (to be published), and prunin-1 (11S globulin) from almond Prunus dulcis (PDB code 3FZ3) [44], as appropriate templates. Five models were built for Ana o 3 (acces. AAL91665.1), using Ara h 2 from Arachis hypogaea (PDB code 3OB4) [32], mabinlin II from Capparis masaikai (PDB code 2DS2) [35], 0.19 α-amylase inhibitor from wheat Triticum aestivum (PDB code 1HSS) [45], and Ara h 6 (conglutin) from peanut Arachis hypogaea (PDB code 1W2Q) [46], as appropriate templates. Ten different models were built for Ses i 3 (acces. AAK15089.1), using the same templates as those selected for Pis v 3 [36-40]. Twenty-five different models were built for Ses i 6 (AAD42944.1), using five different templates 5WXU [40], 5WPW [41], 2E9Q [42], 3FZ3 [43], and Ara h 3 from Arachis hypogaea (PDB code 3C5V) [47]. Finally, a single hybrid model was built up from the different previous models, for each of the modelled proteins. PROCHECK [48], ANOLEA [49], and the calculated QMEAN scores [50,51], were used to assess the geometric and thermodynamic qualities of the three-dimensional models (Table 3). Molecular surfaces and Coulombic charges (negative, positive and neutral surfaces colored red, blue and white, respectively) were calculated and rendered with Chimera [52].
Table 3. Geometric and thermodynamic qualities of the three-dimensional models built by homology modeling with YASARA.

| Models | 3D Structures from the PDb Used as Templates | Number of Models Built by Homology Modelling | Residues out of the Allowed Areas in the Ramachandran Plot | * Residues with Values over the Threshold in ANOLEA Plot | QMEAN Value |
|--------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Pis v 1 | 2D2S, 2LVE, 3OB4, 5DOM, 5U57 | 5 | 0 | 20 over 122 residues | −1.19 |
| Pis v 2 | 2E9Q, 3QAC, 3FZ3, 5WPW, 5WXU | 19 | 3:S201(A), D249(A), D249(B) | 27 over 440 residues | −1.78 |
| Pis v 3 | 4LEJ, 5CAD, 5E1R, 5VF5, 5YS | 9 | 2:K334(B), F502(C) | 23 over 405 residues | −0.21 |
| Ana o 3 | 1HSS, 1W2Q, 2DS2, 3OB4 | 5 | 0 | 20 over 114 residues | −1.55 |
| Ses i 3 | 4LEJ, 5CAD, 5E1R, 5VF5, 5YS | 10 | 0 | 21 over 406 residues | −0.39 |
| Ses i 6 | 2E9Q, 3Z73, 5WPW, 5WXU | 25 | 3:Q121(A), R234(C), S248(C) | 29 over 438 residues | −1.08 |

The number of residues (*) refer to those occurring in the different model monomers.

3. Results

3.1. The Pistachio Allergens

To date, five allergens from pistachio seeds have been identified and characterized, two major allergens Pis v 1 (2S albumin) [10] and Pis v 2 (11S globulin/legumin), and three additional allergens Pis v 5 (11S globulins, legumin) [access. B7SLJ1], Pis v 3 (7S globulin, vicilin) [11] and Pis v 4 (SOD) [12], as mentioned in the WHO/IUIS Allergen Nomenclature database (http://www.allergen.org, accessed on 9 January 2021) [53]. In addition, another vicilin-like, two additional 11S globulins and oleosins, have been identified from the genome assembly available for pistachio (GCF_008641045.1) but we do not know whether the identified potential allergens are actually expressed in pistachio seeds.

The pistachio allergens Pis v 1, Pis v 2 and Pis v 5, and Pis v 3, expressed in mature pistachio seeds, accumulate gradually in protein bodies during the seed ripening process, as seed storage proteins (Figure 1A). Major allergens of protein bodies are easily detected in immunofluorescence experiments, using sera from patients allergic to cashew as primary antibody and an anti-human secondary antibody coupled to Alexa 633, respectively (Figure 1B).

Figure 1. (A) Toluidine blue-staining of seed storage proteins located into the protein bodies (PB) of cotyledon cells of pistachio. CW: cell wall. Tiny white globules arrayed in the cytoplasm correspond to oleosin-containing oil bodies. (B) Binding of IgE from patient sera allergic to cashew nut and pistachio, to the major allergen-containing protein bodies of cotyledon cells (red spots). Alexa-labelled anti-IgE was used as probe to reveal the binding of IgE-containing sera from cashew allergic patient to protein bodies.

Upon SDS-PAGE, the major allergens from pistachio are well separated and readily interact with the IgE-containing patient sera in Western blot experiments (Figure 2). However, depending on the patient sera, different allergens are predominantly recognized by the IgE antibodies. Accordingly,
several different patient sera should be used to accurately identify the IgE-binding epitopic stretches of Pis v 1, Pis v 2 and Pis v 3 mapped on the corresponding activated membranes.

![Figure 2. SDS-PAGE of a protein extract from pistachio nut (line 1) and Western blots of allergic patient sera that preferentially react with Pis v 1 (line 3) and Pis v 2 (lane 4). Molecular weight markers are indicated on lane 2. Protein fractions corresponding to the Pis v 1, Pis v 2 and Pis v 3 allergens were identified by MALDI-TOF after trypsic digestion in gel of the protein bands (line 1). * and ** indicate the most IgE-reactive protein fractions.](image)

3.2. Pis v 1 and Closely Related 2S Albumins

Homology modelling of the Pis v 1 allergen from appropriate templates yielded a typical 2S albumin structure built up of two α-helix-containing polypeptide chains linked together by two conserved disulfide bridges (Figure 3C,F). As predicted from the GlyProt server (http://www.glycosciences.de/modeling/glyprot/php/main.php, accessed on 9 January 2021) [54], the N-terminal putative N-glycan site at 13NLS should be actually glycosylated.

Four main IgE-binding epitopic stretches were identified along the amino acid sequence of Pis v 1 in Spot experiments using sera that predominantly recognized Pis v 1 in Western blots as a probe (Figure 3A,B). These 3 stretches correspond to four distinct IgE-binding regions exposed on the molecular surface (Figure 3D,G). Most of these epitopes contain charged residues and coincide with the electropositively and electronegatively charged regions occurring at the molecular surface of the allergen (Figure 3E,H).

The modelled 2S albumin allergen from cashew nut, Ana o 3, exhibit a very similar fold (Figure 4C,F), and four main IgE-binding epitopic stretches were similarly identified along the amino acid sequence of Ana o 3 (Figure 4D,G), which also correspond to electropositively and electronegatively charged regions occurring on the molecular surface of the allergen (Figure 4E,H). Very similar pictures were previously obtained with other 2S albumin allergen Jug r 1 from walnut (Juglans regia) [55] and Ses i 1 from sesame (Sesamum indicum) [56].
**Figure 3.** (A) IgE-binding peptides (boxed violet spots) revealed on the Pis v 1 Spot membrane. (B) Mapping of the corresponding continuous IgE-binding epitopic regions (colored boxed white letters) along the amino acid sequence of Pis v 1. Epitopes are colored red (epitope 1), blue (epitope 2), green (epitope 3) and magenta (epitope 4), respectively. (C,F) Ribbon diagram of the front (C) and back (F) face of the modelled Pis v 1 showing the localization of the IgE-binding epitopic regions numbered and colored as in (B). (D,G) Surfaces occupied by the colored IgE-binding epitopes on the front (D) and back (G) face of Pis v 1 numbered and colored as in (B). (E,H) Mapping of Coulombic charges on the front (E) and back (H) face of Pis v 1. Electropositive and electronegative regions are colored blue and red, respectively. Neutral regions are white.

**Figure 4.** (A) IgE-binding peptides (boxed violet spots) revealed on the Ana o 3 Spot membrane. (B) Mapping of the corresponding continuous IgE-binding epitopic regions (colored boxed white letters) along the amino acid sequence of Ana o 3. Epitopes are colored red (epitope 1), blue (epitope 2), green (epitope 3) and magenta (epitope 4), respectively. (C,H) Ribbon diagram of the front (C) and back (H) face of the modelled Ana o 3 showing the localization of the IgE-binding epitopic regions numbered and colored as in (B). (D,G) Surfaces occupied by the colored IgE-binding epitopes on the front (D) and back (G) face of Ana o 3 numbered and colored as in (B). (E,F) Mapping of Coulombic charges on the front (E) and back (F) face of Ana o 3. Electropositive and electronegative regions are colored blue and red, respectively. Neutral regions are white.
letters) along the amino acid sequence of Ana o 3. Epitopes are colored red (epitope 1), blue (epitope 2), green (epitope 3) and magenta (epitope 4), respectively. (C,F) Ribbon diagram of the front (C) and back (F) face of the modelled Ana o 3 showing the localization of the IgE-binding epitopic regions numbered and colored as in (B). (D,G) Surfaces occupied by the IgE-binding epitopes on the front (D) and back (G) face of Ana o 3 numbered and colored as in (B). (E,H). Mapping of Coulombic charges on the front (E) and back (H) of Ana o 3. Electropositive and electronegative regions are colored blue and red, respectively. Neutral regions are white.

Obviously, Pis v 1 and other 2S albumin allergens exhibit a quite superposable three-dimensional fold core, even though their amino acid sequences share rather low percentages of both identity and similarity (Figure 5). However, Pis v 1, Ana o 3 and Ses i 2, are readily clustered in the unrooted fold core, even though their amino acid sequences share rather low percentages of both identity and similarity (Figure 5).

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Figure 6. Dendrogram of 2S albumins from Brazil nut (Ber e 1 from Bertholletia excelsa), buckwheat (Fag e 2 from Fagopyrum esculentum, Fag t 2 from F. tartaricum), cashew nut (Ana o 3 from Anacardium occidentale), Castor bean (Ric c 1 from Ricinus communis), hazelnut (Cor a 14 from Corylus avellana), lupine (convicilin Lup a 8C from Lupinus albus, convicilin Lup an 81 from Lupinus annuus), mustard (Sin a 1 from Sinapis alba), peanut (Ara d 2 and Ara d 6 from Arachis duranensis; Ara h 2, Ara h 6 and Ara h 7 from A. hypogaea; Ara i 2 and Ara i 6 from A. ipaensis), pecan nut (Car i 1 from Carya illinoinensis), pistachio (Pis v 1 from Pistacia vera), pumpkin (Cuc m 5 from Cucurbita maxima), sesameum (Ses i 1 and Ses i 2 from Sesamum indicum), soybean (Gly m 8 from Glycine max), sunflower (Hel a 1 from Helianthus annuus), turnip and rapeseed (Bra n 1 from Brassica juncea and Bra r 1 from B. rapa; Bra n 1 from B. napus), walnut (Jug r 1 from Juglans regia and Jug r 1 from J. regia). 2S-albumins clustered to Pis v 1 are red circled.

The phylogenetic relationships observed between Pis v 1 and Ana o 3 are reflected in the high similarity of their IgE-binding epitopic stretches along their amino acid sequences (Figure 7), which most probably account for the IgE-binding cross-reactivity occurring between Pis v 1 and Ana o 3.

Figure 7. Multiple alignment of 2S albumin allergens Pis v 1, Ana o 3, Ara h 2, Cor a 14, Jug r 1 and Ses i 1. The IgE-binding epitopes delineated along the amino acid sequence of Pis v 1 (red boxes) and Ana o 3, Ara h 2, Cor a 14, Jug r 1 and Ses i 1 (black boxes) are indicated. Amino acid residues occurring in regions of 2S albumins homologous to the IgE-binding epitopes of Pis v 3, are shaded pale green.

Other less phylogenetically closely related 2S albumin allergens, such as Ses i 1 and Ara h 2, share much less similarity with Pis v 1 and Ana o 3.
3.3. Pis v 3 and Closely Related 7S Globulins (Vicilins)

The modelled vicilin allergen Pis v 3 corresponds to a homotrimer built from the tail to tail non covalent association of three identical single-chain protomers made of a core of two cupin motifs, extended at both ends by two side arms made up of α-helices (Figure 8C,F). Each protomer contains a putative N-glycosylation site at 243NIT, which is predicted to be actually glycosylated according to the GlyProt server (http://www.glycosciences.de/modeling/glyprot/php/main.php, accessed on 9 January 2021) [54]. This type of structural organization currently occurs in many other 7S globulin/vicilin allergens from other tree nuts and legume allergens [57].

Figure 8. (A) IgE-binding peptides (boxed violet spots) revealed on the Pis v 3 Spot membrane. (B) Mapping of the corresponding continuous IgE-binding epitopic regions (colored boxed white letters) along the amino acid sequence of Ana o 3. Epitopes are colored red (epitope #1), blue (epitope #2), green (epitope #3), magenta (epitope #4), yellow (epitope #5), purple (epitope #6), deep green (epitope #7), sienna (epitope #8) and dark blue (epitope #9), respectively, and numbered as in B. Other single-spot IgE-binding peptides are colored gray. (C,F) Ribbon diagram of the front (C) and back (F) face of the modelled Ana o 3 showing the localization of the colored IgE-binding epitopic regions numbered and colored as in B. IgE-binding epitopic patches corresponding to single-spot IgE-binding peptides, are colored grey. (D,G) Surfaces occupied by the colored IgE-binding epitopes on the front (D) and back (G) face of Pis v 3. Epitopes are numbered as in (B). (E,H) Mapping of Coulombic charges on the front (E) and back (H) of Pis v 3. Electropositive and electronegative regions are colored blue and red, respectively. Neutral regions are white.
Up to nine main IgE-binding stretches identified along the amino acid sequence of the Pis v 3 protomer using the Spot method (Figure 8A,B), correspond to more or less exposed IgE-binding epitopic areas arrayed on both faces of the Pis v 3 homotrimer (Figure 4C,F). In fact, no information is available on the exposition of epitopes #1 and #2 at the surface of Pis v 3 since both epitopes occur in the N-terminal region of the polypeptide chain which is lacking in the three-dimensional model built for Pis v 3 by homology modelling. Two other epitopic region corresponding to epitopes #4 (colored magenta) and #8 (colored sienna), are almost completely buried and very little exposed on the surface of the allergen (Figure 4D,G). Like for other pistachio allergens, the well exposed epitopic regions corresponding to epitopes #3, #5, #6, #7 and #9, respectively, mostly coincide with both electronegatively (colored red) and electropositively (colored blue) charged regions, and their coalescence creates more extended epitopic regions on the molecular surface of the allergen. Other single surface-restricted epitopes (colored medium blue) are usually well exposed and mostly coalescent with the more extended IgE-binding patches. In addition, the exposed region of epitope #7 (colored sienna) could correspond to a CCD since it contains the putative 367NIT N-glycosylation site occurring on the amino acid sequence of Pis v 2.

Up to twelve IgE-binding stretches were similarly identified along the amino acid sequence of the corresponding protomer Ses i 3 from sesame seeds, using the Spot method (Figure 9A,B) and, similarly, some epitopic regions corresponding to epitopes #4 (colored magenta) and #6 (colored purple), are poorly exposed at the surface of Ses i 3 whereas other exposed epitopes #2, #3, #5, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11 and #12 (Figure 9C,D,F,G), readily coincide with electronegatively (colored red) and electropositively (colored blue) charged regions arrayed on the molecular surface of Ses i 3 (Figure 9E,H).
letters) along the amino acid sequence of Ana o 3. Epitopes are colored red (epitope #1), blue (epitope #2), green (epitope #3), magenta (epitope #4), yellow (epitope #5), purple (epitope #6), deep green (epitope #7), sienna (epitope #8), deep blue (epitope #9), cyan (epitope #10), black (epitope #11) and grey (epitope #12), respectively. (C,F) Ribbon diagram of the front (C) and back (F) face of the modelled Ses i 3 homotrimer, showing the localization of the colored IgE-binding epitopic regions. Epitopes are numbered and colored as in (B). (D,G) Surfaces occupied by the colored IgE-binding epitopes on the front (D) and back (G) face of Ses i 3. Epitopes are numbered and colored as in (B). (E,H) Mapping of Coulombic charges on the front (E) and back (H) face of Ses i 3. Electropositive and electronegative regions are colored blue and red, respectively. Neutral regions are white.

According to the common and superposable fold of the 7S globulin/vicilin allergens together with their epitopic similarities, the multiple alignment of these seed allergens exhibits a high degree of both identity and similarities, especially for Pis v 3 and Ana o 1, which belong to the same family of Anacardiaceae, and to a lesser extent, for Cor a 11 and Jug r 6 (Juglandaceae) and Ses i 3 (Pedaliaceae) (Figure 10). Accordingly, Pis v 3 and Ana o 1, and Cor a 11, Jug r 6 and Ses i 3, are distributed in two phylogenetically closely related clusters in the unrooted phylogenetic tree built for the 7S globulin/vicilin allergens (Figure 11).
**Cicer arietinum**, Coc n 1 from *Cocos nucifera*, Cor a 11 from *Corylus avellana*, Gly m 5 and Gly m Bd 28K from *Glycine max*, Gos h Vic from *Gossypium hirsutum*, Jug n 2 from *Juglans nigra*, Jug r 2 and Jug r 6 from *Juglans regia*, Len c 1 from *Lens culinaris*, Lup a 1 from *Lupinus albus*, Lup an 1 from *Lupinus angustifolius*, phaseolin from *Phaseolus vulgaris*, Pin k 2 from *Pinus koraiensis*, Pis s 1 and Pis s 2 from *Pisum sativum*, Pis v 3 from *Pistacia vera*, Ses i 3 from *Sesamum indicum*, Zea m g1 from *Zea mays*. Identical amino acids are grey shaded. Amino acid sequences of allergens belonging to the same botanical family, are similarly colored in red (*Anacardiaceae*), green (*Betulaceae*), magenta (*Pedaliaceae*), orange (*Juglandaceae*) and blue (*Fabaceae*).

**Figure 11.** Dendrogram of 7S globulin/vicilin allergens from cashew nut (Ana o 1 from *Anacardium occidentale*), chickpea (Cic a 1 from *Cicer arietinum*), coconut (Coc n 1 from *Cocos nucifera*), cotton (Gos h Vic. from *Gossypium hirsutum*), garden pea (Pis s 1 and Pis s 2 from *Pisum sativum*), hazelnut (Cor a 11 from *Corylus avellana*), kidney bean (phaseolin from *Phaseolus vulgaris*), Korean pine (Pin k 2 from *Pinus koraiensis*), lentil (Len c 1 from *Lens culinaris*), lupine (Lup a 1 from *Lupinus albus* and Lup an 1 from *L. angustifolius*), maize (vicilin Zea m γ1 from *Zea mays*), peanut (Ara h 1 from *Arachis hypogaea*), pecan nut (Car i 2 from *Carya illinoiensis*), pistachio (Pis v 3 from *Pistacia vera*), pumpkin (Cuc ma 5 from *Cucurbita maxima*), sesame (Ses i 3 from *Sesamum indicum*), soybean (Gly m 5 and Gly m Bd 28K from *Glycine max*), sunflower (Hel an 25 from *Helianthus annuus*), turnip and rapeseed (Bra j 1 from *Brassica juncea* and Bra r 1 from *B. rapa*; Bra n 1 from *B. napus*), walnut (Jug n 2 from *Juglans nigra*, Jug r 2 and Jug r 6 from *J. regia*). Vicilins clustered to Pis v 1 are red circled.

The phylogenetic relationships observed between Pis v 3 and Ana o 1, are reflected in the similarity of their IgE-binding epitopic stretches along their amino acid sequences (Figure 12), that most probably accounts for the IgE-binding cross-reactivity reported between Pis v 3 and Ana o 1. Much less similarity occurs between Pis v 3 and other less phylogenetically closely related vicilin allergens like Jug r 2 (*Juglandaceae*), Ses i 3 (*Pedaliaceae*) and Ara h 1 (*Fabaceae*) (Figure 12).
Interestingly, the first epitopic stretch identified at the N-terminal end of Pis v 3 amino acid sequence (epitope #1), exhibits some amino acid identities with linear IgE-binding epitopes previously identified at the N-terminal end of Ana o 1, Ara h 1 and Len c 1 (Figure 12). This is also the case of an epitopic stretch recently characterized at the N-terminus (26–83) of Ara h 1, recognized as a major epitope responsible for the IgE-binding activity of the 7S basic peanut protein fraction [58]. In fact, this IgE-binding epitope coincides with two other linear IgE-binding epitopes that had been previously identified along the Ara h 1 amino acid sequence [59,60].

3.4. Pis v 2 and Closely Related 11S Globulins (Legumin)

The cupin allergen Pis v 2 consists of a legumin homotrimer resulting from the non covalent association of three protomers built up from two cupin motifs (Figure 13C,P). In fact, each protomer consists of a large acidic N-terminal and a shorter basic C-terminal subunit covalently associated by a single disulfide bridge. Finally, two homotrimers associated face to face to build an hexameric structure corresponding to a dimer of homotrimers. Like in other legumin hexamers [57], the face to face association of both homotrimers should predominantly result from electrostatic interactions occurring between the oppositely charged faces of the homotrimers, one face being predominantly electronegative (colored blue) whereas the other is essentially electropositive (colored red) (Figure 13E,H).
Ten distinct IgE-binding epitopic stretches were revealed along the amino acid sequence of Ses i 6, the legumin allergen from sesame, associated to some IgE-binding single-spots, using the Spot method (Figure 14A,B). Except for epitope #2 (colored blue), other epitopes #1, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9 and...
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#10, are nicely exposed on the surface of the Ses i 6 homotrimer (Figure 14C,D,F,G) and most of them coincide with electropositively (colored blue) and electronegatively (colored red) charged regions on the surface of Ses i 6 (Figure 14E,H).

Multiple amino acid sequence alignment of 11S globulin/legumin allergens shows a high degree of both identity and homology/similarity between the members of this protein family, especially between the members of the Anacardiaceae (Ana o 2, Pis v 2, Pis v 5), Juglandaceae (Jug n 4, Jug r 4) and Betulaceae (Cor a 9) families (Figure 15). Accordingly, both Ana o 2, Pis v 5, Jug n 4, Jug r 4 and Cor
a 9, are closely clustered in the dendrogram built for the 11S globulin/legumin allergens (Figure 16). However, Pis v 2 appears as being more distantly related to Ana α 2, compared to Pis v 5.

Figure 15. Multiple amino acid sequence alignment of 11S globulin/legumin allergens Act c 12 from Actinidia chinensis, Ana α 2 from Anacardium occidentale, Ara h 3 from Arachis hypogaea, Ave s 11S from Cicer arietinum, Cuc n 4 from Cocos nucifera, Cor a 9 from Corylus avellana, Cuc ma 4 from Cucurbita maxima, Fag t 1 from Fagus sylvatica, Gly m 6 from Glycine max, Jug n 4 from Juglans nigra, Jug r 4 from Juglans regia, Lup a αC from Lupinus albus, Lup an αC from Lupinus angustifolius, Pis v 2 and Pis v 5 from Pistacia vera, Pru du 6, Ses i 6 and Ses i 7 from Sesamum indicum, Sin a 2 from Sinapis alba. Identical amino acids are grey shaded. Amino acid sequences of allergens belonging to the same botanical family, are similarly colored in red (Anacardiacae), green (Betulaceae), magenta (Pedaliaceae), orange (Juglandaceae) and blue (Fabaceae).
Due to the high degree of conservation and phylogenetic relatedness of their amino acid sequences, 2S albumin, vicilin and legumin allergens, are readily superposable with Rmsd values below 1.0 Å, e.g., for the pruned atom pairs corresponding to the conserved cupin motifs of the Pis v 3/Ana o 1 (0.906), Pis v 3/Jug r 2 (0.979), Pis v 3/Ses i 3 (0.955) and Pis v 3/Ara h 2 (0.929) vicilin pairs, respectively (Figure 18).

### 3.5. Structural Similarities Observed among the Tree Nut Epitopic Regions

In agreement with the phylogenetic relationships observed between Pis v 2, Pis v 5, Ana o 2, Jug n 4, Jug r 4, and Cor a 9, the sequential IgE-binding epitopic stretches identified along their amino acid sequences exhibit pronounced similarities (Figure 17), that most probably account for the IgE-binding cross-reactivity reported between some of these legumin allergens [61]. However, less similarity occurs between Pis v 2 and other phylogenetically related legumin allergens whereas Pis v 5, the other legumin allergen from pistachio, appears as more closely related to other legumin allergens than Pis v 2. Compared to Pis v 2, Pis v 5 exhibits a very similar amino acid sequence with, however, a few amino acid changes. In spite of these changes, regions in Pis v 5 corresponding to the IgE-binding epitopes identified in Pis v 2, look like very similar (Figure 17). Conversely, Ara h 3, which belongs to the rather distantly related Fabaceae family, exhibits a higher degree of epitopic similarity with the other legumin allergens (Figure 17).

Figure 16. Dendrogram of 11S globulin/legumin allergens from almond (Pru du 6 from Prunus dulcis), Brazil nut (Ber e 2 from Bertholletia excelsa), buckwheat (Fag t 1 from Fagopyrum tartaricum), cashew nut (Ana o 2 from Anacardium occidentale), chickpea (Cic a 6 from Cicer arietinum), coconut (Coc n 4 from Cocos nucifera), hazelnut (Cor a 9 from Corylus avellana), kiwi (Act c 12 from Actinidia chinensis), lupine (convicilin Lup a αC from Lupinus albus, convicilin Lup an αC from Lupinus angustifolius, mustard (Sin a 2 from Sinapis alba), oat (Ave s 11S from Avena sativa), peanut (Ara h 3 from Arachis hypogaea), pecan nut (Car i 4 from Carya illinoinensis), pistachio (Pis v 2 and Pis v 5 from Pistacia vera), pumpkin (Cuc ma 4 from Cucurbita maxima), sesamum (Ses i 6 and Ses i 7 from Sesamum indicum), soybean (Gly m 6 from Glycine max), walnut (Jug n 4 from Juglans nigra and Jug r 4 from J. regia). Legumins clustered to Pis v 1 are red circled.

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Figure 17. Multiple alignment of 11S globulin/legumin allergens of Pis v 2, Pis v 5, Ana o 2, Ara h 3, Cor a 9, Jug r 4 and Ses i 6. The IgE-binding epitopes delineated along the amino acid sequence of Pis v 2 (red boxes) and Ana o 2, Ara h 3, Cor a 9, Jug r 4, Ses i 6 (black boxes) are indicated. Amino acid residues occurring in regions of legumin homologous to the IgE-binding epitopes of Pis v 2, are shaded green. Amino acid residues common to all the legumin sequences (blue boxes) are indicated.

Figure 18. (A) Superposition of the ribbon diagrams of the 2S albumin allergens Pis v 1 (colored red), Ana o 3 (colored blue), Ara h 2 (colored yellow), Jug r 4 (colored green) and Ses i 6 (colored purple). (B) Superposition of the ribbon diagrams of the 7S globulin/vicilin allergens Pis v 3 (colored red), Ana o 1 (colored blue), Ara h 1 (colored yellow), Jug r 2 (colored green) and Ses i 3 (colored purple). (C) Superposition of the ribbon diagrams of the 11S globulin/legumin allergens Pis v 2 (colored red), Ana o 2 (colored blue), Ara h 3 (colored yellow), Jug r 4 (colored green) and Ses i 6 (colored purple).

A detailed surface analysis of epitope #1 of Pis v 1 reveals that it shares a similar topographical distribution of the amino acid residues along the α-helix, associated to partial conformational similarities, with the corresponding epitope from Ana o 3 (Figure 19A,B). Similarly, epitope #8 from Pis v 2,
exhibits a similar topographical distribution of amino acids and partial conformational similarities with the corresponding epitope from Ana o 2 (Figure 19C). Obviously, these epitopic similarities should account for the IgE-binding cross-reactivity often reported among the different allergens from pistachio and cashew nut [61]. However, these conformational similarities could only be observed between closely related epitopes sharing a high degree of identity. In other cases of couple of epitopes sharing a moderate level of amino acid sequence identity, no relevant conformational similarities could be identified.

**Figure 19.** (A,B) Analysis of the topographical distribution and conformational similarities of amino acids of epitope #1 from Pis v 1 (A), compared to epitope #1 from Ana o 3 (B). The amino acid sequences of epitopes #1 from Pis v 1 and Ana o 3, are indicated. (C,D) Analysis of the topographical distribution and conformational similarities of amino acids of epitope #8 from Pis v 2 (C), compared to epitope #8 from Ana o 2 (D). The amino acid sequences of epitopes #8 from Pis v 2 and Ana o 2, are indicated.
In addition to the IgE-binding epitopic similarities observed among the different members of the same allergen family, other cross-reactivity has been previously reported between the CD4(+) T cell epitopes from cashew nut, hazelnut and pistachio [62].

These IgE-binding epitopic amino acid identities, sometimes associated with conformational similarities, come in support to the well recognized cross-reactivities among the allergens from different species belonging to the same family of Anacardiaceae (pistachio, cashew), Juglandaceae (walnut), Fabaceae (peanut), Pedaliaceae (sesamum) and Betulaceae (hazelnut), previously reported from immunodiffusion and crossed immuno-electrophoresis experiments, Western blotting experiments, recognition of recombinant allergens and clinical assessments [63–65] (Figure 20).

Figure 20. Cartoon summarizing the different types, limited, mild or strong, of cross-reactivities susceptible to occur between the members of the different families of Anacardiaceae (green), Juglandaceae (red), Fabaceae (blue) and Pedaliaceae (orange). Hazelnut belongs to the Betulaceae.

3.6. Predicted Resistance of IgE-Binding Epitopic Regions to Proteolysis

The allergenicity of the vicilin allergen Ara h 1 from peanut (Arachis hypogaea), has been attributed in part to the particular arrangement of the monomers in the typical homotrimeric structure of vicilin/7S globulin proteins [66]. The quaternary association of monomers in the homotrimer has been proved to mainly depend on hydrophobic interactions responsible for the swapping of monomers by their distal ends, allowing the major IgE-binding epitopes located along these buried extremities to escape the proteolytic degradation by digestive enzymes. However, in the case of Pis v 3 (vicilin) and Pis v 2 (legumin), an additional mechanism could explain the resistance to digestive proteolysis. Looking at the distribution of the putative cleavage sites for pepsin predicted to occur at the molecular surface of Pis v 3 and Pis v 2, using the web server PeptideCutter of Expasy (https://web.expasy.org/peptide_cutter/, accessed on 15 January 2021), suggests that some of the IgE-binding epitopes previously identified does not contain cleavage sites and could remain in attacked by the protease, e.g., epitopes #3, #4, #6, #9 from Pis v 3, and epitopes #1, #2, #3, #5, #6, #7 from Pis v 2 (Figure 21).
which do not contain any K or R residues (Figure 13).

3. Accordingly, most of these epitopic regions coincide with the electropositively and electronegatively charged areas occurring on the surface of the allergens. Moreover, and whatever the size of the allergens, a few IgE-binding epitopes locate in the same area and their coalescence should create more extended epitopic surfaces susceptible to correspond to discontinuous epitopes. However, this clustering tendency is more or less pronounced depending on the allergens (see Figure 3D,G for Pis v 1, Figure 8D,G for Pis v 3, and Figure 13D,G for Pis v 2). A similar epitopic coalescence was observed for the counterpart allergens of Pis v 1 (Figure 4D,G for Ana o 3), Pis v 3 (Figure 9D,G for Ses I 3) and Pis v 2 (Figure 14D,G for Ses I 6). Finally, some IgE-binding epitopes well exposed on the surface of the cupin allergen protomers, e.g., epitope #8 of Pis v 3 (which contains the putative N-glycosylation site at 243NIT), become partly buried upon the oligomeric association of the protomers. Accordingly, the allergenic potency of the Pis v 3 protomer should slightly differ from that of the Pis v 3 homotrimer [62]. In addition, the occurrence of a N-glycan chain on each Pis v 3 protomer at the N-glycosylation site 243NIT located on epitope #8, which is predicted to be actually glycosylated by GlyProt (http://www.glycosciences.de/modeling/glyprot/php/main.php, accessed on 15 January 2021) server, should participate in the allergenic potency of the allergen. N-glycans have been demonstrated to participate in the IgE-binding activity of N-glycosylated epitopes of e.g., the structurally related Ara h 1 vicilin allergen from peanut [63]. The N-glycan chain of the 13NLS glycosylation site of Pis v 1,

![Figure 21.](https://example.com/figure21.png)

**Figure 21.** (A–D). Localization of predicted cleavage sites by pepsin (red patches) on the three-dimensional surface of front (A) and back face (B) of Pis v 2 monomers. The IgE-binding epitopic regions identified on the surface of Pis v 3 are numbered and colored pale green (epitope #3), magenta (epitope #4), yellow (epitope #5), purple (epitope #6), dark green (epitope #7), brown (epitope #8) and dark blue (epitope #9), respectively. The IgE-binding epitopic regions identified on the surface of Pis v 2 are numbered and colored red (epitope #1), pale blue (epitope #2), pale green (epitope #3), magenta (epitope #4), yellow (epitope #5), purple (epitope #6), dark green (epitope #7), brown (epitope #8), dark blue (epitope #9) and orange (epitope #10), respectively.

However, due to the occurrence of numerous putative cleavage sites for trypsin predicted in the IgE-binding epitopes of both Pis v 3 and Pis v 2, most of these epitopes should be degraded later, during the intestinal digestion in the presence of trypsin, except for epitopes #1, #2 and #8 from Pis v 2, which do not contain any K or R residues (Figure 13).

4. Discussion

Using the Spot technique with a panel of IgE-containing sera from patients allergic to pistachio and cashew nut, sequential IgE-binding epitopes were identified on the molecular surface of the modelled Pis v 1 (2S albumin), Pis v 2 (legumin) and Pis v 3 (vicilin) allergens, respectively. These epitopic amino acid stretches essentially consist of hydrophilic (N,Q,S,T) and charged residues (D,E,K,R). In this respect, these residues account for ~60% of the epitopic stretches identified on Pis v 3. Accordingly, most of these epitopic regions coincide with the electropositively and electronegatively charged areas occurring on the surface of the allergens. Moreover, and whatever the size of the allergens, a few IgE-binding epitopes locate in the same area and their coalescence should create more extended epitopic surfaces susceptible to correspond to discontinuous epitopes. However, this clustering tendency is more or less pronounced depending on the allergens (see Figure 3D,G for Pis v 1, Figure 8D,G for Pis v 3, and Figure 13D,G for Pis v 2). A similar epitopic coalescence was observed for the counterpart allergens of Pis v 1 (Figure 4D,G for Ana o 3), Pis v 3 (Figure 9D,G for Ses I 3) and Pis v 2 (Figure 14D,G for Ses I 6). Finally, some IgE-binding epitopes well exposed on the surface of the cupin allergen protomers, e.g., epitope #8 of Pis v 3 (which contains the putative N-glycosylation site at 243NIT), become partly buried upon the oligomeric association of the protomers. Accordingly, the allergenic potency of the Pis v 3 protomer should slightly differ from that of the Pis v 3 homotrimer [62]. In addition, the occurrence of a N-glycan chain on each Pis v 3 protomer at the N-glycosylation site 243NIT located on epitope #8, which is predicted to be actually glycosylated by GlyProt (http://www.glycosciences.de/modeling/glyprot/php/main.php, accessed on 15 January 2021) server, should participate in the allergenic potency of the allergen. N-glycans have been demonstrated to participate in the IgE-binding activity of N-glycosylated epitopes of e.g., the structurally related Ara h 1 vicilin allergen from peanut [63]. The N-glycan chain of the 13NLS glycosylation site of Pis v 1,
which is adjacent to the IgE-binding epitope #1, could similarly participate in the allergenicity as a carbohydrate determinant (CDD), even though there are no evidence for such a role of the N-glycan chains of pistachio allergens.

The approach which has been used to identify the linear or continuous epitopes, which combines the Spot technique with molecular modelling, provides results which need to be interpreted with caution since it does not allow to identify discontinuous or conformational epitopes, depending on the length of the synthetic peptides used as IgE-binding probes. In addition, while the molecular modelling techniques have improved significantly during the past decade, they still remain less reliable than the conventional approaches by X-ray crystallography or NMR to identify and map the IgE-binding epitopes on the molecular surface of the allergen-IgE complexes. However, the coupling of Spot and molecular modelling techniques is a reasonable and expedient compromise to get an insight into the IgE-binding epitopes from allergenic proteins.

Depending on the localization of the exposed pepsin and trypsin cleavage sites on the three-dimensional model built for the Pis v 3 and Pis v 2 protomers (Figure 21), a central core structure remaining unaltered upon the digestive proteolytic attack by pepsin is predicted to occur in both allergens. Interestingly, this core structure still retains some epitopes that should remain protected from the proteolytic attack till Pis v 3 is recognized by the immuno-competent cells of the gastro-intestinal tract. However, except for a few IgE-binding epitopic stretches from Pis v 2, apparently devoid of lysine and arginine residues, most of the epitopes remaining unaltered upon the pepsin attack, should be further degraded due to their richness in electropositively charged residues.

A strong overall IgE-binding cross-reactivity between pistachio and cashew allergens has been often reported from immunoelectrophoretic analyses, Western blotting experiments, and specific IgE measurements [63–65]. Both vicilins (Pis v 3, Ana o 1) [11] and 2S albumins (Pis v 1, Ana o 3) [67] have been incriminated as the main IgE-binding cross-reacting allergens. A detailed surface analysis of the epitopes occurring on the molecular surface of these allergens, revealed a rather high degree of amino acid sequence identities, associated or not with conformational similarities depending on the degree of sequence identity occurring between their epitopes. Both sequence identities and conformational similarities establish the molecular basis of the IgE-binding cross-reactivity between the allergens from pistachio and cashew, which belong to the same botanical family of Anacardiaceae. However, the surface analysis performed on the legumin allergens revealed no conformational similarities between most of the sequential IgE-binding epitopes of Pis v 2 and Ana o 2. A conformational IgE-binding epitope (called 2B5) was identified on the molecular surface of Ana o 2 that mainly consists of 24 amino acid residues (2EPDNREVYEAGTVFWDQPNEHQFR43) located at the N-terminus of the large (acidic) subunit, which is expressed only when associated to the small (basic) subunit [68,69]. The IgE-binding epitopes #1 and #2 of Pis v 2 were identified on the corresponding amino acid sequence stretch (30EPKRRIESEAGVTEFDQEEQLQ53) which displays 55% identity (underlined bold letters) with the 2B5 epitope.

Obviously, the amino acid sequence identities between the IgE-binding epitopes from allergens of different origin depend on the degree of conservation the allergens have retained during evolution. Accordingly, the occurrence of IgE-binding epitopes sharing similar physicochemical properties has been pointed out as a key factor contributing to the cross-reactivity among peanut and tree nut allergens [61]. In this respect, 2S albumin allergens (Pis v 1, Ana o 3) and vicilin allergens (Pis v 3, Ana o 1), are predicted to display a degree of conservation higher than that predicted for the legumin allergens (Pis v 2, Ana o 2). Most conserved residues essentially occur along the structurally conserved secondary features, e.g., the α-helices of 2S albumins and the β-strand cupin motifs of the vicilins. These conserved regions are predominantly built up from hydrophilic residues. According to the sequence and conformational similarities observed among 2S albumin and vicilin allergens, Pis v 1 and Pis v 3 of pistachio closely cluster with the corresponding Ana o 3 and Ana o 1 allergens of cashew in the dendograms built up from the amino acid sequence alignments with the neighbor joining method (Figures 6 and 11). Although Pis v 2 and Ana o 2 allergens appear as being more distantly related
in relation with the lower degree of sequence similarities that relate both allergens, another legumin allergen related to Pis v 2, Pis v 5, is closely clustered to Ana o 2 and other tree nut allergens in the legumin dendrogram (Figure 16).

Due to the high degree of conservation of the 2S albumin and cupin allergen structures, the occurrence of amino acid sequence similarities observed between the pistachio allergens Pis v 1, Pis v 2 and Pis v 3 and other homologous allergens from either closely or distantly related families, has an influence on their allergenicity and cross-reactivity. Especially, the location of the amino acid sequence similarities in regions corresponding to IgE-binding epitopes, greatly determine their capacity to cross-react with the corresponding regions from other homologous allergens. Depending on the degree of sequence identity between epitopes belonging to homologous allergens, the resulting cross-reactivity will be strong, moderate or low. In this respect, the sequence similarities observed between the homologous allergens of Anacardiaceae, e.g., between Pis v 1 and Ana o 3 or between Pis v 2 and Ana o 2, account for the high level of cross-reactivity and cross-allergenicity observed between pistachio and cashew. The IgE-binding cross-reactivity the major allergens from pistachio, Pis v 1, Pis v 2 and Pis v 3, share with homologous proteins from peanut, tree nuts and proteins from, sesame, buckwheat, peppercorn or mango, has a clinical incidence and in particular, helps to discriminate between allergies and co-sensitizations [19,22,70–78]. Whereas co-sensitization frequently occurs between pistachio and cashew, it is clinically relevant in only one-third of cases [72]. However, skin prick tests (SPT) performed on French children indicated that a low reaction dose to cashew in cashew-allergic children would be a predictive factor of allergy to pistachio [78]. Accordingly, oral food challenge to pistachio should be avoided in cashew-allergic children exhibiting a low reaction dose to cashew nut.

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Abbreviations

| Act c 12 | Actinidia chinensis (kiwi) 11S globulin/legumin allergen |
| Ana o 1 | Anacardium occidentale (cashew) 7S globulin/vicilin allergen |
| Ana o 2 | Anacardium occidentale (cashew) 11S globulin/legumin allergen |
| Ana o 3 | Anacardium occidentale (cashew) 2S albumin allergen |
| Ara d 2/6 | Arachis duranensis (peanut) 2S albumin allergens |
| Ara h 1 | Arachis hypogaea (peanut) 7S globulin/vicilin allergen |
| Ara h 2/6 | Arachis hypogaea (peanut) 2S albumin allergens |
| Ara h 3 | Arachis hypogaea (peanut) 11S globulin/legumin allergen |
| Ara i 2/6 | Arachis ipaensis (peanut) allergens |
| Ave s 11S | Avena sativa (oat) 11S globulin/legumin allergen |
| Ber e 1 | Bertholletia excelsa (Brazil nut) 2S albumin allergen |
| Ber e 2 | Bertholletia excels (Brazil nut) 11S globulin/legumin allergen |
| Bra j 1 | Brassica juncea (brown mustard) 2S albumin allergen |
| Bra n 1 | Brassica napus (rapeseed) 2S albumin allergen |
| Bra r 1 | Brassica rapa (turnip) 2S albumin allergen |
| Car i 1 | Carya illinoinensis (Pecan nut) 2S albumin allergen |
| Car i 2 | Carya illinoinensis (Pecan nut) 7S globulin/vicilin allergen |
| Car i 4 | Carya illinoinensis (Pecan nut) 11S globulin/legumin allergen |
| Cic a 1 | Cicer arietinum (chickpea) 2S albumin allergen |
| Cic a 6 | Cicer arietinum (chickpea) 11S globulin/legumin allergen |
| Coc c 1 | Cocos nucifera (coconut) 7S globulin/vicilin allergen |
| Coc n 1 | Cocos nucifera (coconut) 11S globulin/legumin allergen |
| Cor a 14 | Corylus avellana (hazelnut) 2S albumin allergen |
| Cor a 11 | Corylus avellana (hazelnut) 7S globulin/vicilin allergen |
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