



# MEDICAL MYCOLOGY CASE REPORTS

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### DESCRIPTION

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Medical Mycology Case Reports is an online journal devoted to the publication of case reports that concern medical or veterinary diseases caused by fungi. The journal aims to provide a valuable collection of fungal cases with clinically important information to healthcare professionals, researchers and others, and is specifically interested in cases that have educational value.

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