

Pathogenicity mechanisms and host response during oral *Candida albicans* infections.

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Abstract

Oral candidiasis remains one of the most common forms of *Candida* infections and occurs if the balance between host, *Candida* and microbiota is disturbed, e.g., by broad spectrum antibiotics or immunosuppression. In recent years, identification of fungal factors contributing to host cell damage and new insights into host defense mechanisms have significantly extended our understanding of the pathogenesis of oral candidiasis. In this review, we will provide an overview of the pathogenicity mechanisms during oral *Candida* infections and discuss some approaches by which this knowledge could be transferred into therapeutic approaches.

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