

## Deadly superbug *Candida auris* is wreaking havoc in hospitals. Where's the research money needed to stop it?

In the universe of scary drug-resistant pathogens that can kill, [Candida auris](#) is having a moment. The freaky fungus, which is behaving in ways scientists didn't think fungi could act, has been garnering headlines because of its uncanny ability to resist multiple antifungal drugs and settle into hospital rooms so persistently it can take renovations to get rid of it.

But while concern about the superbug has grown exponentially in recent years, funding for research to stop it has not. Scientists who work in mycology — the study of fungi — say there is precious little money available to study *Candida auris*.

"Traditionally, mycology has been the ugly duckling of infectious diseases," said Dr. Luis Ostrosky.

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So funding for science aimed at finding tools to better diagnose *C. auris* and new antifungals to treat it? Yes, there's some pharma money for that, Ostrosky said. But science that shows how to avert these hugely difficult infections doesn't generate sales.

"There is some federal funding being allocated for this," said Ostrosky, "but perhaps not to the level that we would need to tackle this very quickly."

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