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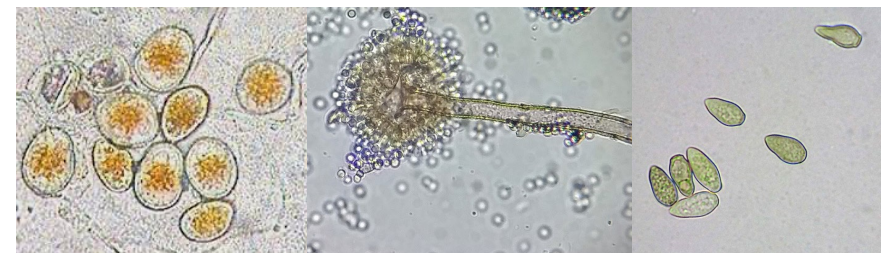
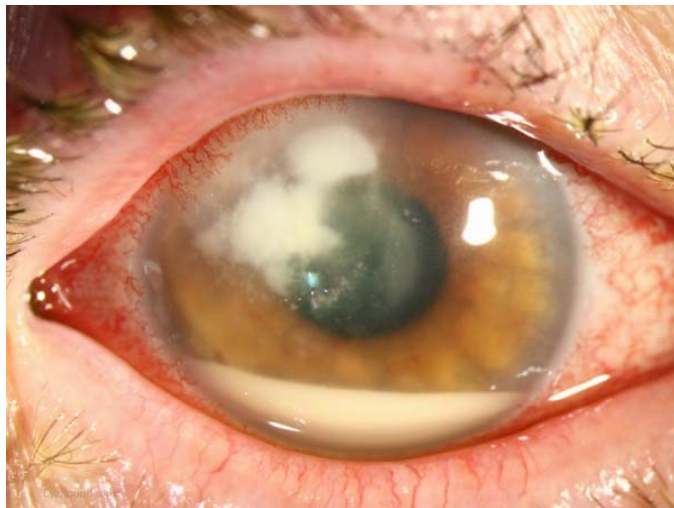
Antifungal Resistance in Humans and the Environment

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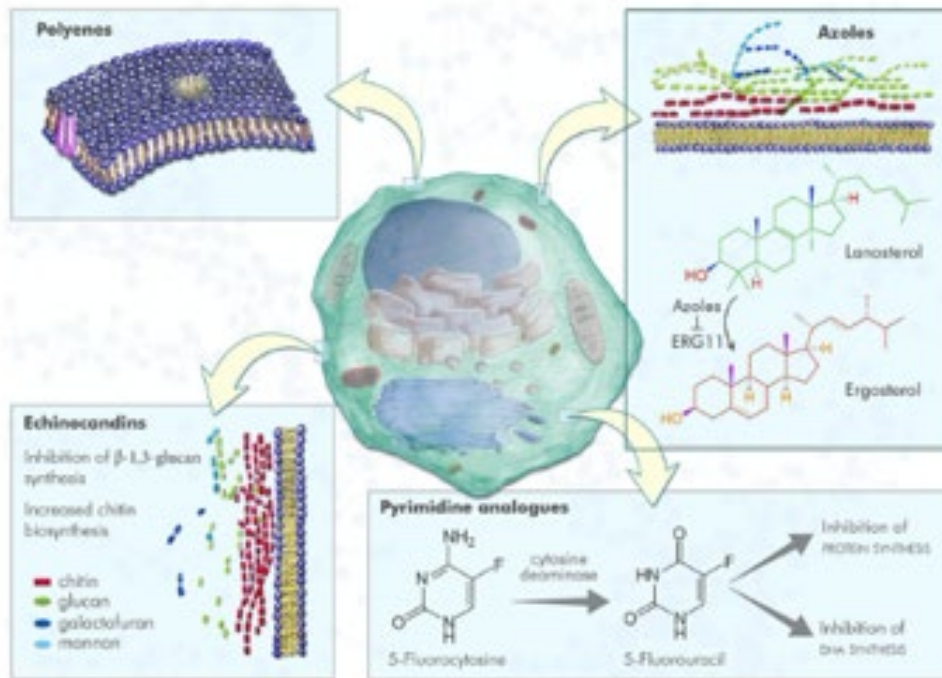
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Antifungal Use in Plant, Animals, Humans, and Industry

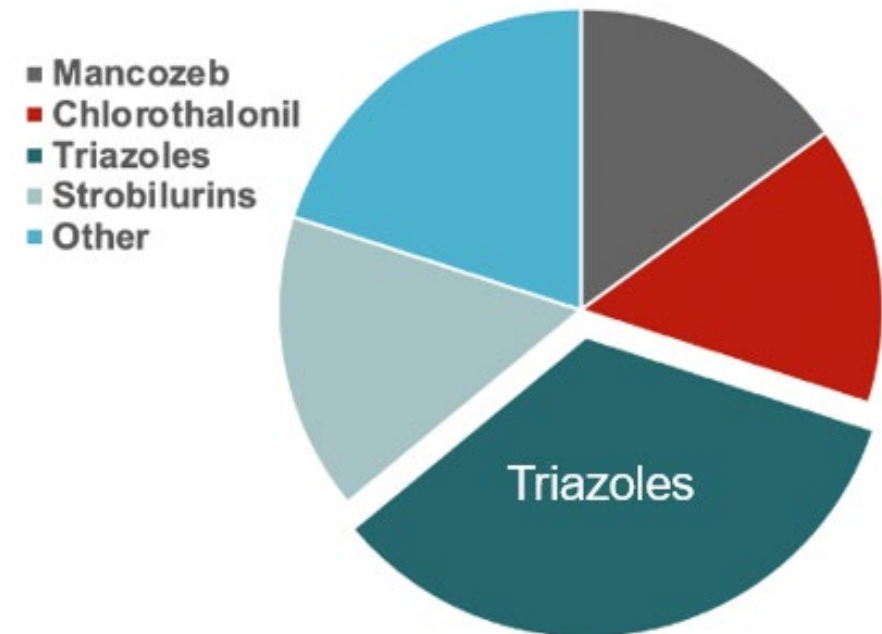


Fungicide and Clinical Antifungal Use in the United States

Clinical Antifungal Market Segmentation by Product



Fungicide Market Segmentation by Product



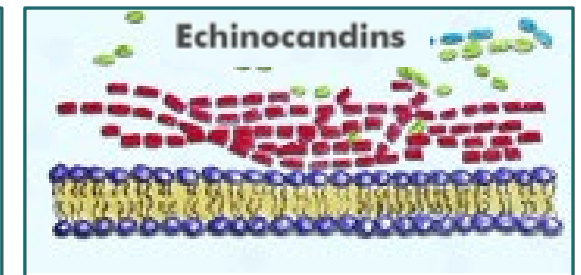
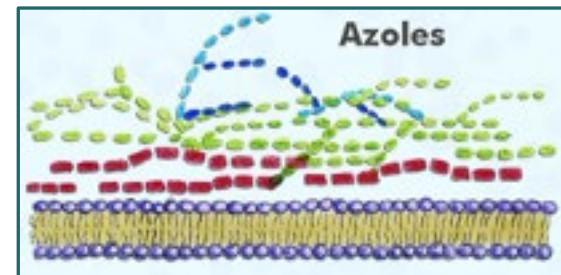
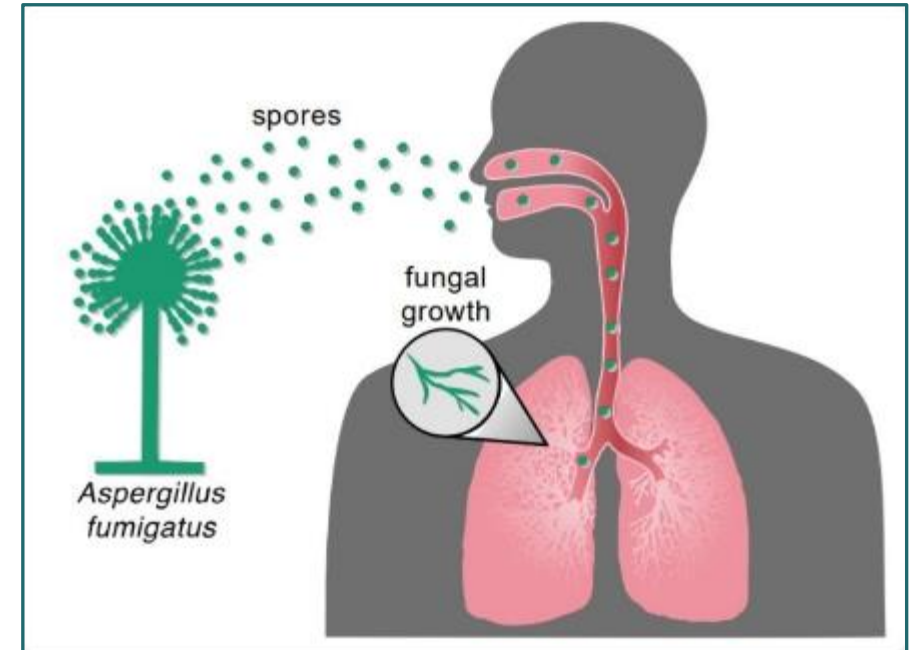
Aspergillus in the Plant Environment

- Vegetation decomposers critical to carbon and nitrogen cycling
- Some are weak but important plant pathogens
- Some are human opportunistic pathogens
- Some produce toxins that affect humans and animals

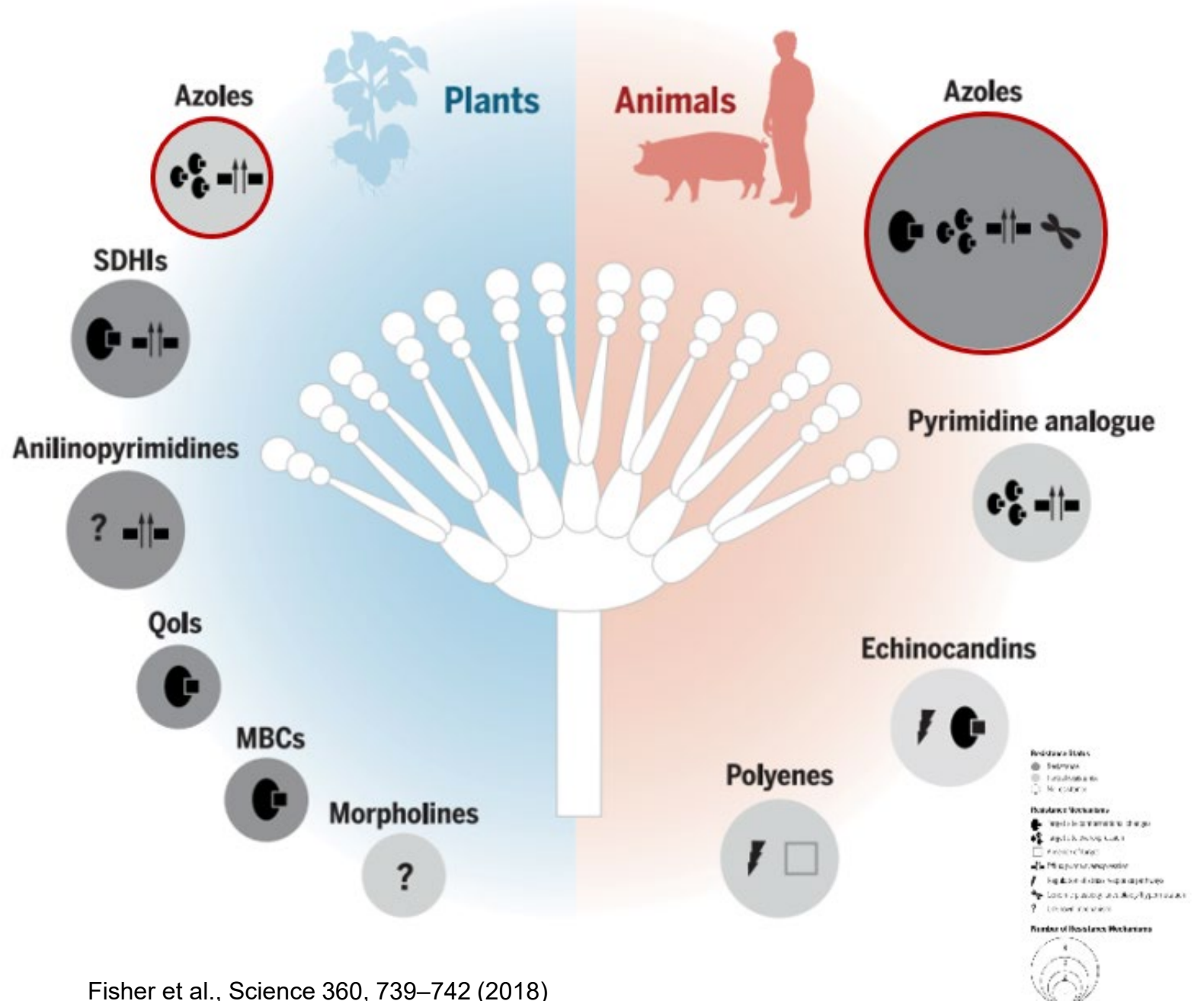


Aspergillus in the Clinical Environment

- Causes acute and chronic aspergillosis
- *A. fumigatus* is responsible for the majority of cases
- Airborne and waterborne
- **Azoles** and echinocandins are the primary antifungals used to treat aspergillosis
 - Resistance to azoles is a global health concern



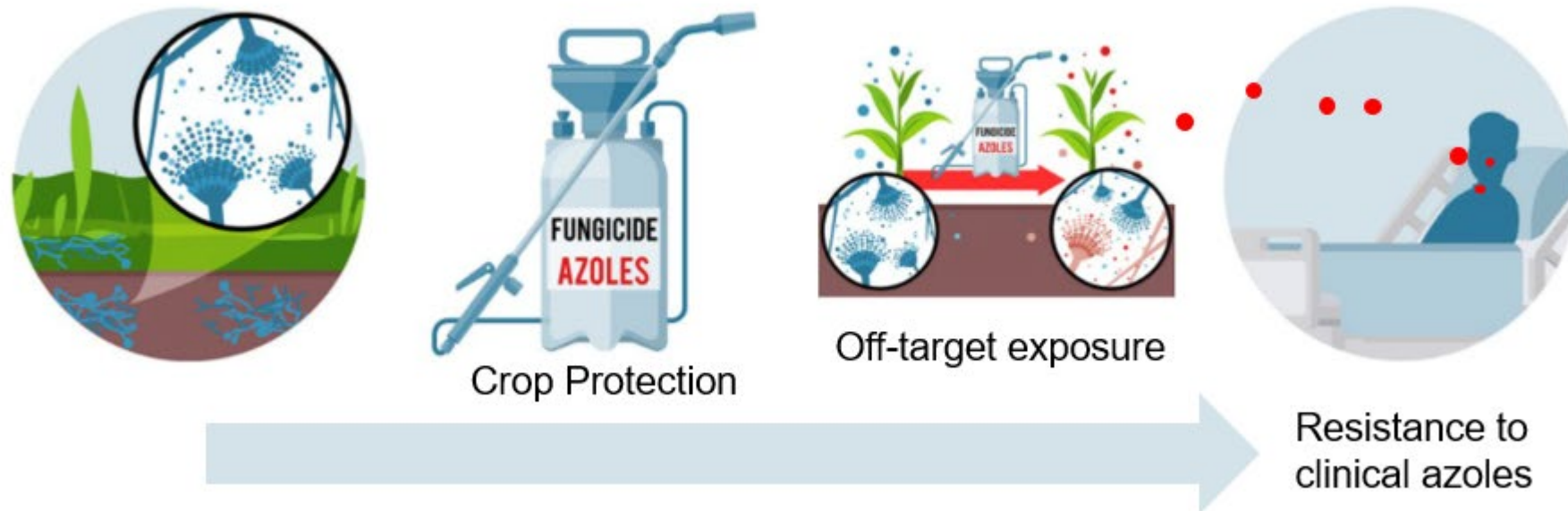
Dual Use of Azoles in the Field and Clinic



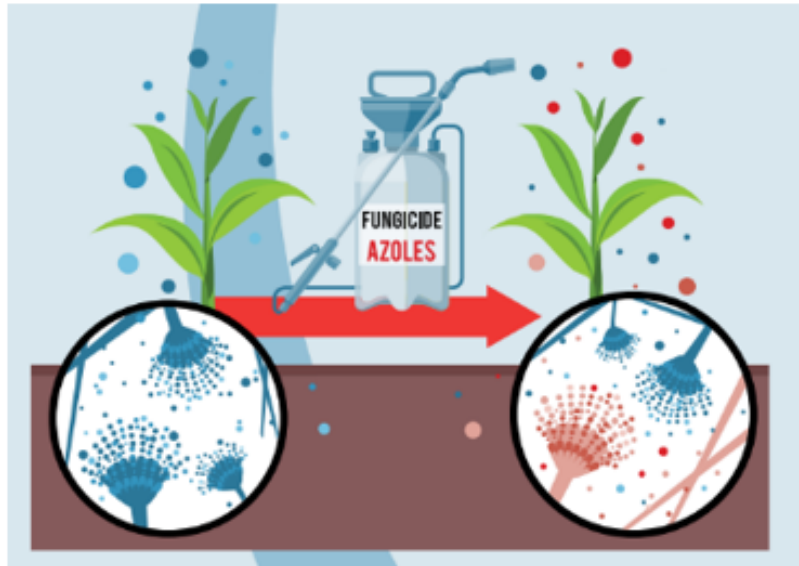
Fisher et al., Science 360, 739–742 (2018)

From Field to Clinic: Azoles Resistance in *Aspergillus fumigatus*

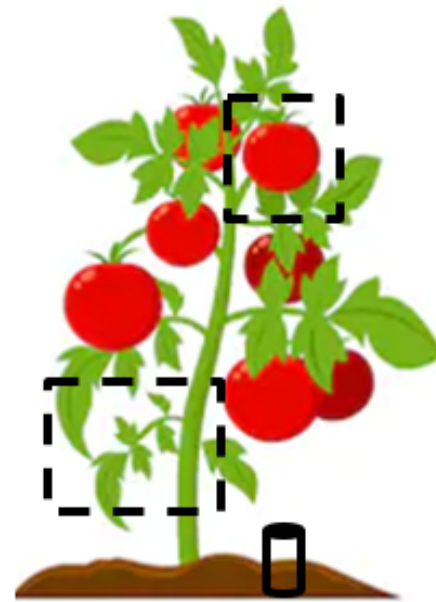
- Azole fungicides used for crop protection have activity against off-target fungi including *A. fumigatus*, leading to isolates with resistance to clinical azoles



Survey of Azole Resistant *A. fumigatus* in a Tomato Production Field



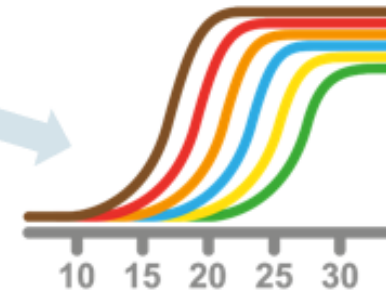
Weekly applications of propiconazole



Soil, foliar and fruit sampling



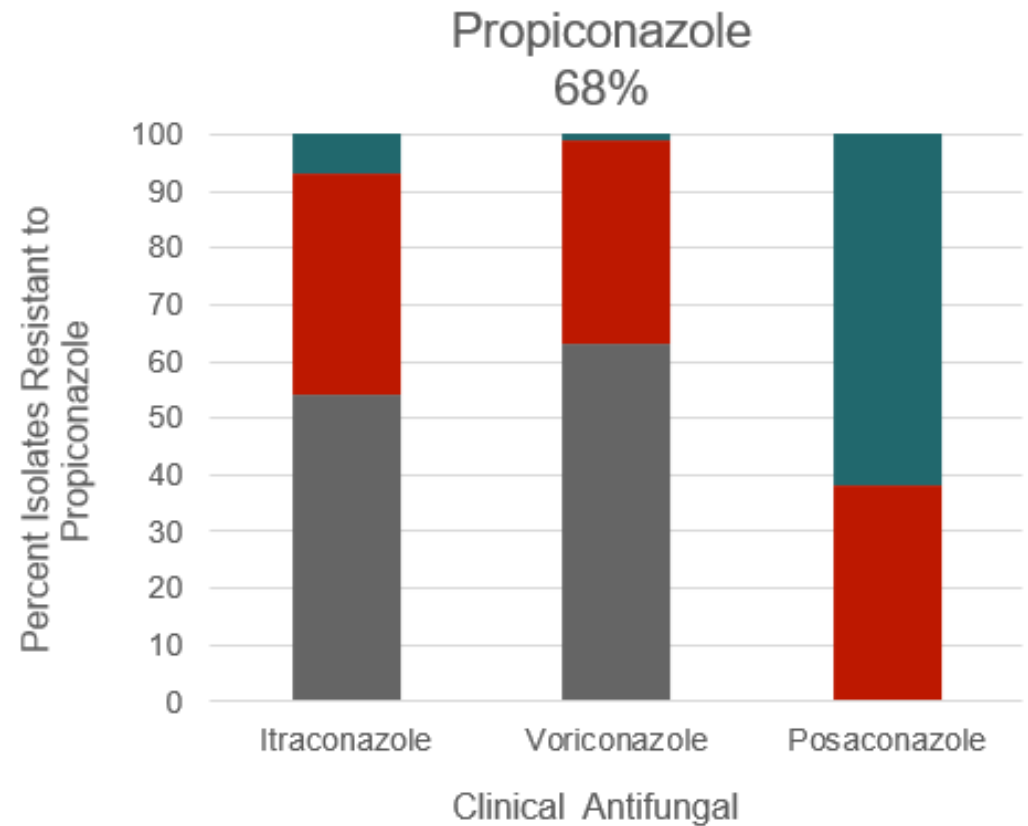
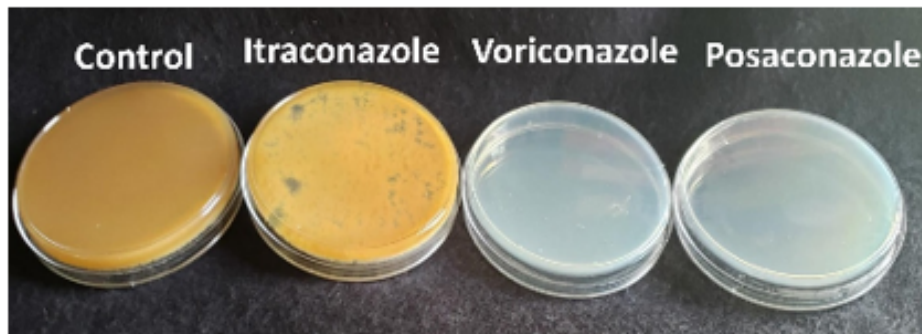
Bioassays
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Real-time PCR
& HRM Curve
Analysis
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Relative Proportion of Antifungal Resistant or Moderately Resistant *A. fumigatus* Isolates

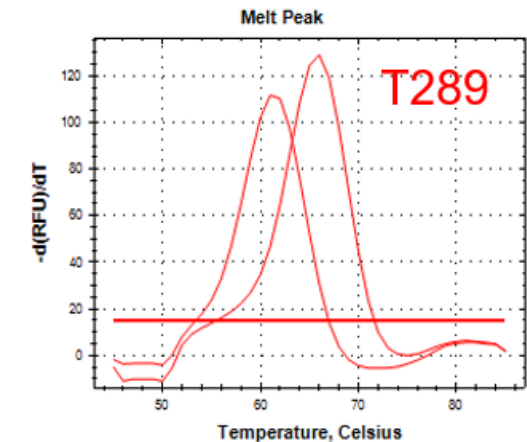
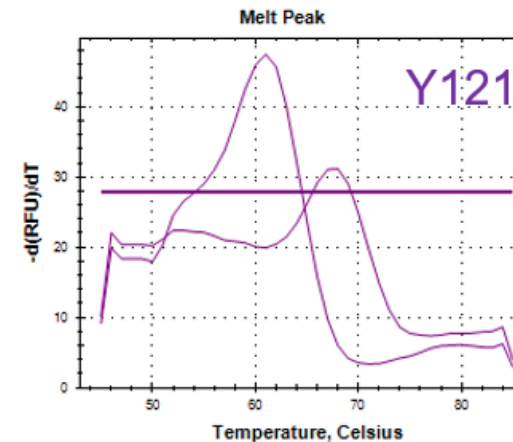
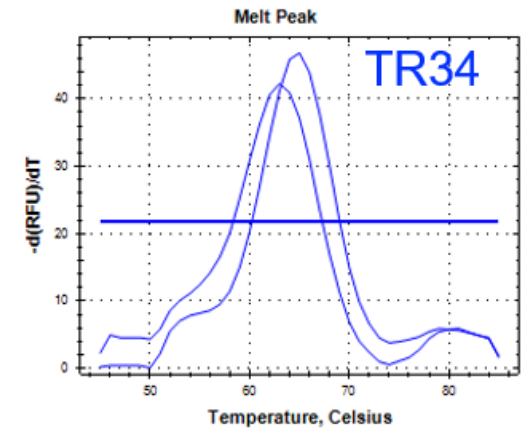
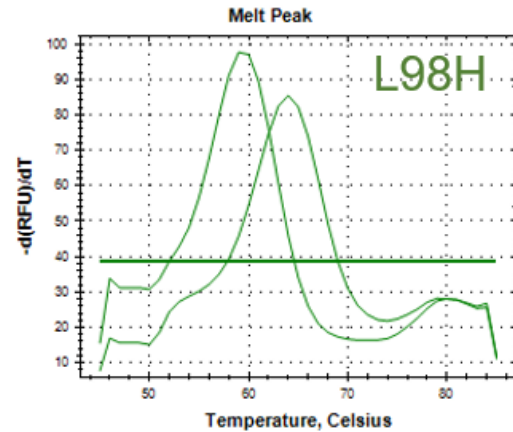


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Mechanism of Resistance of Ohio Isolates is Still Unknown

- Tandem repeat mutations were not detected in any of the isolates with the resistant phenotype
- CYP51 gene sequencing and/or whole genome sequencing will be necessary to decipher the genetic basis of resistance





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