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Emerging Fungal Infections: from the Fields to the Clinic, Resistant *Aspergillus fumigatus* and Dermatophyte Species: a One Health Perspective on an Urgent Public Health Problem

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Abstract

Purpose of Review For this review, we use a One Health approach to examine two globally emerging public health threats related to antifungal drug resistance: triazole-resistant *Aspergillus fumigatus* infections, which can cause a life-threatening illness in immunocompromised hosts, and antifungal-resistant dermatophytosis, which is an aggressive skin infection caused by dermatophyte molds. We describe the state of current scientific knowledge and outline necessary public health actions to address each issue.

Recent Findings Recent evidence has identified the agricultural use of triazole fungicides as an important driver of triazole-resistant *A. fumigatus* infections. Antifungal-resistant dermatophyte infections are likely driven by the inappropriate use of antifungal drugs and antibacterial and corticosteroid creams.

Summary This review highlights the need for a One Health approach to address emerging antifungal resistant infections, emphasizing judicious antifungal use to preserve available treatments; strengthened laboratory capacity to identify antifungal resistance; and improved human, animal, and environmental surveillance to detect emerging resistance, monitor trends, and evaluate the effectiveness of efforts to decrease spread.

Keywords *Aspergillus fumigatus* · Dermatophytosis · One Health · Antifungal resistance

Introduction

Fungi are a kingdom of eukaryotic organisms found throughout the environment. Pathogenic fungi cause fungal infections that impose a substantial burden on the health of humans, animals, and plants [1, 2, 3••, 4]. Approximately 1.5–2 million human deaths from fungi occur globally each year [5]. Fungal infections also have a substantial impact on animal species, triggering extinction events and biodiversity loss in wildlife [6]. The estimated annual economic burden of fungal infections in the USA exceeds $7.2 billion in direct costs [7], and 20% of the global annual perennial crop losses are caused by fungal diseases [8].

Antifungal compounds play an essential role in protecting human, animal, and plant health from fungal diseases. In humans and animals, antifungal drugs treat infections such as aspergillosis and histoplasmosis; in plants, antifungal compounds help control a variety of diseases [4]. Unfortunately, the development and approval processes for antifungal drugs are challenging and slow paced. The first antifungals used in the medical field were discovered in the 1950s [8]; triazole agricultural fungicides entered the market in the 1970s, and clinical triazole drugs in the 1980s [9]. Currently, only six classes of drugs are approved to treat fungal infections (just three of which are for invasive fungal disease): polyenes, azoles, echinocandins, allylamines (e.g., terbinafine), the pyrimidine analog flucytosine, and the recently developed triterpenoid, ibrexafungerp [5, 10]. A greater number of antifungal compounds exist to treat plant mycoses compared with the number of compounds licensed to treat human and animal infections [8], highlighting the markedly limited antifungal drug arsenal for human disease.

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The emergence of antifungal drug resistance is a major public health concern, spanning the healthcare, veterinary, and agricultural sectors. The One Health public health approach recognizes the interconnectedness of human, animal, plant, and environmental health; this approach increases the likelihood of understanding and successfully addressing the multifactorial causes of fungal diseases and antimicrobial resistance. For this review, we use a One Health lens to examine two emerging public health threats related to antifungal drug resistance: triazole-resistant *Aspergillus fumigatus* infections and antifungal-resistant dermatophytosis (commonly known as ringworm or tinea). For these public health threats, we describe the state of current scientific knowledge and outline necessary public health actions.

Environmental Origins: the Case of Triazole-Resistant *Aspergillus fumigatus*

A. fumigatus is a globally distributed saprophytic mold found in soil, compost, and air. An opportunistic pathogen of humans and animals [11, 12, 13], *A. fumigatus* is the leading cause of invasive aspergillosis (IA), a life-threatening infection in immunocompromised persons responsible for > 14,000 annual hospitalizations in the USA [7]. *A. fumigatus* also causes bronchopneumonia, sino-nasal aspergillosis, invasive pulmonary aspergillosis, and *Aspergillus* otitis in animal species such as cats, dogs, birds, and horses [14, 15, 16, 17, 18]. In captive penguins, aspergillosis is the most common cause of death [17]. At-risk persons and animals acquire IA by inhaling fungal spores from the environment [19], though a study in horses suggests other routes of infection, such as mycotic invasion from the gut, are also possible [20]. IA generally affects persons with conditions that weaken the immune system, such as cancer, solid organ or stem cell transplantation, advanced HIV disease, and critical illness; in particular, severe COVID-19 has emerged as an important risk factor for IA [21]. Predisposing factors in animals are similar, with severe immunosuppression associated with fatal infections, and invasive disease causing visceral necrotic and granulomatous inflammation [17, 22]. The global incidence of aspergillosis in humans has been steadily rising, likely because of medical advancements leading to longer lifespans for immunocompromised persons [19], the recent COVID-19 pandemic [23, 24], and greater disease detection [25].

Triazole antifungal drugs for treating IA (i.e., voriconazole, posaconazole, isavuconazole, itraconazole), introduced during the 2000s and 2010s, are the first line treatment for IA [13]. However, triazole-resistant *A. fumigatus* threatens successful treatment with these lifesaving drugs [26]. *A. fumigatus* is intrinsically resistant to fluconazole and ketoconazole, further constraining treatment options [27]. Patients with triazole-resistant IA have a mortality rate of approximately 60%, about twice the mortality observed among patients with triazole-susceptible infections [28•]. Triazole-resistant *A. fumigatus* infections have been documented worldwide; the prevalence of aspergillosis cases involving triazole resistance is 20% in certain European healthcare settings [29]. In the USA, triazole-resistant *A. fumigatus* has been infrequently reported. However, low case numbers likely reflect a lack of adequate antifungal susceptibility testing capacity and disease surveillance rather than a true absence of disease [30, 31]. Although data are limited, triazole-resistant *A. fumigatus* has been isolated from animals, including birds and a bottlenose dolphin [32, 33, 34, 35].

A growing body of evidence has identified the agricultural use of triazole fungicides as an important driver of triazole-resistant infections in humans [36••, 37, 38]. Triazole fungicides are applied in various agricultural settings to treat fungal infections, prevent crop loss, and improve agricultural yield [39]. Although *A. fumigatus* itself is not a plant pathogen, it is present throughout agricultural settings and can develop resistance to medically important triazole drugs when the fungus is incidentally exposed to triazole fungicides. *A. fumigatus* strains that develop resistance in this manner harbor unique *CYP51A* gene mutations such as TR_{34}/L98H that can confer pan-triazole-resistant infections in patients [30]. *A. fumigatus* clinical isolates with triazole-resistant genotypes have been found to have near-identical genotypes as those of environmental isolates that became resistant due to fungicide exposure, confirming that humans can become infected with *A. fumigatus* strains that originally developed resistance from fungicides used in the environment [36••]. *A. fumigatus* can also develop triazole resistance within patients who have had repeated exposure to antifungal drug therapy for chronic aspergillosis. Of note, triazole use in US hospitals has generally been in decline [40]. In contrast, US triazole fungicide use quadrupled in the decade from 2006 to 2016 [41].

The global emergence of triazole-resistant *A. fumigatus* in the setting of increasing use of triazole fungicides poses an alarming public health concern. Emphasis on antifungal stewardship is urgently needed in the human medicine, veterinary, and agricultural sectors to preserve the availability of current antifungal compounds. The judicious use of triazole fungicides is not only an important concern from the human and animal health perspective, but also critical to prevent the emergence of fungicide resistant plant pathogens [42]. In addition to actions and policies that promote antifungal stewardship, improved clinical and environmental surveillance, paired with increased clinical capacity to detect antifungal resistant *A. fumigatus*, are needed to identify emerging pockets of resistance, monitor trends, and evaluate the impact of interventions aimed at curbing the

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spread of resistance. Additional research, using a One Health approach, is also needed to evaluate strategies to reduce the impact of triazole fungicide use on promotion of triazole-resistant *A. fumigatus* in the environment and ultimately in animals and humans.

Easy Access: the Bane and Boon of Creams and Terbinafine

Dermatophytosis, commonly known as ringworm or tinea, is a contagious fungal infection of the skin, hair, and nails, affecting an estimated 20–25% of the global population [43]. Transmission of dermatophyte infections can occur by fomites, by direct contact between humans, or by spread among humans and animals [44]. In veterinary medicine, dermatophytosis is a common superficial fungal infection, contributing to adverse economic outcomes in production animals [45, 46, 47]. Though not generally considered life threatening, dermatophytosis can cause intense discomfort, severe immune reactions, and secondary bacterial infections in certain patient populations, both human and animal [48, 49, 50].

Antifungal drugs provide critical relief for humans and animals with dermatophytosis, but the emergence of infections resistant to terbinafine (the primary treatment for many types of dermatophyte infections) and other antifungal drugs is a growing public health threat. One of the first reported cases of an infection with a terbinafine-resistant *Trichophyton rubrum*, a species of dermatophyte, occurred in 2003 in a US patient with tinea unguium (dermatophytosis of the nail) [51]. Since then, the global incidence of antifungal resistant dermatophytosis has risen at an alarming pace, affecting both animals and humans [52, 53, 54]. In India, cases of resistant dermatophytosis have reached epidemic proportions [55••]. *Trichophyton indotineae* (also referred to as *Trichophyton mentagrophytes* type VIII), a dermatophyte frequently exhibiting resistance to terbinafine and triazoles, is the most commonly isolated dermatophyte, with 76% of isolates from northern Indian regions exhibiting terbinafine resistance [55••]. Infections from this organism can be devastating, persisting for years [55••] and spreading easily among household members [49]. In Europe, reports of difficult-to-treat *T. indotineae* infections are increasing [53, 54, 56•]. Resistant dermatophyte strains have been identified across the globe [53, 56•, 57], including in the USA and Canada, although the extent of the problem is currently unclear because diagnostic testing, particularly antifungal susceptibility testing for dermatophytes, is rarely performed [58, 60, 61].

The drivers of emerging dermatophyte resistance are still being investigated, but inappropriate use of antifungal drugs (both oral and topical) and powerful corticosteroid creams in human medicine is likely important contributors. Over-the-counter (OTC) antifungal drugs are widely available, potentially allowing patients to self-diagnose and overuse OTC treatments; a recent Indian study found that 81% of dermatophytosis patients reported at-home pharmaceutical treatment before seeking care from a health professional [55••]. Patients reported self-prescribed use of OTC drugs, including oral antifungals and topical creams containing varying combinations of steroids, antifungals, or antibiotics, a practice that can promote antifungal resistance [55••]. However, self-treatment is unlikely to be the sole contributor to dermatophyte resistance. Inaccurate diagnoses and low rates of diagnostic testing performed by clinicians can lead to unnecessary antifungal treatments, which, along with patient noncompliance to treatment guidelines, might contribute to antifungal resistance. Given that up to 50% of antifungal compounds in human medicine might be inappropriately prescribed [62], there is an urgent need for improved antifungal stewardship practices. Likewise, in veterinary medicine, antifungal treatments are often chosen based on financial and specific patient considerations rather than antifungal susceptibility testing results. With recommendations that all cats or dogs presenting with dermatophytosis (most commonly caused by *Microsporum canis*) receive treatment, the lack of susceptibility testing and zoonotic potential of *M. canis* is concerning [48]. These considerations underscore the need for antifungal stewardship in both human and animal medicines.

Corticosteroid creams, some of which are highly potent, are easily accessible as OTC drugs but are often not used appropriately. While high-potency OTC corticosteroid creams can help relieve symptoms, these medicines do not treat the underlying fungal infection and can actually exacerbate infections [63, 64]. The resulting localized immune suppression can lead to severe recalcitrant infections and abnormal clinical presentations [64, 65]. Combination corticosteroid-antifungal creams further complicate treatment. When symptom relief from use of these creams occurs, patients might prematurely discontinue use, exposing dermatophytes to inadequate antifungal drug (e.g., terbinafine) concentrations and potentially promoting the development of resistance [64].

Several key actions are needed to address the emergence of resistant dermatophytosis. Educational efforts and policies should focus on improving the appropriate diagnostic testing and treatment of dermatophytosis in humans and animals, with an emphasis on judicious antifungal use to preserve available treatment options. Increased clinician awareness of resistant dermatophytosis and access to antifungal susceptibility testing will be important to curbing the spread of resistance. Patients, too, should be educated on the need for proper adherence to prescribed antifungal therapies and the importance of seeking a clinical diagnosis rather than

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relying on the empiric use of potentially harmful over-the-counter remedies. Finally, additional research is needed to further characterize the epidemiology of antifungal resistant dermatophyte infections, with a focus on quantifying the overall burden of disease and identifying potential drivers of infection. This research is needed to inform policies aimed at improving antifungal stewardship and curbing the spread of antifungal resistant dermatophyte infections.

Conclusion

The global emergence of triazole-resistant *A. fumigatus* and antifungal resistant dermatophytosis represents two urgent public health threats, each requiring a One Health approach. The scope of emerging antifungal resistance and its potential impact on society extends beyond the two issues discussed in this report. Incidence is increasing of infections caused by drug resistant molds (e.g., lomentosporiosis, scedosporiosis) [66] and other fungi, including yeasts such as *Candida auris* [67] and the fungus *Sporothrix brasilienses*, which can be transmitted from cats to humans [68]. In summary, a cross-sector (human medicine, veterinary medicine, agriculture) emphasis is needed on antifungal stewardship, clinician, industry and public awareness, and increased laboratory capacity to detect and monitor antifungal drug resistance in humans, animals, and the environment.

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