

Table 9. Known allergies in 405 patients with tattoo complications.

Known allergies by history	Number	%
Food, pollen, parabens, animals, fungi, dust, perfume, silicone etc.	76	19
Metals (e.g. nickel, cobalt)	73	18
Medicines	21	6
Airway allergens	14	4
Tattoo ink/ink ingredients of any kind	9	2
Preservatives*	7	2
PPD*	6	2
Rubber chemicals/latex*	2	0.5
No reported allergy	251	62

*Some patients had been patch tested previously. Several patients reported allergies to *more* than one substance.