

## Drug-resistant avian flu strains emerge

*The following is an edited excerpt.*

The H7N9 strain of bird flu circulating in China appears to have easily developed resistance to antiviral drug treatment, according to the authors of a new study published May 29th in [The Lancet](#). Three out of 14 patients treated with antiviral drugs such as Tamiflu, which had helped control infection in other flu patients, became resistant to the treatment and failed to respond. A genetic analysis of isolates from these patients showed that the virus had developed mutations that allowed it to escape the drug's mechanism of action.

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