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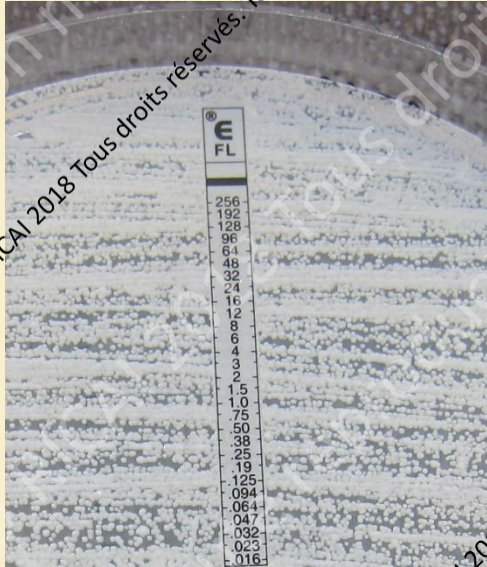
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Ces pathogènes méconnus: *Candida auris*

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Introduction

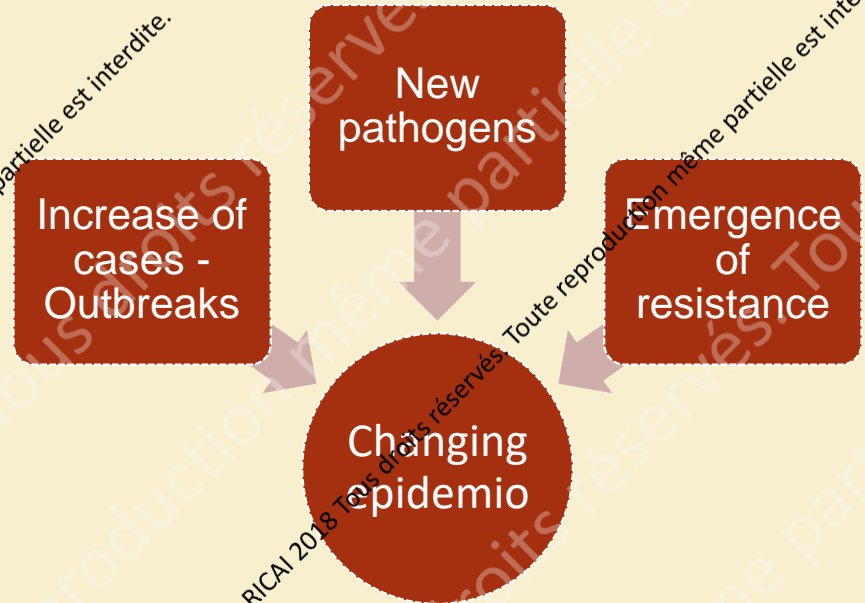
Statistics of the 10 most significant invasive fungal infections

Disease	Estimated life-threatening infections / year	Mortality rates
Aspergillosis	>200,000	30–95
Candidiasis	>400,000	46–75
Cryptococcosis	>1,000,000	20–70
Mucormycosis	>10,000	30–90
Pneumocystis	>400,000	20–80

IFI kill 1.5 million/year

≈ Tuberculosis, more than Malaria

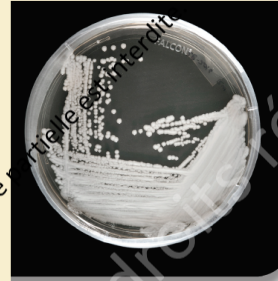
Changing epidemiology



Introduction

Candida auris: an emerging pathogen

- ❑ First description 2009 (ear canal)
- ❑ Nosocomial fungemia caused by *C. auris* from South Korea in 2011
- ❑ Earliest isolate of *C. auris* found in 1996 (Korea)



Candida auris: A drug-resistant germ that spreads in healthcare facilities

Candida auris (also called *C. auris*) is a fungus that causes serious infections. Patients with *C. auris* infection, their family members and other close contacts, public health officials, laboratory staff, and healthcare workers cannot help stop it from spreading.

Why is *Candida auris* a problem?

- It causes serious infections
- It's often resistant to medicines
- It's becoming more common
- It's difficult to identify
- It can spread in hospitals and nursing homes

Candida auris: Phylogenetics

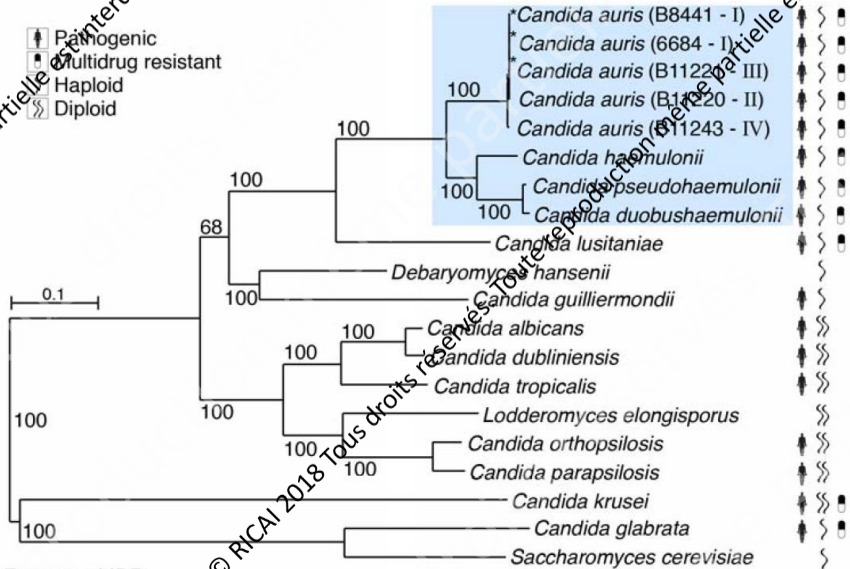
☐ Distantly related to common species

✓ *C. albicans* and *C. glabrata*

☐ Closely related to rarely observed and often multidrug-resistant species

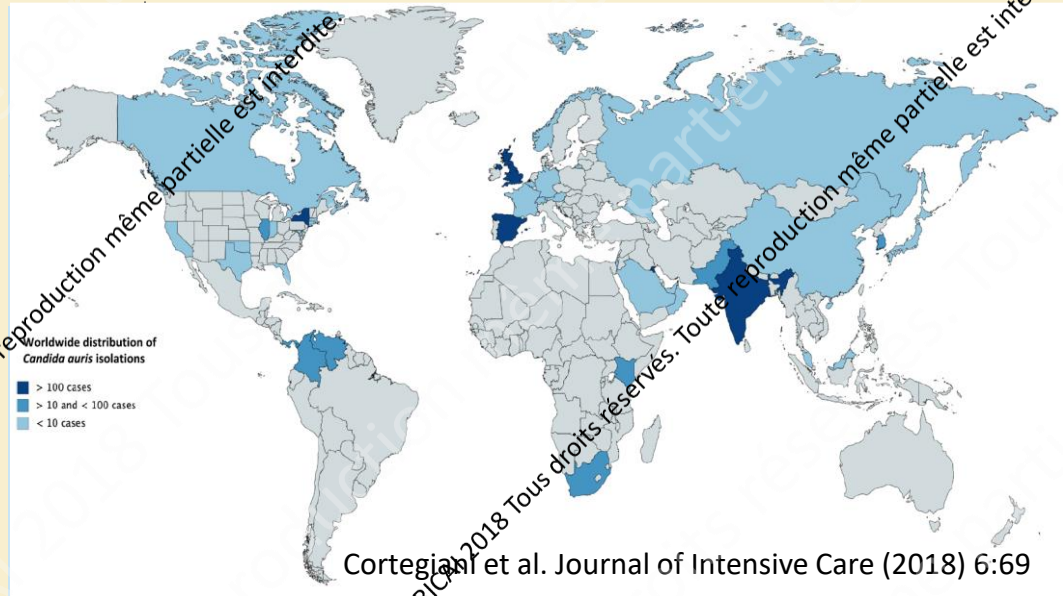
✓ *C. haemulonii*, *C. duobushaemulonii* and *C. pseudohaemulonii*

ML Phylogeny – 20 genomes – 1570 core genes



Candida auris: world-wide distribution

- First detection in Japan
- Increase
- Presence in many countries
- Epidemiology rapidly evolving



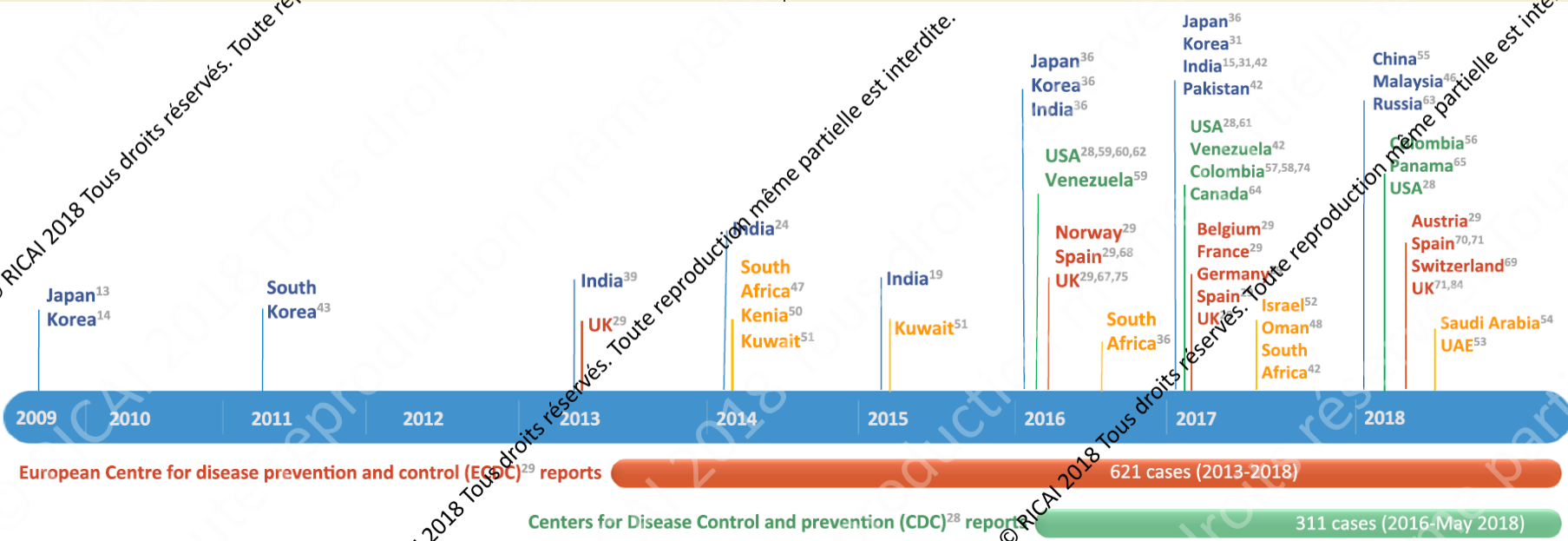
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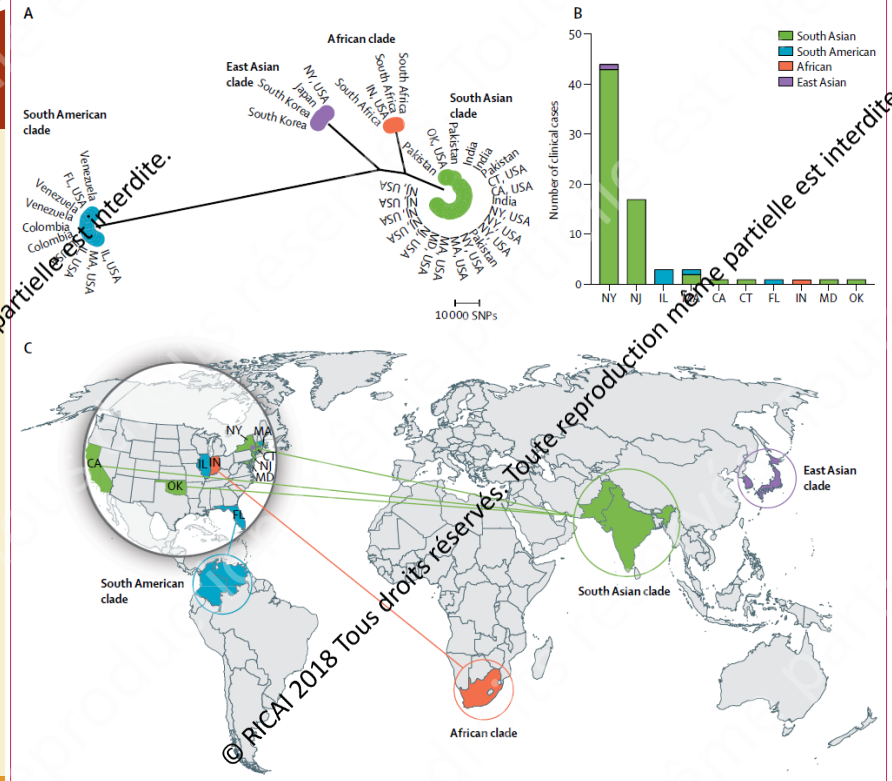
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Candida auris: world-wide distribution



Candida auris: Molecular epidemiology - USA

- ❑ Molecular epidemiological survey
 - ❑ 2013-2017, 133 cases
 - ❑ Whole-genome sequencing
 - ❑ Isolates from 10 US states
- *C. auris* was introduced several times into the USA.
- Local and ongoing transmission



Candida auris: Epidemiology trends and world outbreaks

- ❑ Large healthcare-associated outbreaks in several countries
- ❑ Person-to-person transmission by direct contact
- ❑ Persistence in hospital environment
 - ✓ Surfaces
 - ✓ Shared equipment

Country	Ward	No. cases
UK - London	Cardio-Thor ICU	50
Spain	Surg ICU, other	41
India, Pakistan	several	multiple
Venezuela	ICU	18
Colombia	PICU	5
UK - Oxford	Neuro ICU	70
South Africa	several	multiple

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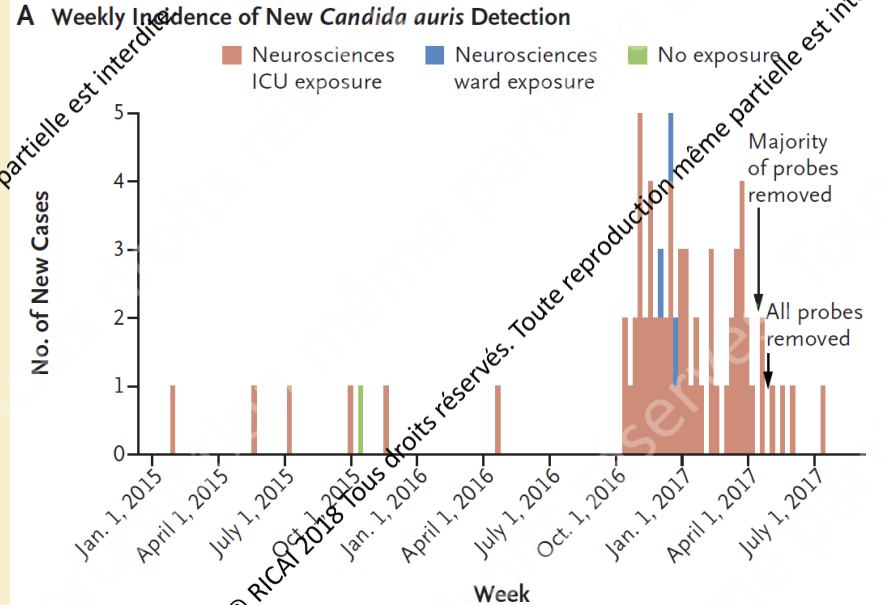
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Candida auris: Epidemiology trends and world outbreaks

Hospital outbreak of *C. auris* colonization and infection – Oxford, UK

- Neurosciences ICU
- 2015-2017
- 70 patients colonized / infected with *C. auris*
- Use of reusable skin-surface axillary temperature probes



C. auris: Clinical characteristics, risk factors, and outcome

Non-specific clinical presentation

- Bloodstream infections
- Other deep-seated infections: urinary tract, otitis, surgical wound, skin abscesses (related to catheter), myocarditis, meningitis, bone infections
- Frequent colonization (lung, urine, etc.)
 - Important++
 - Risk of transmission
 - Infection control

Risk factors not different from other *Candida* spp.

Crude in-hospital mortality range from 30 to 72%

Candida auris: Infection prevention and control

Patients colonisés sans signe d'infection

Non recommandé d'utiliser un traitement antifongique en systématique.

Précautions standard et précautions contact (recommandation CDC)

Patients infectés ou colonisés ayant du matériel

Surveillance des dispositifs (KT veineux centraux, urinaire, tubes de trachéotomie)

Des qu'ils ne sont plus nécessaires les enlever.

Précautions standard et précautions contact (recommandation CDC)

- i. Single room on contact precautions
- ii. Assess and enhance gown and glove use
- iii. Reinforce hand hygiene
- iv. Clean environment with a disinfectant that is effective against *C. auris* (i.e., those effective against *Clostridium difficile*)

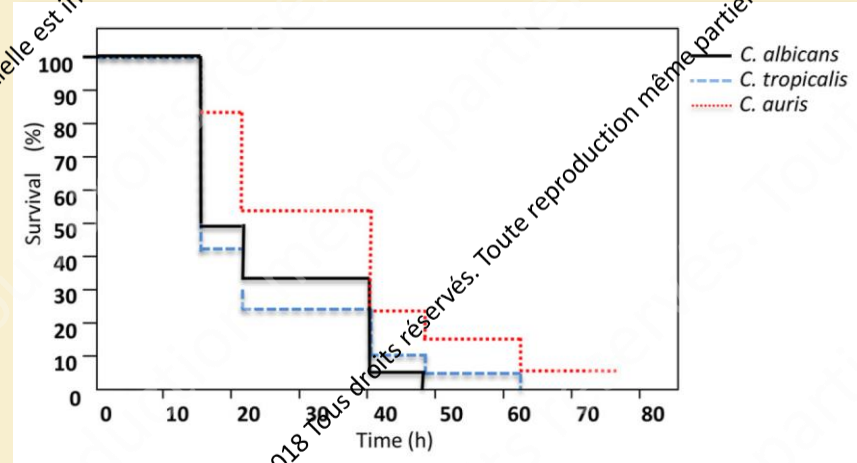
Recommendations for treatment / prevention of *C. auris* | CDC 2017
Recommendations for infection control for *C. auris* | CDC 2017

Candida auris: virulence

C. auris virulence factors

- ❑ Virulence genes for: Secreted aspartyl proteinases, secreted lipases, phosphatases, Hemolysin, ...
- ❑ Adherence to surfaces and plastic (e.g., catheters)
- ❑ Biofilm formation
- ❑ Cellular morphology (aggregating and non-aggregating forms)

Virulence = *C. albicans*

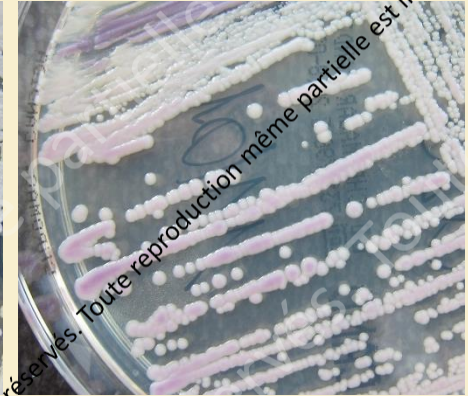


Candida auris: laboratory identification

- Smooth and white cream-colored on Sabouraud.
- Pale to dark pink on ChromAgar
- Germ-tube negative, no pseudo-hyphae
- Able to grow at 42 °C (\neq *C. haemulonii*)



Sabouraud



ChromAgar

Candida auris: laboratory identification

- ❑ Difficult identification by standard methods
- ❑ Misidentification with other *Candida* species, and even other genera
- ❑ ID by DNA sequencing (ITS, D1/D2, etc.)
- ❑ Specific PCR available

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Identification Method	Organism <i>C. auris</i> can be misidentified as
Vitek 2 YST	<i>Candida haemulonii</i> <i>Candida duobushaemulonii</i>
API 20C	<i>Rhodotorula glutinis</i> <i>Candida sake</i>
BD Phoenix yeast ID system	<i>Candida haemulonii</i> <i>Candida catenulata</i>
MicroScan	<i>Candida famata</i> <i>Candida guilliermondii</i> * <i>Candida lusitanae</i> * <i>Candida parapsilosis</i> *
RapID Yeast Plus	<i>Candida parapsilosis</i> *

<https://www.cdc.gov/fungal/candida-auris/recommendations.html>

Candida auris: laboratory identification



Identification of 15 *C. auris* isolates by MALDI-TOF – routine technique – HEGP (Bruker)

- MALDI-TOF is a reliable identification method
- C. auris* must be in the database
- Bruker Biotyper and Vitek-MS OK

Isolate	Identification	Score
CBS 12372	<i>Candida auris</i>	2,155
CBS 12773	<i>Candida auris</i>	2,001
CBS 12774	<i>Candida auris</i>	2,069
CBS 12775	<i>Candida auris</i>	2,093
CBS 12776	<i>Candida auris</i>	2,043
CBS 12777	<i>Candida auris</i>	1,989
CBS 10913	<i>Candida auris</i>	1,935
CBS 12373	<i>Candida auris</i>	2,063
CBS 12766	<i>Candida auris</i>	1,968
CBS 12767	<i>Candida auris</i>	1,897
CBS 12768	<i>Candida auris</i>	2,054
CBS 12769	<i>Candida auris</i>	2,028
CBS 12770	<i>Candida auris</i>	1,973
CBS 12771	<i>Candida auris</i>	1,95
CBS 12772	<i>Candida auris</i>	2,019

Candida auris: antifungal resistance

- ❑ 90% of strains are resistant to FLU
- ❑ Elevated VRC MICs in 50% of isolates
- ❑ Posaconazole and isavuconazole show excellent in vitro activity
- ❑ Variable susceptibility to AMB: 15-30% of isolates exhibit high MIC (>2 µg/ml)
- ❑ Echinocandin resistance in fewer isolates (2-8%)
- ❑ Some isolates MDR

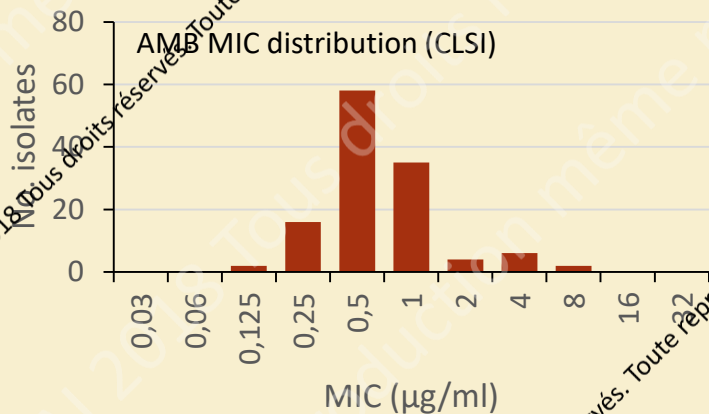
EUCAST

	MIC range	GM	MIC50	MIC90
FLU	0.5 to ≥64	53.74	≥64	≥64
ITC	≤0.008 to 1	0.13	0.125	0.5
VRC	≤0.008 to 4	0.54	0.5	2
ISA	≤0.008 to 2	0.090	0.125	0.5
PSC	≤0.008 to 0.5	0.033	0.032	0.125
AMB	0.25 to 1	0.92	1	1
AFG	0.002 to 2	0.17	0.125	1
MFG	0.002 to 4	0.13	0.125	0.25

Candida auris: ECOFFs and tentative breakpoints

ECOFF determination

Tentative breakpoints



Several peaks for all compounds suggesting possible acquired resistance

Class/Drug	Tentative MIC Breakpoints (µg/mL)
Fluconazole	≥32
Voriconazole / 2 nd gen. triazoles	N/A
Amphotericin B	≥2
Anidulafungin	≥4
Caspofungin	≥2
Micafungin	≥4

Candida auris

Mechanism of azole resistance

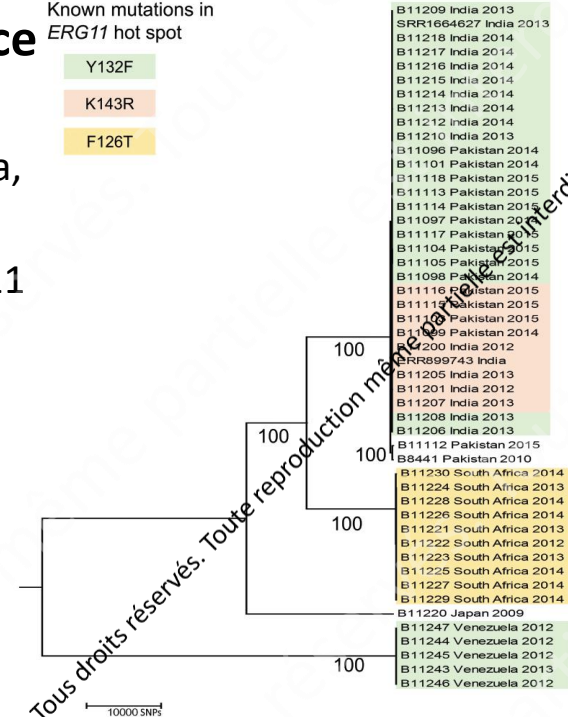
- WGS of 47 isolates (Pakistan, India, South Africa, and Venezuela)
- Description of 9 mutations in ERG11 known to confer azole R in *C. albicans*
- substitutions strongly associated with geographic clades

Known mutations in ERG11 hot spot

Y132F

K143R

F126T



→ indicative of acquired R

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Mechanism of echinocandin resistance

- Four isolates exhibited a S639F mutation, equivalent to the FKS1 HSI S645 position in *C. albicans*

Table 3. Amino acid substitutions in FKS1 HSI in *C. auris* (n = 38) isolates

Isolate ^a	Site of isolation	Hospital	MIC (mg/L)				Amino acid substitution in FKS1 HSI
			CAS	MFG	AFG	FLC	
VPCI 45/13	blood	D	16	16	8	64	S639F
VPCI 46/14	blood	C	8	16	8	64	S639F
VPCI 47/14	blood	C	8	16	8	64	S639F
VPCI 48/14	blood	C	4	16	8	64	S639F

34 *C. auris* isolates had low echinocandin MICs (range 0.125–1 mg/L) and presented WT genotype on FKS1 HSI sequencing

Candida auris: treatment

No consensus exists for optimal treatment

**First-line:
Echinocandins**

**Clinical and
microbiological
workup
AFST**

**Liposomal
amphotericin B**

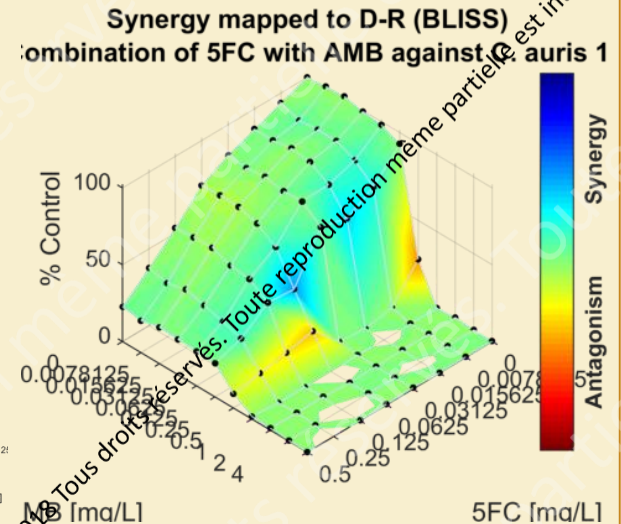
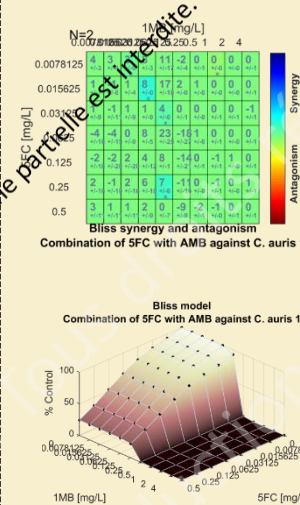
Candida auris: antifungal combination ?

Echinocandins + Azoles

Amphotericin B + Flucytosine

In vitro combination

- SYN** for Mica+VRZ
- IND** for
 - ✓ Mica+FCZ
 - ✓ CAS+FCZ
 - ✓ CAS+VRZ
- No antagonism



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***Candida auris:* take-home messages**

- Emerging pathogen, worldwide
- Often misidentified
- Responsible for invasive infections and outbreaks
- Multidrug resistance

A person wearing a yellow t-shirt and a grey bucket hat is seen from behind, pointing their right hand towards a world map. The map is rendered in white and light blue, set against a clear blue sky. The person is positioned in the lower right corner of the frame. The overall scene conveys a sense of global awareness and concern.

Emerging fungal threats: a global challenge

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