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A bibliography with annotations on medical mycology in Iraq, 1962–2021

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Checklists and fungal data documentation are among the information gaps regarding the diversity of fungi in Iraq. There are currently no updated fungal checklists or mycological bibliographic studies available for a nation like Iraq. In our recently established Iraqi Mycologists' Network, we made the decision to begin the lengthy process of documenting fungus in Iraq using every resource at our disposal. It was feasible to identify a total of 455 papers published in Iraq since 1962 that were gathered from diverse sources and all dealt with some aspect of medical mycology by screening the information sources that were available (websites, dissertations, theses, and journals). It goes without saying that this bibliography is valuable to medical mycologists, researchers, and students in Iraq and around the world. It should be noted that while the current study will contribute some new material to our understanding of medical mycology in Iraq, it should always be regarded as a preliminary study that awaits ongoing additions.

Key words: Antifungal, Aspergillosis Candida albicans Dermatophytes, Malassezia Mucoromycosis, Nanoparticles.

INTRODUCTION

Food Although there is a wealth of information regarding medical mycology in Iraq, no bibliographic study has ever focused on it before, with this one being the first. It can be inferred that there are currently approximately 455 references to medical mycology in Iraq based on data gathered from earlier research as well as information gleaned from websites, dissertations, published papers, patents, textbooks, and compilations of medical mycology in Iraq previously introduced by several investigators.

Since 1960, studies have been categorized into four major groups for convenience. The two decades of 1960–1980 came last with only 20 studies, whereas the current two decades (2011–2021) held the top spot with 320 research. There are a few references that have been re-edited because of scientific spelling errors. We were only able to translate the titles of several theses that were in Arabic. This bibliography should be regarded as a preliminary one that requires ongoing additions, even though the current study will contribute some new references to our knowledge of medical mycology in Iraq.

According to our comprehensive survey, the number of published and unpublished studies of medical mycology in Iraq per decade since 1960 exhibits three distinct phases (Fig. 1): a steep phase from the 1990s to the 2010s, when various study types and molecular identification became widely used, followed by a sudden increase from the 2010s to the present. During the 1960s to 1990s, progress was very slow. The somewhat increased numbers over the past ten years are a result of ongoing research as well as several successful individual medical mycologists.

According to data pertaining to medically significant taxa, the genus Aspergillus had 24 entries, the genus Penicillium had 3 entries, and the genus Candida had 86 entries out of 455.

This comprehensive study, which will contribute fresh material to our knowledge of medical mycology in Iraq for the first time, should be regarded as a preliminary one that is always awaiting ongoing additions from all researchers and medical mycologists.

Competing interests

The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.

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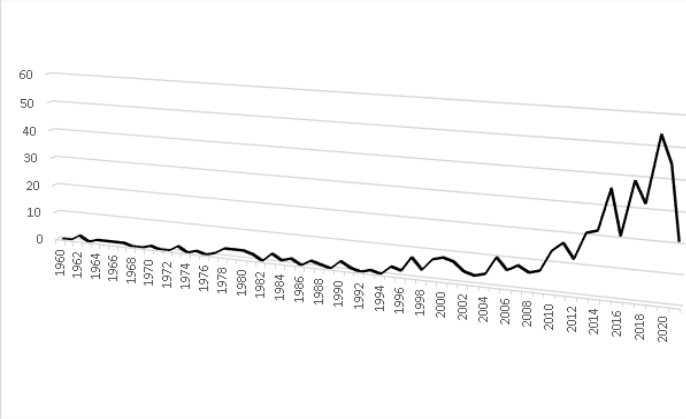

Fig 1. Numbers of newly introduced medical mycology studies in Iraq for each year from 1960 to 2021 based on data from extensive survey during this study.