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# Human Mold Infections

## Positions

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## Research

*Aspergillus fumigatus* is the most common mold pathogen of human beings, causing invasive diseases in immunocompromised (cancer after chemotherapy, bone marrow transplant etc) patients. Poor diagnostic tools and the ineffectiveness of antifungal drugs against established *Aspergillus* infections combine to result in high mortality following *A. fumigatus* infection. Left untreated, mortality rates from invasive pulmonary aspergillosis (IPA) exceed 90% and even following aggressive antifungal treatment fatality rates of 50-70% are common.

The goals of my lab are:

To understand what enables this mold to be such an effective and dangerous pathogen of immunocompromised patients

To develop novel modes of treatment including new antifungal compounds, targeted antibodies and nano medicines.

## Publications

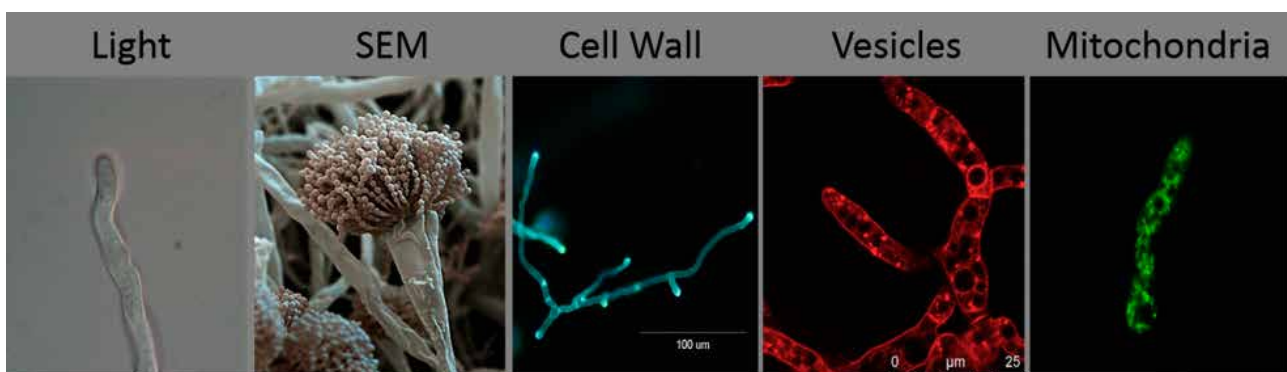
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