

Cladophialophora bantiana, the Neurotropic Fungus – A Mini Review

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ABSTRACT

Cladophialophora bantiana is the most common and dangerous neurotropic fungus which causes brain abscess. The infection which is caused due to this fungus is risky, not only to the patient due to the poor prognosis, but also to the clinician because of the difficulty in its management as well as to the

laboratory personnel who handle it. Only few clinicians are aware of this fungus. Complete awareness among the clinicians and other health care personnel is essential for the successful management of these infections. On this basis, we have reviewed the microbiological, clinical and the therapeutic aspects of the *C. bantiana* infections.

Key Words: *Cladophialophora* - *Cladophialophora bantiana* - Brain abscess - Neurotropic fungi – Dematiaceous fungi – Phaeoid fungi - Cerebral phaeohyphomycosis

KEY MESSAGE

- *C. bantiana* is the commonest cause of non-traumatic CNS infections.