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Prevalence of clinical and environmental triazole-resistant *Aspergillus fumigatus*  
in Iran: is it a challenging issue?

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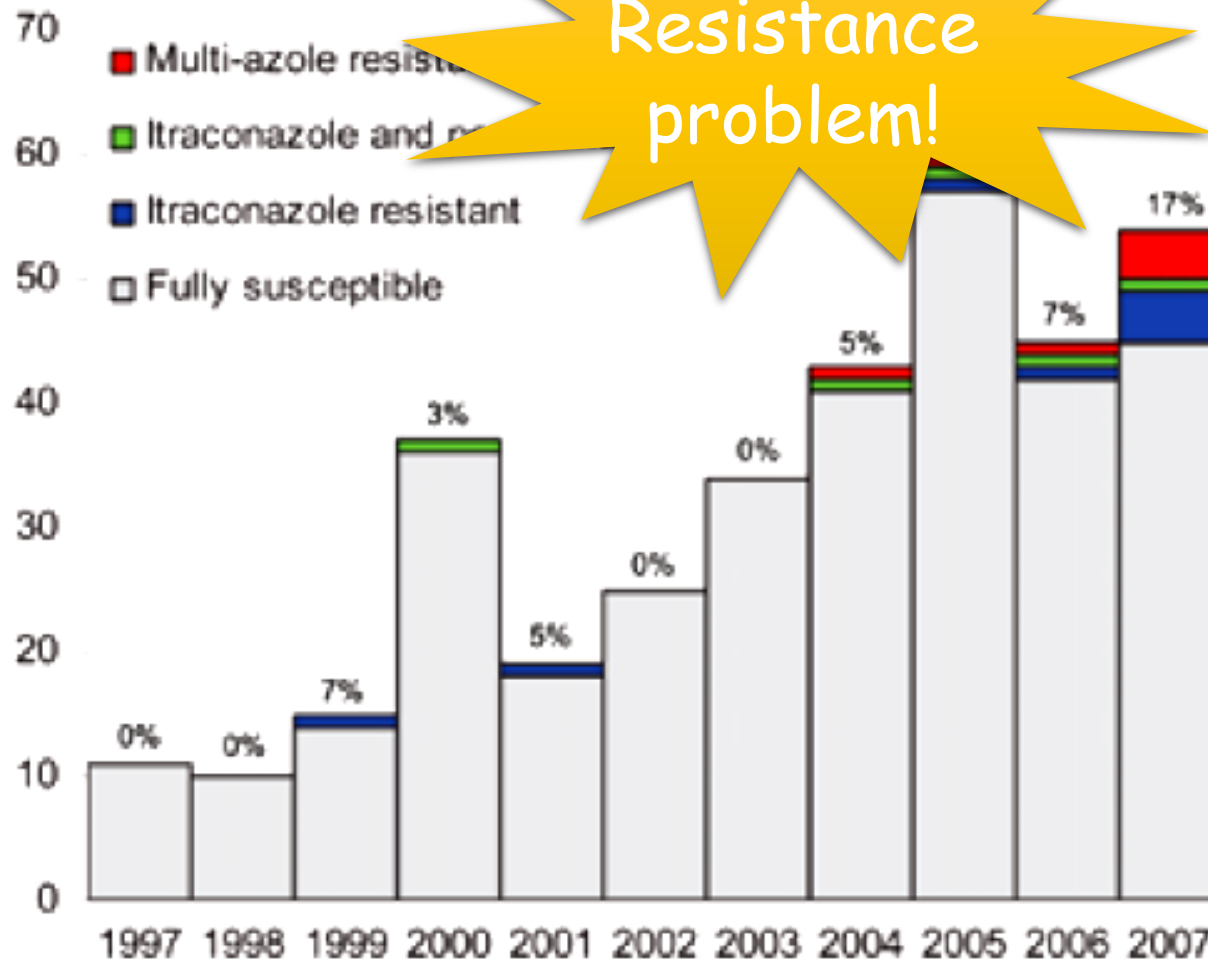
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# Azole drugs are major agents for aspergillosis treatment

**backbone of therapy: itraconazole, voriconazole, posaconazole are the only licensed class of oral drugs for treatment of aspergillosis**



David W. Denning and et al.  
Emerg. Infect. Dis 15:1068 (2009)

Main research question?

**Is Azole resistance in *Aspergillus fumigatus* a  
public health problem?**

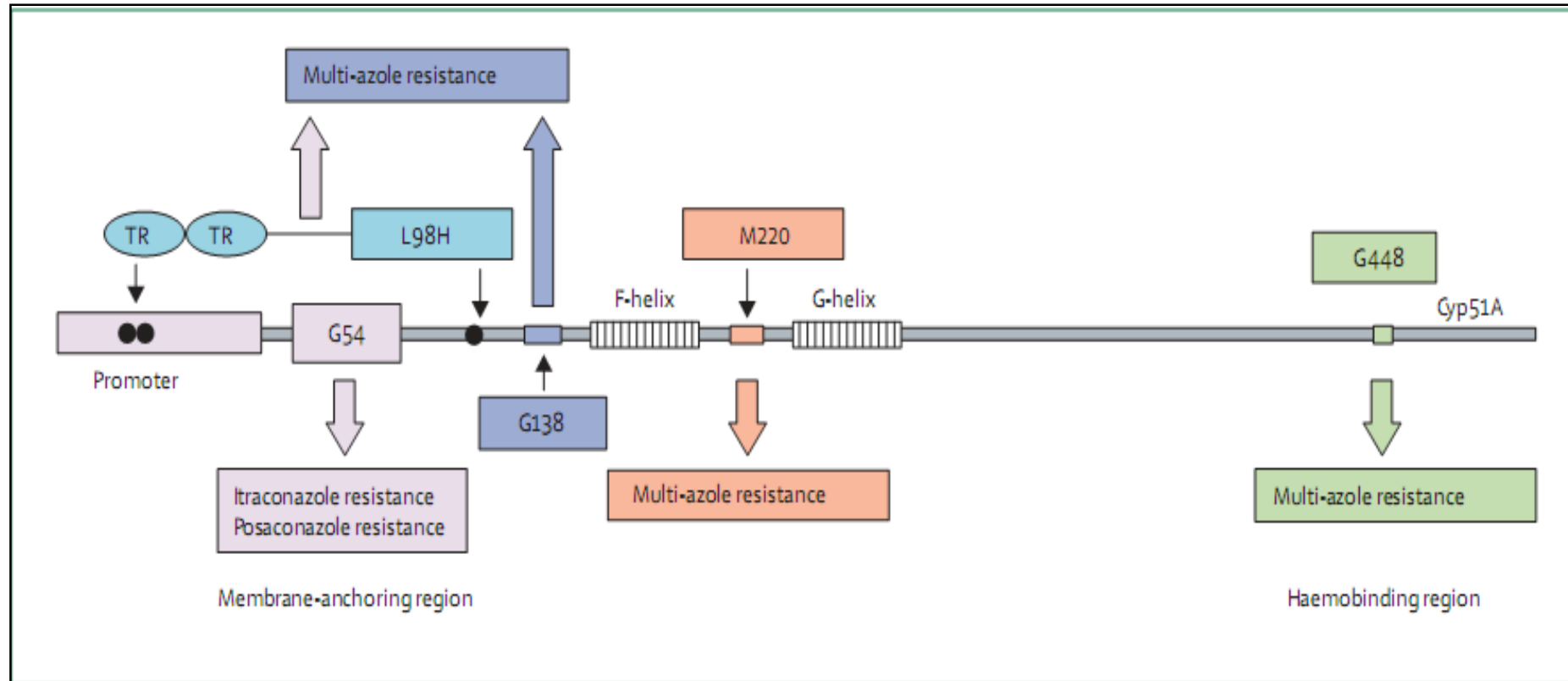
**long term use of azole drugs**

**Use of fungicides repeatedly in environment**

# Use of fungicides repeatedly in environment

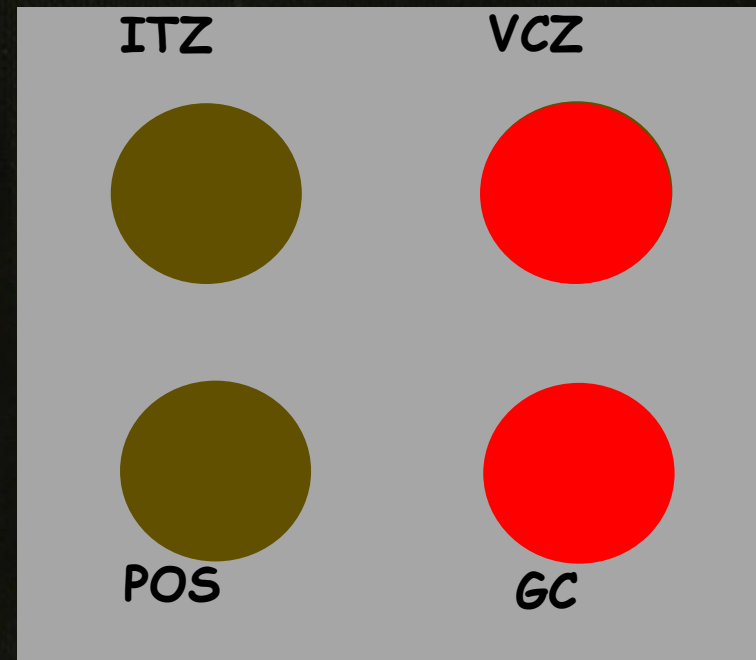
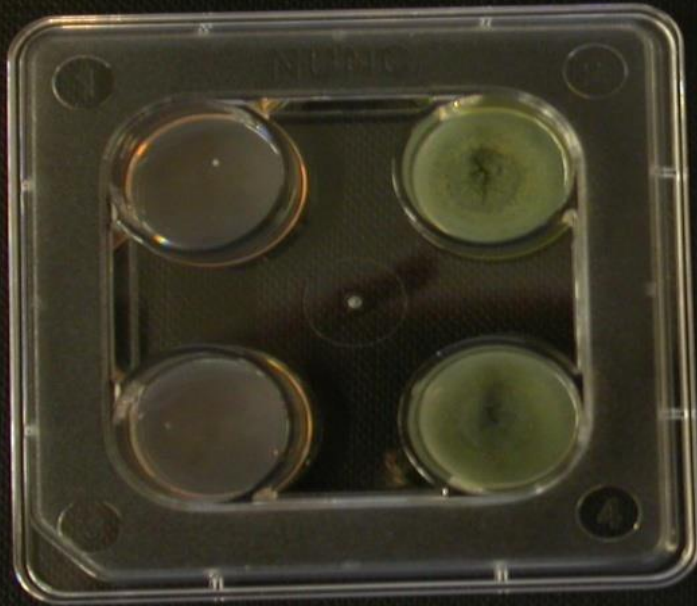


# *Aspergillus fumigatus* cyp51A-related resistance mechanisms to azole antifungal



# Screening of clinical isolates

## Culture



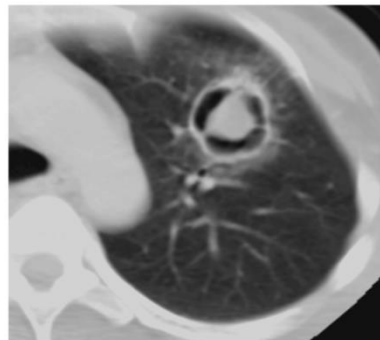
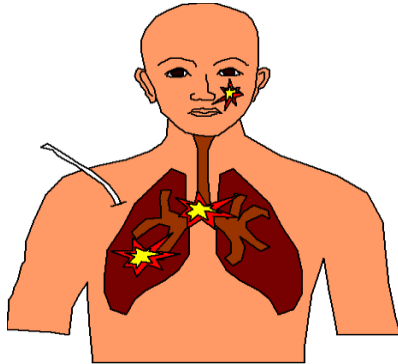
TR<sub>46</sub>/Y121F/T289A

# Potential Magnitude of the Problem

- CPA and ABPA are the principal patient groups potentially impacted by therapeutic failures due to **triazole resistance**.

No other class of antifungals is orally active against *Aspergillus*.

- Patients with multi-azole resistant invasive aspergillosis have an 88% risk of dying.



## According to the European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC)

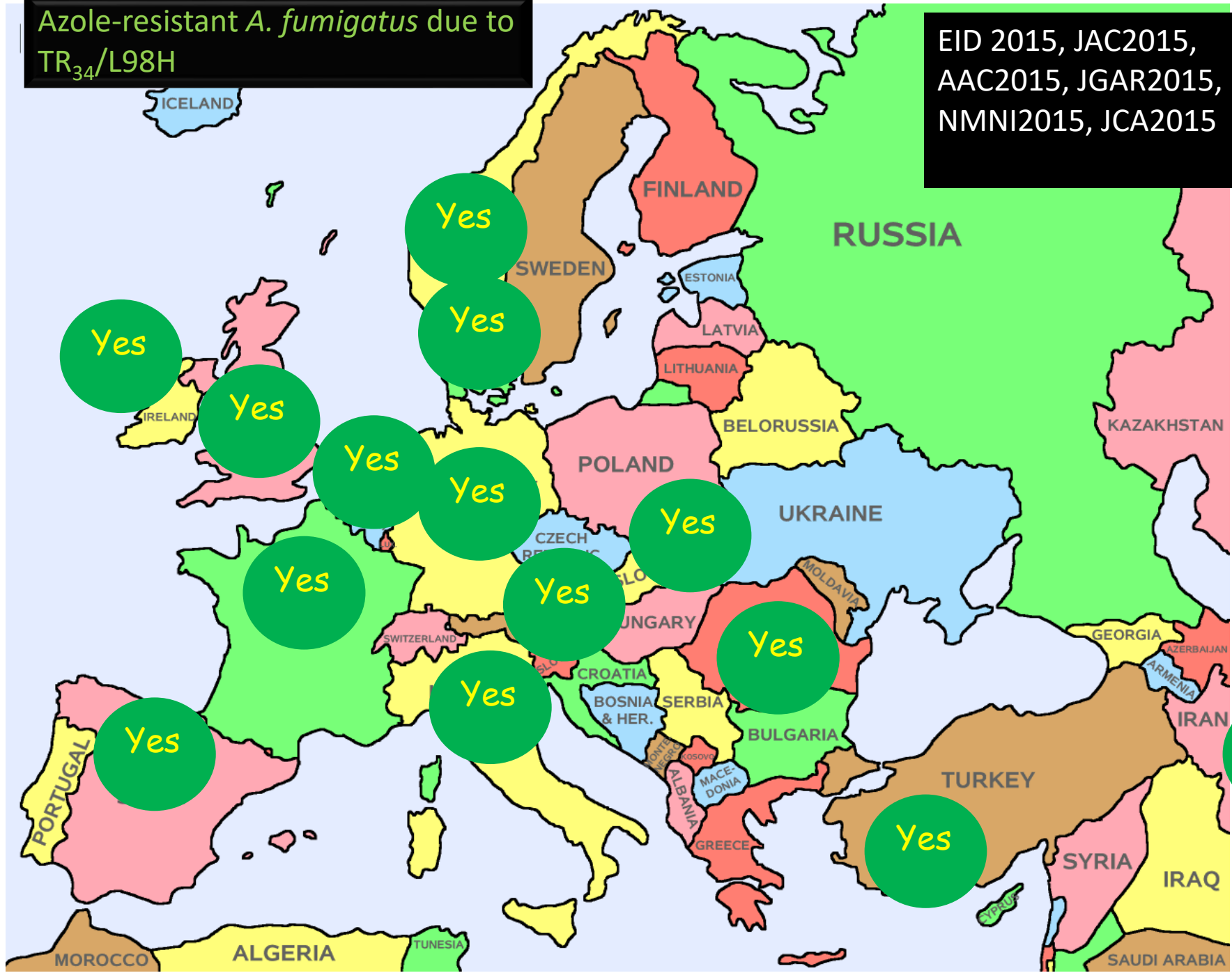
- The overall mean burden estimate of all forms of **aspergillosis** in Europe is approximately **2 400 000** affected individuals.
- We estimate that **62%** of patients with **allergic aspergillosis (AA)** and **67%** of patients with **chronic pulmonary aspergillosis (CPA)**, a disease with a high mortality rate, require long-term therapy.
- Slightly more than **2.3 million** patients with allergic or chronic aspergillosis could potentially benefit from long-term oral azole therapy.

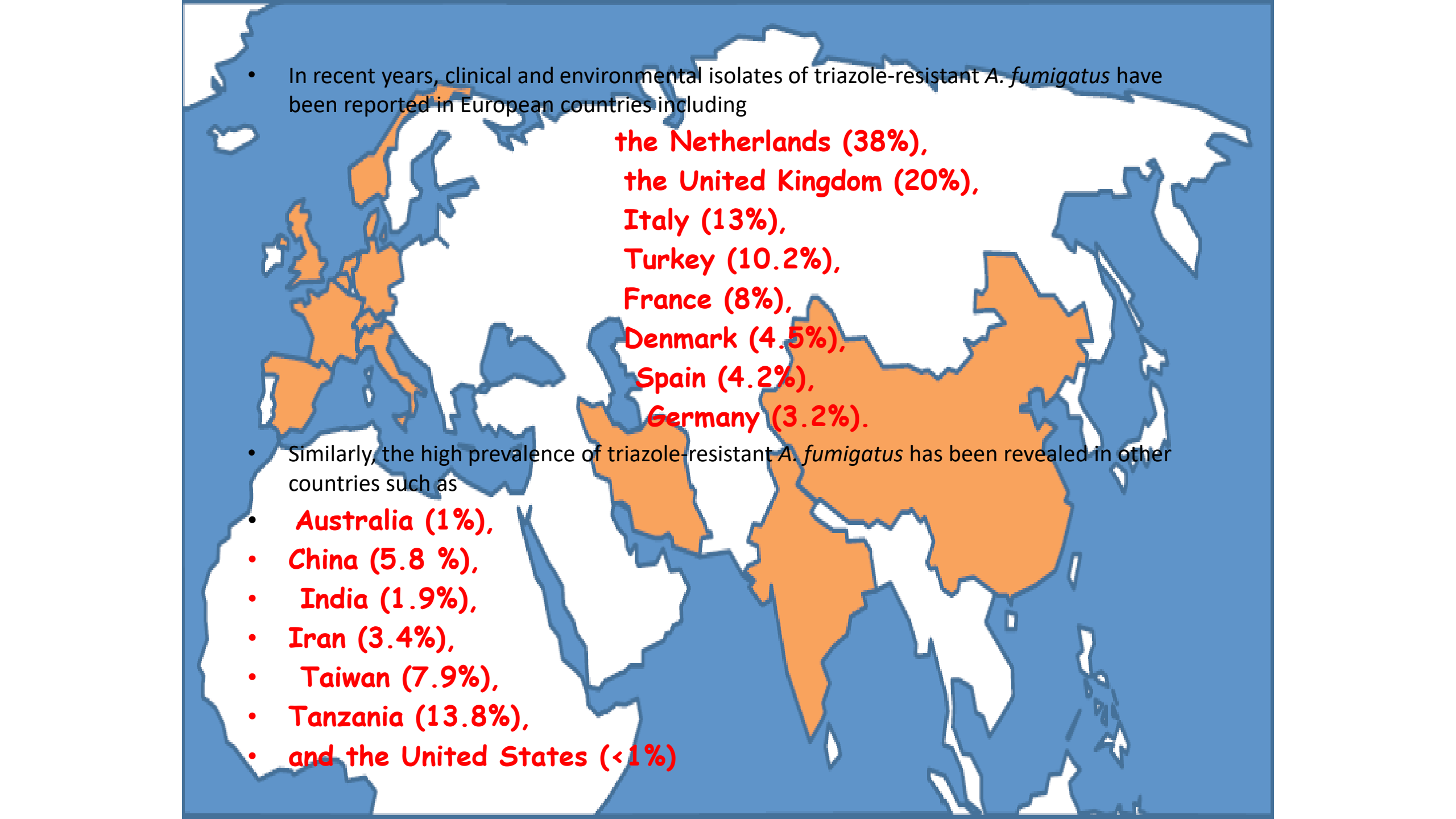
Azole resistance is therefore potentially highly problematic for both groups of patients.



Azole-resistant *A. fumigatus* due to TR<sub>34</sub>/L98H

EID 2015, JAC2015, AAC2015, JGAR2015, NMNI2015, JCA2015

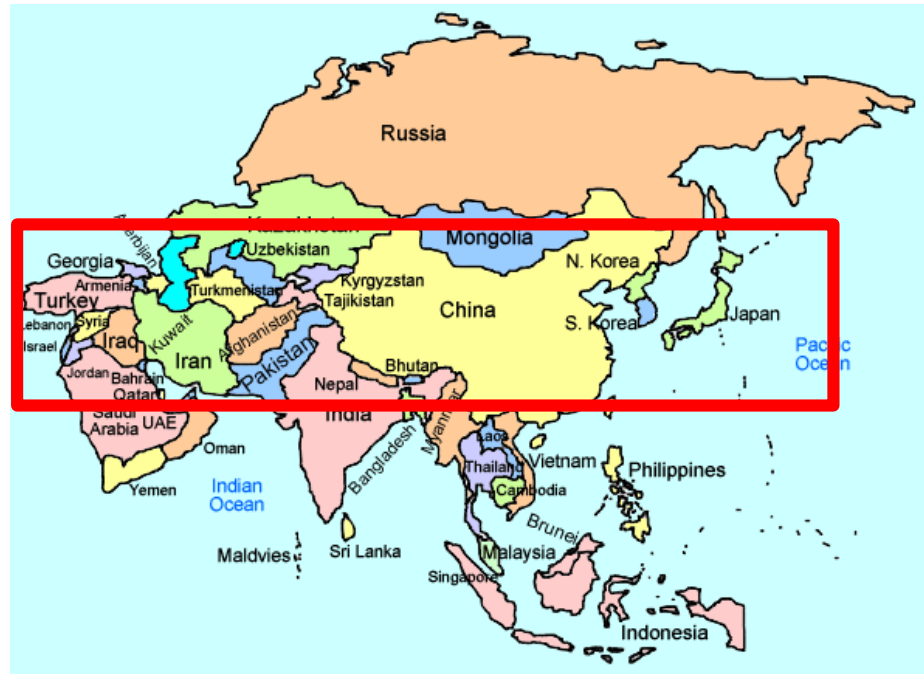


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- In recent years, clinical and environmental isolates of triazole-resistant *A. fumigatus* have been reported in European countries including

**the Netherlands (38%),  
the United Kingdom (20%),  
Italy (13%),  
Turkey (10.2%),  
France (8%),  
Denmark (4.5%),  
Spain (4.2%),  
Germany (3.2%).**

- Similarly, the high prevalence of triazole-resistant *A. fumigatus* has been revealed in other countries such as
- **Australia (1%),**
- **China (5.8 %),**
- **India (1.9%),**
- **Iran (3.4%),**
- **Taiwan (7.9%),**
- **Tanzania (13.8%),**
- **and the United States (<1%)**

# Asian scenario



**Turkey, TR34**

**Iran, TR34**

**Kuwait, TR34**

**India, TR34/TR46**

**China, TR34/TR46**

**Taiwan, TR34**

**Australia, TR34**

- According to previous research in Iran,
- the prevalence of clinical and environmental azole-resistant *A. fumigatus* isolates 3.2% and 3.3%, respectively ([Badali et al., 2013](#))
- In contrast with the present findings, in previous studies, with the increased rate of azole resistance (4.2% and 7.6% for clinical and environmental *A. fumigatus* isolates, respectively),

● Clinical Azole resistance  
● Environmental Azole resistant  
○ Total number of Clinical and Environmental

200 km  
100 mi

# **Routes of resistance development**

- **Azole resistance observed in azole naïve patients.**
- **A dominant resistance mechanism is found in the Netherlands.**
- **The presence of two genomic changes (including a tandem repeat).**
- **Isolates harbouring the TR34/L98H resistance mechanism are found in the environment.**
- **Triazole fungicides used in agriculture have a similar molecular structure to medical triazoles.**
- **Absence of genotypical wild-type isolates related to those with TR34/L98H.**

**(van der Linden et al., 2013).**

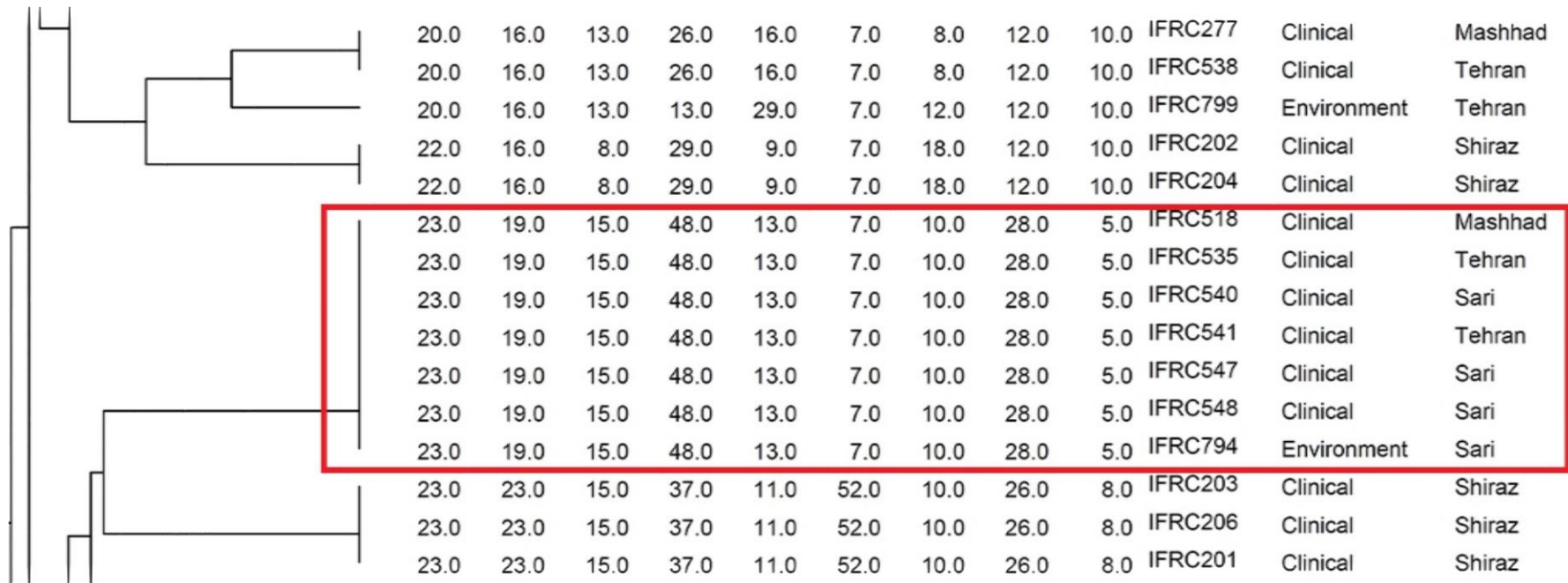
- **novel *CYP51A*-mediated resistance mechanism,**
- **consisting of two amino acid substitutions and a 46-bp tandem repeat in the **TR<sub>46</sub>/Y121F/T289A** gene promoter region**
- **reduce susceptibility to voriconazole (MIC > 16 µg/ml),**
- **while reducing resistance to itraconazole and posaconazole (MIC: 0.25-0.2 µg/ml).**
- **They revealed that 20.6% of patients harbored azole-resistant strains due to TR46/Y121F/T289A mutations**

# Typing

- **recently numerous fingerprinting techniques, i.e., RFLP, AFLP, RAPD, and MLST for genotyping of *A. fumigatus* with high discriminatory power and inter-laboratory reproducibility have been described**
- **they either lack the necessary reproducibility between experiments.**
- **de Valk *et al*, newly described a novel panel of nine short tandem repeat (STRs) for genotyping of *A. fumigatus* with highly discriminatory power, unambiguous assignment, inter-laboratory exchangeability of the results**
- de Valk HA, Meis JF. Journal of clinical microbiology. 2005;43(8):4112-20.

**Notably, We report similar genotype in 4 isolates:  
Sari Hospital soil sample (IFRC794)  
Sari Hospital (BAL sample) (IFRC 540, 547,548)**

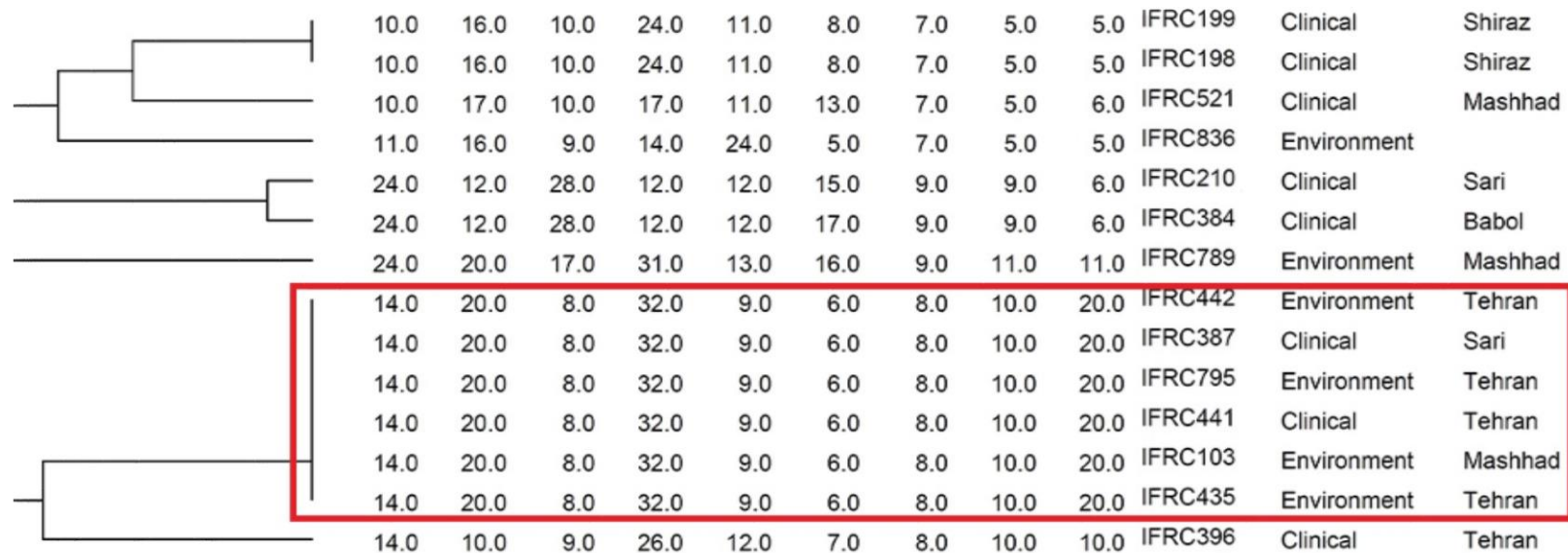
**Maybe source of transmission: Environmental**





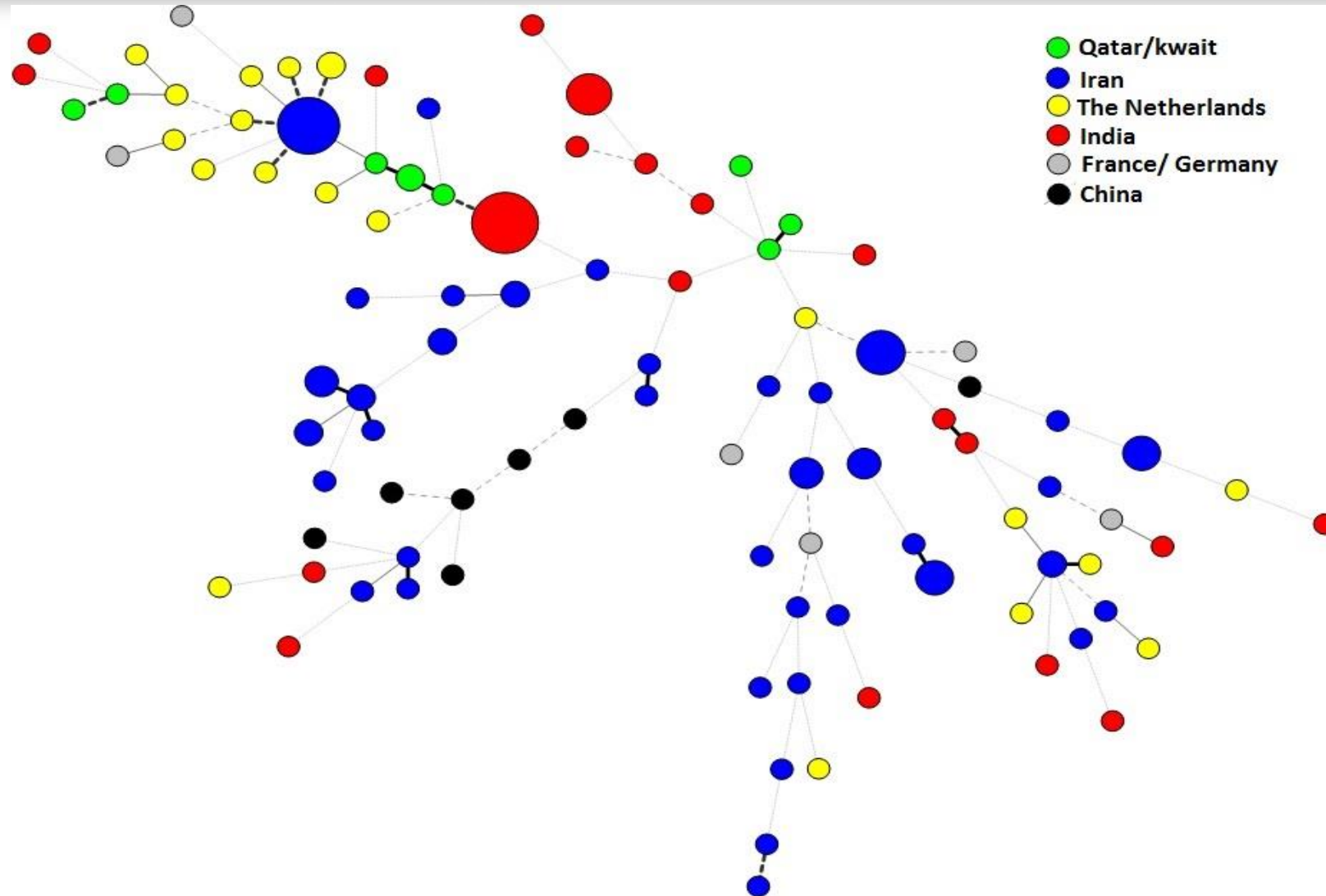
- **In the present study, we reported TR34/L98H mutations as the responsible resistant mechanism**
- **Molecular epidemiology studies indicated that:**
- **TR34/L98H isolates might have a common ancestor and have subsequently migrated widely through airborne conidia and ascospores, as observed across Europe,**
- **or may be an adaptive recombinant progeny that developed locally,**
- **as observed in India where a unique genotype distinct from the Chinese, Middle East and European TR34/L98H strains was identified**

- **In another cluster:**
  - **4 isolates from Tehran**
  - **1 isolate from Sari**
  - **1 isolate from Mashhad**
- Are the Same genotype**
- **Its possible to migration of resistant isolate**



The STR typing depicted no genotypic correlation of Iranian *A. fumigatus* with isolates from other countries.

a unique genotype distinct from other countries



# Recommendations

- **Routine triazole susceptibility testing for clinical isolates (if antifungal treatment is indicated);**
- **Develop molecular methods to detect triazole resistance in culture-negative specimens and implement them in laboratory practice.**
- **Extensive and continued environmental studies;**
- **In the era of increasing azole resistance, systematic and periodic surveillance of antifungal resistance in environmental and clinical *A. fumigatus* strains are important.**
- **In addition, agricultural fungicide usage strategies contributing to a lower resistance selection pressure should be investigated**
- **monitor disease frequency and triazole resistance**