

## FUNGAL SALGINLARIN ARAŐTIRILMASI;

kullanılan yöntemler, RAPD ve rDNA IS1 sekans analizi uygulamaları

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- Yatan hasta popülasyonundaki deęişikliklerle birlikte, hastanede kazanılan **ekzojen** veya **endojen** kaynaklı mantar enfeksiyonlarının görölme sıklığı son yıllarda giderek artmaktadır.
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## Fungal genotiplendirme niin gerekli ?

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- İnfeksiyonun endojen mi yoksa eksojen kaynaklı mı ? olduėunun belirlenmesi
- Salgınların kaynaėının belirlenmesi
- Yayılma yollarının belirlenmesi ve korunma
- Rölaps mı yoksa reinfeksiyon mu ? olduėunun belirlenmesi
- Hastane ortamındaki mikroorganizma klonlarının ortaya konması

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- Mantarların genotiplendirmesinde kullanılacak tek bir “altın standart” yöntem yok.
- Çalışılacak mikroorganizmaya göre yöntem seçilmeli. Kullanılan yöntemlerin avantajları ve dezavantajları söz konusudur.
- Seçilecek yöntemin başarısı tekrarlanabilirliğine ve ayırım gücünün yüksek olmasına bağlıdır.



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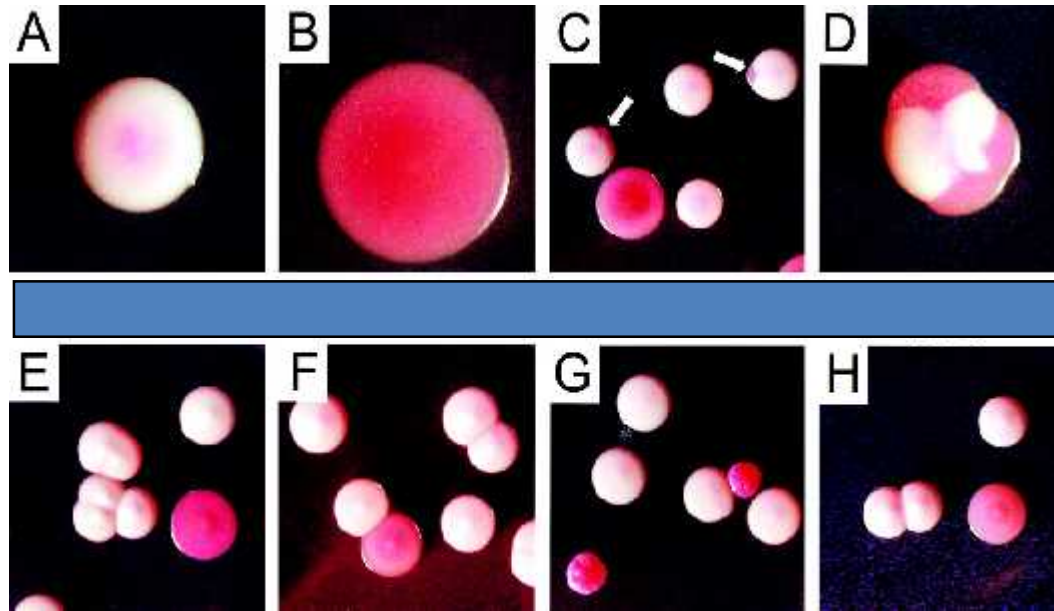
- İlk tiplendirme çalışmalarında fenotipik yöntemler kullanılmıştır.
  - Serotiplendirme
  - Morfotiplendirme
  - Rezistotiplendirme
  - Biyotiplendirme
  - Öldürücü maya tiplendirmesi
  - Hücresel proteinlerin analizi

## Fungal genotiplendirme

- Fenotipik yöntemlerin ayırım güçleri çoğunlukla yetersizdir.
- Fenotipik deęişim söz konusu;

*C. albicans*, *C. tropicalis*, *C. glabrata*, *Cryptococcus neoformans*

Bu da hatalı deęerlendirmelere neden olabilir.

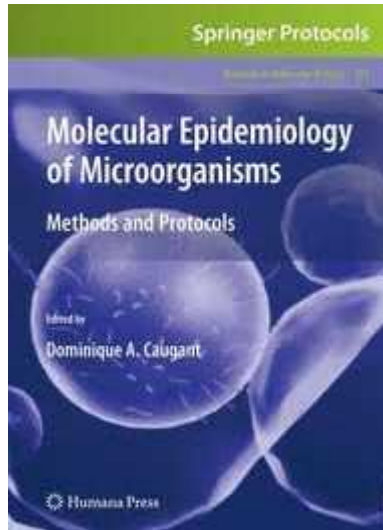


Örneęin; *C. albicans* WO-1 kökeninde beyaz-opak koloni dönüşümü  $10^{-3}$  kadar sıklıkla geri dönüşümlüdür.

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- Moleküler genotiplendirme yöntemlerinin uygulama alanına sokulması ile fenotipik yöntemlerin yetersiz ayırım gücünden kaynaklanan dezavantajları önemli ölçüde ortadan kaldırılmıştır.

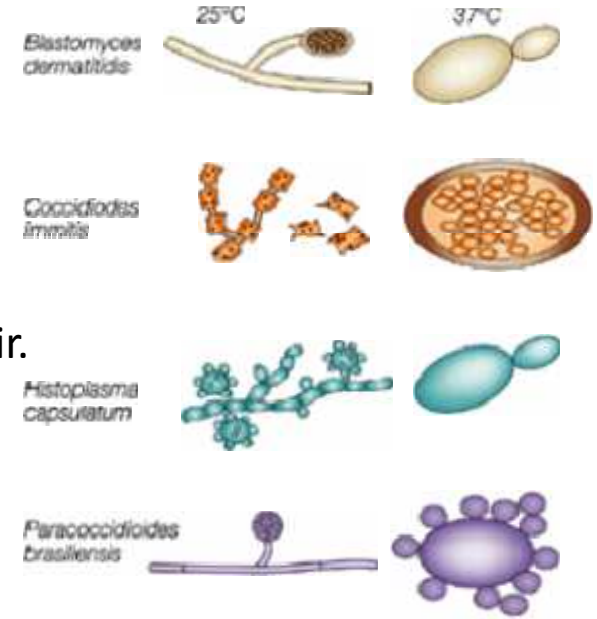


## Fungal genotiplendirme

- Genotiplendirilmeye başlarken hatırlanması gerekenler;
  - Mantarların ökaryotik olması genotiplendirilmelerinde çeşitli sorunlar oluşturmaktadır.

### Bu sorunların başında;

- hem seksüel hem de aseksüel üreyebilmeleri
- ökaryotlarda görülen doğal rekombinasyon
- bazı fungal patojenlerin diploid yapı göstermeleri
- bazılarının dimorfik yapıda olabilmeleri gelmektedir.

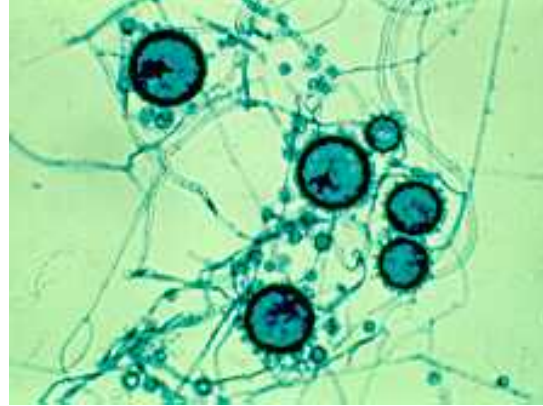




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- Genotiplendirilmeye başlarken hatırlanması gerekenler;
  - Çoğu mantar türleri seksüel üreme gösterirler ve haploid (N) yapıdadırlar.
  - **Örneğin;**
    - *Histoplasma capsulatum*'un eşeyli formu olan *Ajellomyces capsulatum* haploid (N) yapıdadır.
    - Seksüel üreyen mantar türleri kendi kendileri ile eşleşebilecekleri gibi bir eşeye de ihtiyaç duyabilir yada her iki şekilde de üreme gösterebilirler



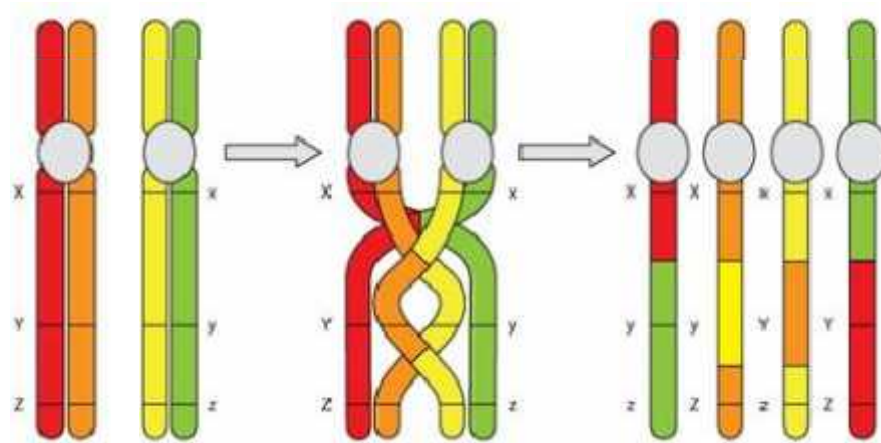
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- Genotiplendirilmeye başlarken hatırlanması gerekenler;
  - Bununla birlikte mantarların yaklaşık %25'i aseksüel üreme gösterirler.
  - Tıbbi önemleri gittikçe artan;  
*C. albicans*, *Aspergillus fumigatus*, *Trichopyton rubrum* aseksüel üreme gösterirler.
  - Bazidomiçet sınıfından olan *C. albicans* diploid (2n) yapıdayken bu sınıftaki çoğu tür dikaryotik yapıdadır (N+N).
  - Yine bazidomiçetlerden *Cryptococcus neoformans*, *Malessezia spp.*, *Trichosporon spp.* gibi diğer türler konakta dikaryotik yapı gösterebilirler.

## Fungal genotiplendirme

- Genotiplendirilmeye başlarken hatırlanması gerekenler;
  - Mantarlarda genetik çeşitlilik;
    - mayoz sırasında “reassorment” veya “crossing over”
    - mayoz dışı rekombinasyon veya paraseksüalite
    - aseksüel olarak sporar ile üreme



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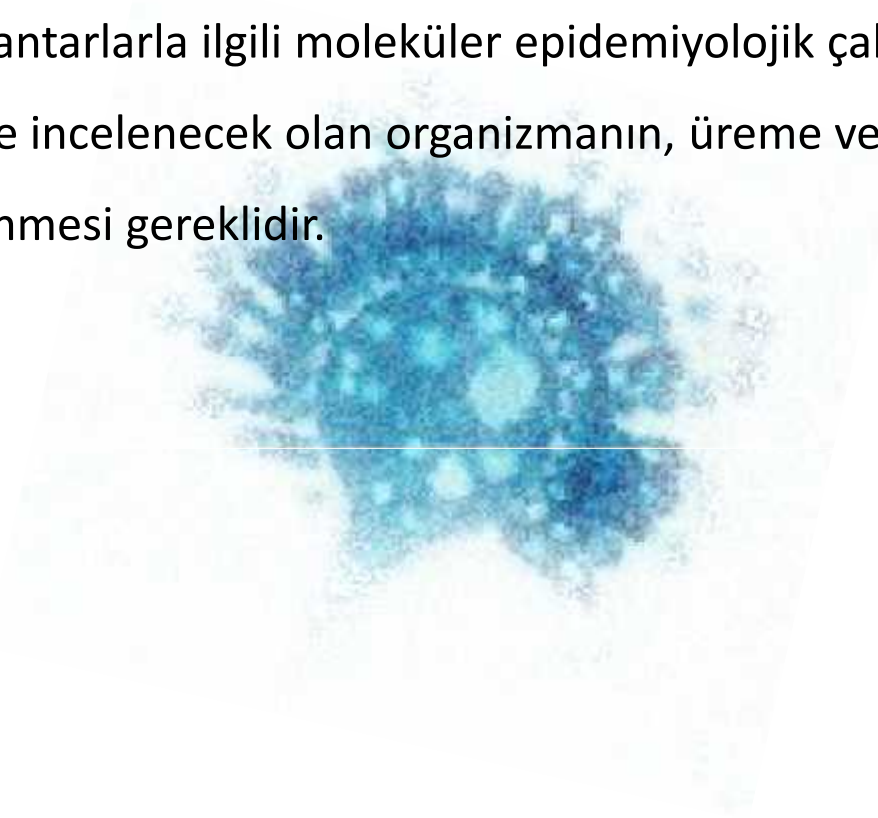
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- Genotiplendirilmeye başlarken hatırlanması gerekenler;
  - Aseksüel üreme gösteren mantarlar genotiplendirilirken,
    - çoğalma klonal olacaktır
    - bu yüzden değişkenliği fazla olan tek bir lokusun kullanılması yeterli epidemiyolojik bilgiyi sağlayabilir.
  - Seksüel üreme gösterenlerde;
    - genomun her bölgesi farklı evrimsel değişimi yansıtabilir
    - bu durumda tek bir değişken lokus genetik bireylerdeki farklılığı göstermez, çok sayıda lokusun birlikte değerlendirilmesi gereklidir.

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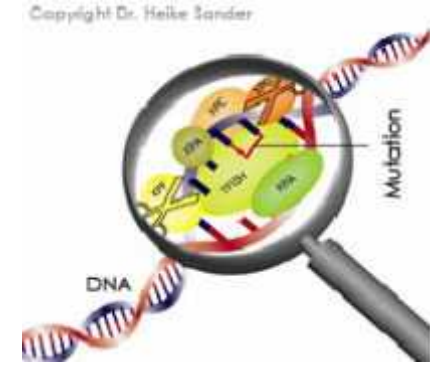
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- Genotiplendirilmeye başlarken hatırlanması gerekenler;
  - Bu sebeplerle mantarlarla ilgili moleküler epidemiyolojik çalışmalara başlamadan önce incelenecek olan organizmanın, üreme ve genomik özelliklerinin bilinmesi gereklidir.



# Fungal genotiplendirme

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- Mantarların moleküler tiplendirilmelerinde seçilecek genom bölgesi
  - Seçilecek genom bölgesi **orta derecede mutasyona** açık olmalıdır
  - Genom üzerinde seçilen bölgenin **evrimsel baskı** altında olması, yanlış yorumlara yol açabilir.
  - Seçilen bölgede çeşitliliği oluşturan **mutasyonların geri dönüşümlü olmaması** gerekir.

## Fungal genotiplendirme

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- Kullanılan genotiplendirme yöntemleri
  - Pulsed field gel electrophoresis (PFGE)
    - Electrophoretic karyotyping (EK)
  - Arbitrarily Primed PCR (AP-PCR)
  - Amplified fragment length polymorphism (AFLP)
  - Multilocus sequence typing (MLST)
  - Restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP)
  - Repetitive-sequence-based PCR (rep-PCR)
  - Variable number of short tandem repeat (VNTR)



## Fungal genotiplendirme

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- Hangi yöntem ?
  - çalışılacak mikroorganizmanın türü
  - yöntemin ayırım gücü
  - tekrarlanabilirliği
  - kullanım kolaylığı
  - kurulum maliyeti
  - testin süresi
  - yorumlama kolaylığı





# Fungal genotiplendirme

- *Electrophoretic karyotyping*
  - “Pulsed Field Gel Electrophoresis”
  - Fungal epidemiyoloji için ideal olarak kabul edilmiştir.

*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*  
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Genetics

## An electrophoretic karyotype for yeast

(DNA/chromosomes/orthogonal-field-alternation gel electrophoresis)

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**ABSTRACT** The chromosomal DNA molecules of a standard laboratory strain of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* have been separated into 12 well-resolved bands by orthogonal-field-alternation gel electrophoresis. DNA-DNA hybridization probes derived from cloned genes have been used to correlate this banding pattern with yeast's genetically defined chromosomes. The 12 bands are shown to represent 9 singlets and 3 comigrating doublets, thereby accounting for 15 chromosomes that were identified as I–XI and XIII–XVI. Because the three comigrating doublets could be readily resolved in certain laboratory yeast strains that contain chromosome-length polymorphisms relative to our standard strain, all 15 of these chromosomes could be displayed as a single band in at least one of four strains that were studied. A 16th chromosome (number XII), which is known to contain the genes for rRNA, does not reproducibly enter the gels. By making use of the band identifications, the previously unmapped fragment F8 was assigned to chromosome XIII. With the possible exception of chromosomes that differ greatly in size or electrophoretic behavior from all the known chromosomes, the results appear

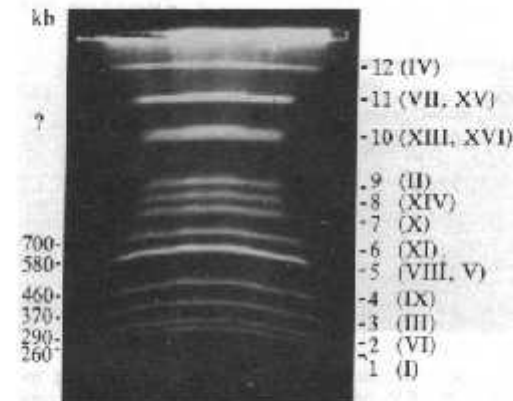


FIG. 1. Ethidium bromide stained agarose gel on which the chromosomal DNA molecules of yeast (strain AB972) have been resolved. The size estimates on the left and the band-numbering system on the right are from ref. 4, while the chromosome assignments summarize the conclusions of the present study.

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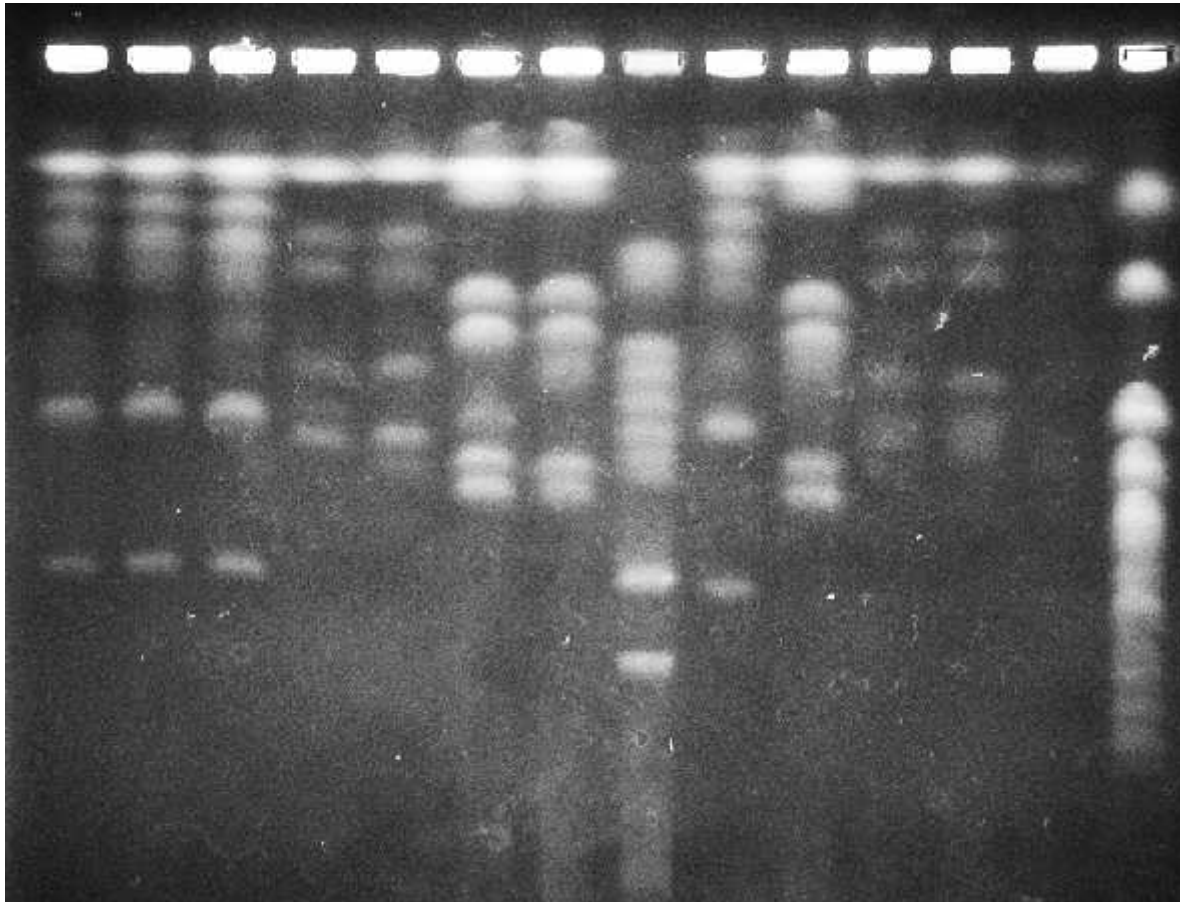
- Electrophoretic karyotyping

Organism	Genome size (Mb)	Chromosome size range (Mb)	No. of chromosomes (haploid)	Confirmation	CLPs reported <sup>b</sup>
<i>Acremonium chrysogenum</i>	33	2.6–6.4	8		No
<i>Agaricus bisporus</i>	34	1.2–4	13		No
<i>Aspergillus nidulans</i>	31	0.4–4	10–15	Genetic map, cytology	Yes
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	35.5–38.5	3.5–6.6	8	Genetic map	No
<i>Aspergillus oryzae</i>	35	2.8–7	8		No
<i>Beauveria nivea</i>	26–33	0.9–6.6	8–10 <sup>c</sup>		Yes
<i>Candida utilis</i>	Not estimated	0.4 >3.5	≥8 <sup>c</sup>		Yes
<i>Candida albicans</i>	16–17	0.66–4.3	8–9	Physical map	Yes
<i>Cercospora kikuchii</i>	28.4	2.0–5.5	8		No
<i>Cladosporium fulvum</i>	44	1.9–5.4	11		Yes
<i>Cochliobolus heterostrophus</i>	35	1.3–3.7	15 or 16	RFLP map	Yes
<i>Colletotrichum gloeosporioides</i>					
Type A	Not estimated	0.270–6	13–15		Yes
Type B	Not estimated	0.330–>6	6–8		Yes
<i>Coprinus cinereus</i>	37.5	1–5	13	Microscopy	Yes
<i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i> var. <i>neoformans</i>	21–24.5	0.770–3.9	12–13		Yes
<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>	41–51.5	0.8–6.7	11–14		Yes
<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>cubense</i>	32.1–58.9	0.6–7.5	9–14		Yes
<i>Fusarium solani</i>	40	0.4–6	13		No
<i>Histoplasma capsulatum</i>	Not estimated	0.5–>5.7	≈7 <sup>c</sup>		Yes
<i>Leptosphaeria maculans</i>	17.5–23	0.7–3.7	6–14		Yes
<i>Magnaporthe grisea</i>	40	3–10 and 0.47–2.2	7 + 1–4 minichromosomes	RFLP map	Yes
<i>Mucor circinelloides</i>	39	2.3–8.1	≥8		Yes
<i>Nectria haematococca</i>	8.5	<0.6–7	10–15		Yes
<i>Neurospora crassa</i>	47	4–12.6	7	Microscopy, genetic maps	Yes
<i>Phanerochaete chrysosporium</i>	15	1.8–5	7		Yes
<i>Pneumocystis carinii</i>	7–8	0.3–0.7	14–16		Yes
<i>Pythium sylvaticum</i>	37–38	1.9–5.1	≥13		Yes
<i>Pythium ultimum</i>	23.7–37.6	1.28–4.6	9–14		Yes
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	13.5–14.5 <sup>d</sup>	0.24–3	16	Physical map, microscopy, genetic map	Yes

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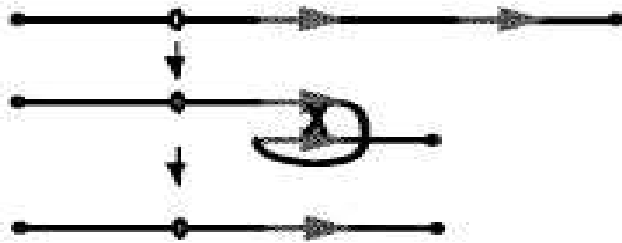
- *Electrophoretic karyotyping*
  - Kromozomal yeniden düzenlenmeler



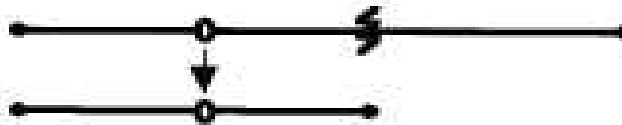
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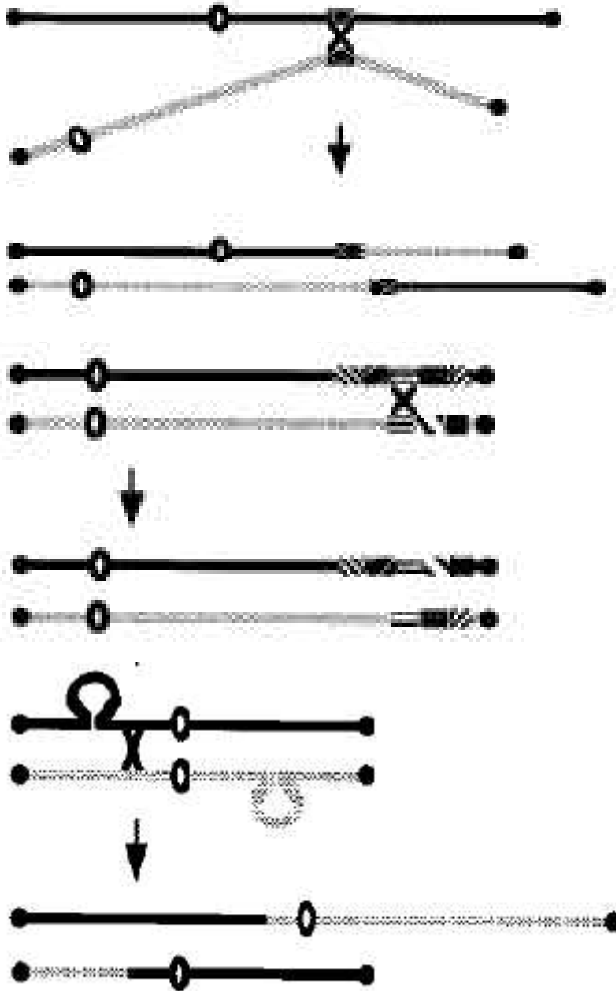


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# Fungal genotiplendirme

- *Electrophoretic karyotyping*
  - Kromozomal yeniden düzenlenmeler



Homolog olmayan kromozonlar arasında **normal olmayan rekombinasyonlar** sonucu tranlokasyonlar meydana gelir.

Homolog olmayan kromozomlar arasındaki **polimorfizmler**.

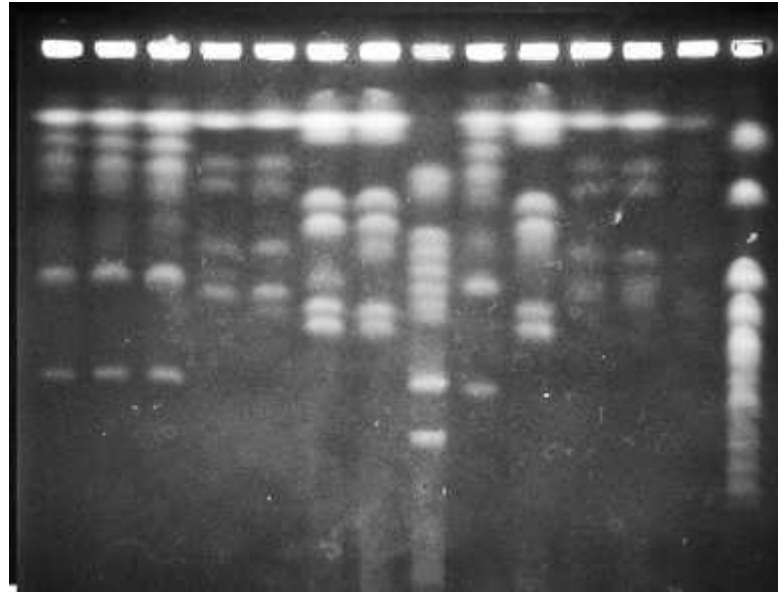
Kardeş kromotitlerin homolog olmayan **lokuslarındaki kopmalar**.

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- *Electrophoretic karyotyping*
  - Homoplasi görölme sıklığı fazladır.
  - İki izolat aynı bant profilini gösterse bile örnekler aynı olmayabilir.
  - Pahalı ekipman gerektirir
  - Uzun zaman alır.

Tek bir bant farkı  
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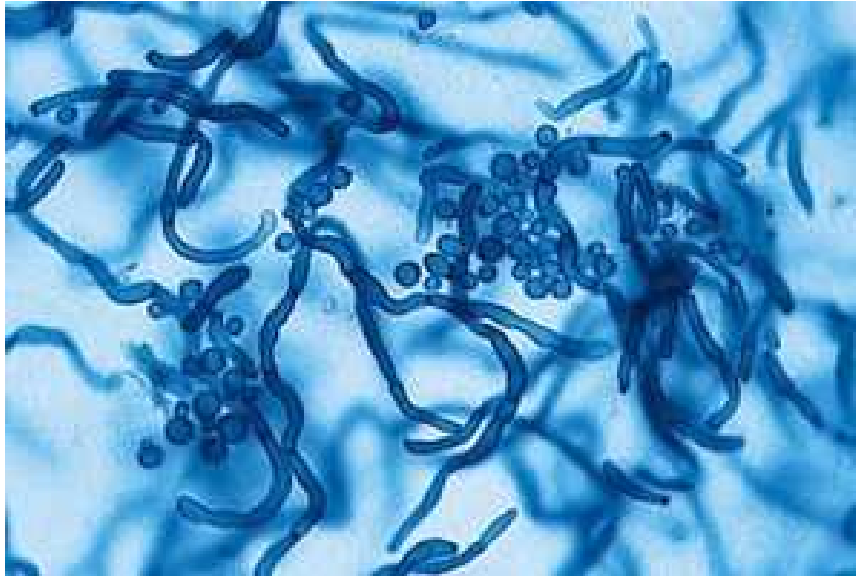


36 saat, 90-360 saniye, 3.5 V/cm<sup>2</sup>, 12 °C

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- *Electrophoretic karyotyping*
  - Yapılan bir çalışmada bu yöntemin *Malassezia spp.* türleri için yeterli çeşitliliği sağlayamadığı bildirilmiştir.



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- *Electrophoretic karyotyping*

**ORIGINAL ARTICLE**

## Genetic relationships between *Candida albicans* strains isolated from dental plaque, trachea, and bronchoalveolar lavage fluid from mechanically ventilated intensive care unit patients

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*Candida albicans* often resides in the oral cavity of healthy humans as a harmless commensal organism. This opportunistic fungus can cause significant disease in critically ill patients, such as those undergoing mechanical ventilation or the intensive care unit (ICU) having compromised local airway defense mechanisms. The goal of this study was to determine the intra- and inter-patient genetic relationship between strains of *C. albicans* recovered from dental plaque, tracheal secretions, and the lower airway by bronchoalveolar lavage of patients undergoing mechanical ventilation. Three pulsed-field gel electrophoresis (PFGE) typing methods were used to determine the genetic relatedness of the *C. albicans* strains, including electrophoretic karyotyping (EK) and restriction endonuclease analysis of the genome using *Xba*I (REAG-S) and *Bse*III (REAG-B). The *C. albicans* isolates from dental plaque and tracheo-bronchial sites from the same patient were genetically indistinguishable and retained over time, whereas strains from different patients usually separated into different genotypes. Among the three methods, REAG-B proved to be the most discriminatory method to differentiate isolates. The finding of genetically similar strains from the oral and tracheo-bronchial sites from the same patient supports the notion that the oral cavity may serve as an important source for *C. albicans* spread to the trachea and lung of mechanically ventilated patients.

**Keywords:** yeast, pulsed-field gel electrophoresis (PFGE), molecular epidemiology, mechanical ventilation, oral cavity

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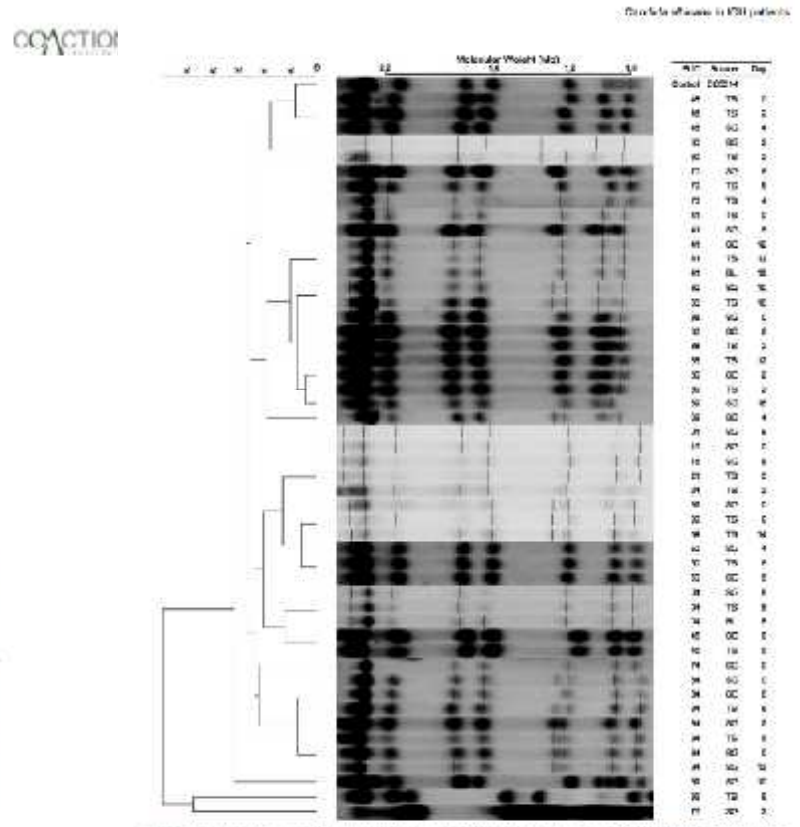


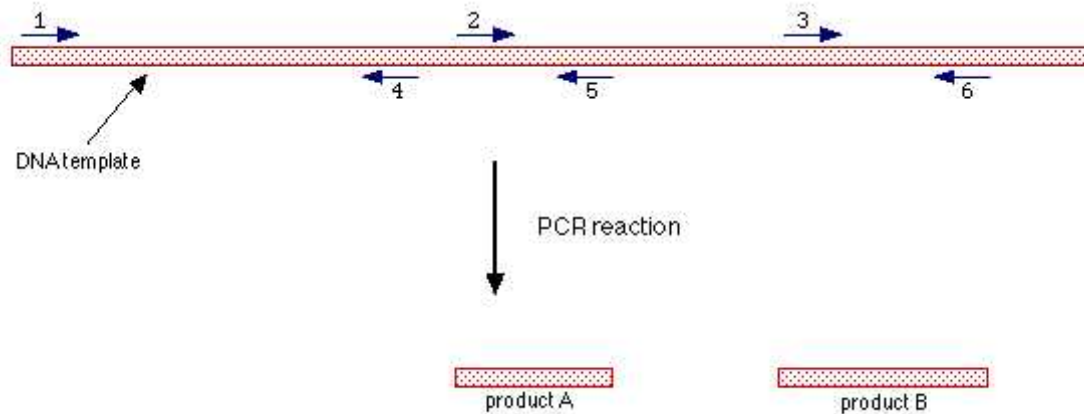
Fig. 1. Electrophoretic karyotypes (EK) with dendrogram for *Candida albicans* isolates. A genetic similarity percentage (indicated above the dendrogram), Patient identification (P-ID), sample site (Source), and number of days after admission to the intensive care unit (date the strain was isolated (Day)) are indicated along each PFGE lane. *Scandiaromyces cerevisiae* DNA (containing *scd1*) was used as the molecular standard. Sites are marked by topologies (M), *C. albicans* strain SC539 (ATCC MYA-2876) was used as the control of site. Abbreviations: DG, supragingival dental plaque; TR, tracheal secretion; BL, bronchoalveolar lavage.



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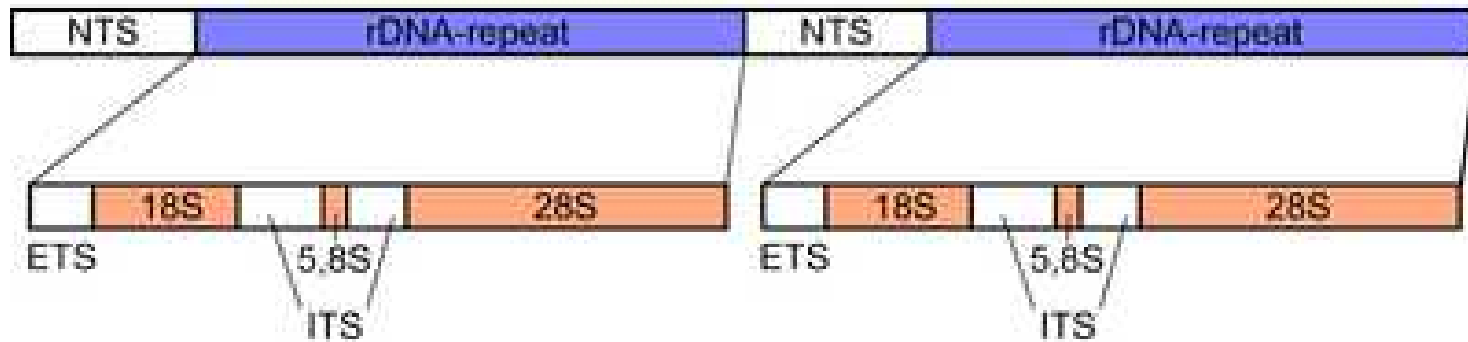
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- *Arbitrarily Primed PCR (AP-PCR)*
  - Mantarların genotiplendirmesinde sık başvurulan yöntemlerden biridir.
  - Bir veya daha fazla primerle rastgele çoğaltılır ve ortaya çıkan patern farklılıkları değerlendirilir.
  - Kullanılan primerler genellikle 9-10 bazlık kısa primerler olup G-C'ce zengindir.



## Fungal genotiplendirme

- *Arbitrarily Primed PCR (AP-PCR)*
  - Kullanılan primerler tiplendirilecek mikroorganizmanın genom bilgisine gerek olmadan rastgele seçilebileceği gibi, genom üzerindeki belli bölgelere yönelik bilinçli olarak da seçilebilir.
  - rDNA yer alan ITS bölgeleri bu amaçla seçilebilir.



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- *Arbitrarily Primed PCR (AP-PCR)*

- Mantarların tiplendirilmesinde AP-PCR yöntemi;
  - kolay uygulanabilir olması
  - kısa sürede sonuç vermesi
  - nispeten daha ucuz olması

gibi özellikleri nedeniyle diğer yöntemlere göre daha avantajlıdır.

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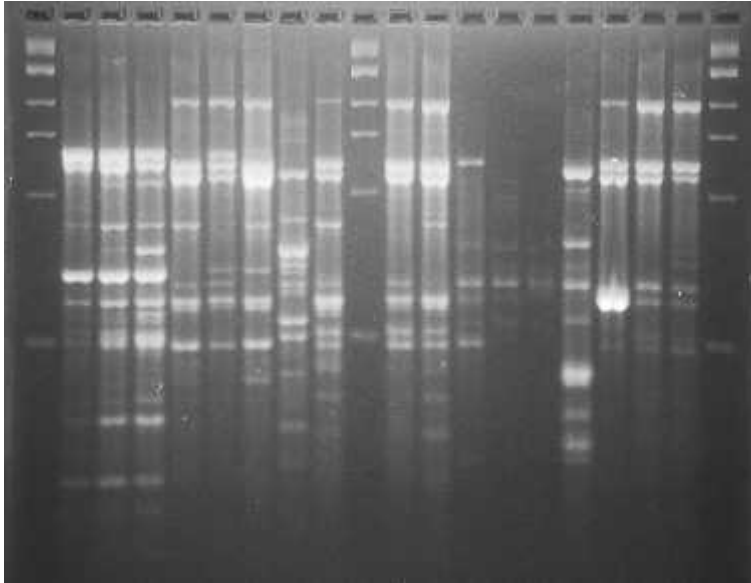
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- *Arbitrarily Primed PCR (AP-PCR)*

- Özellikle RFLP ile deęişiklik göstermeyen izolatlar arasındaki varyasyonları bile tespit edebildięi bildirilmiştir.

- **Örneęin;**

*C. lusitaniae* ve *A. fumigatus* için uygulanan çeşitli DNA temelli tiplendirme metotlarının karşılaştırılmasında, AP-PCR ile RFLP'nin kaçırdığı varyasyonları tespit etmiştir.



*C. albicans*

M13 primer AP-PCR

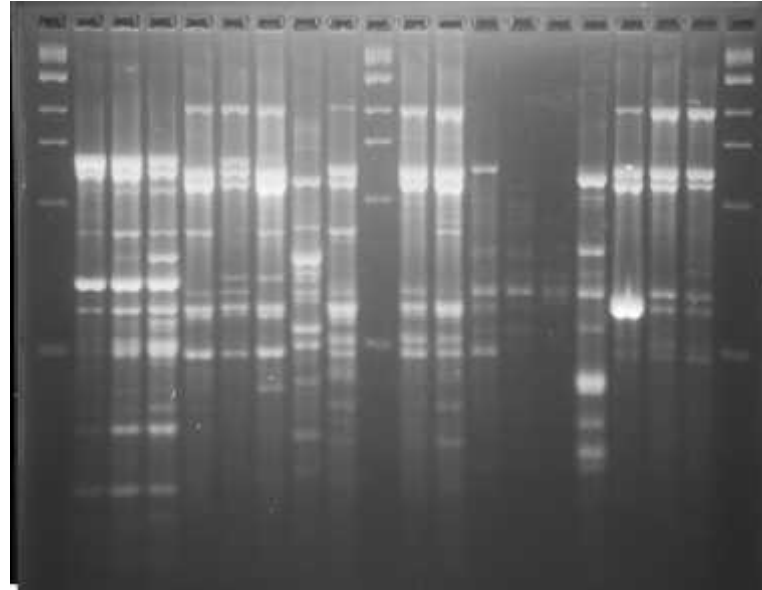
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- *Arbitrarily Primed PCR (AP-PCR)*

- AP-PCR ile tiplendirmede yöntemin ayırım gücü, kullanılan primerlere göre değişmektedir.

- OBU1-OBU-2-OBU3
- ERIC1-ERIC2
- PC1-PC2
- RSD11-RSD-12
- OPBO1-OPBO20-OPG10
- **M13**



## Fungal genotiplendirme

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- *Arbitrarily Primed PCR (AP-PCR)*
  - Tekrarlanabilirliği aynı laboratuvarda bile düşük
  - Başlangıç DNA konsantrasyonları önemli.
  - PCR reaksiyonunu etkileyecek birçok faktörden etkilenebilir.

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- Arbitrarily Primed PCR (AP-PCR)

Jpn. J. Infect. Dis., 61, 130-132, 2008

## Short Communication

### Two Possible Cases of *Trichosporon* Infections in Bone-Marrow-Transplanted Children: the First Case of *T. japonicum* Isolated from Clinical Specimens

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**SUMMARY:** *Trichosporon* spp. are emerging as opportunistic agents that cause systemic diseases in immunocompromised hosts. Trichosporosis carries a poor prognosis in neutropenic patients. *Trichosporon japonicum* was isolated from the air and named by Sugita et al. Here we present the first case of *T. japonicum* isolated from a clinical specimen. Two cases of acute myeloid leukemia who had *Trichosporon* isolates are discussed because of their rarity and growing importance. *T. asahii* was isolated from the throat, feces and urine of the first patient. *T. japonicum* was isolated from the sputum of the second patient. Both cases produced high MICs to itraconazole, and low MICs to fluconazole and voriconazole. In virulence factor investigations there was (++) biofilm formation in *T. japonicum* but not in *T. asahii*. Conventional mycological studies were not adequate for the identification of the isolate at the species level. In our second case as in the first one, the isolate was identified as *T. asahii* with 99.9% accuracy by API 20C AUX. Although two *T. asahii* isolates from the same patient yielded identical typing profiles by arbitrary primed-PCR, the isolates of the two different patients showed different arbitrary primed-PCR typing profiles. However, the genetic identification of the other patient's strain gave the result of *T. japonicum*.

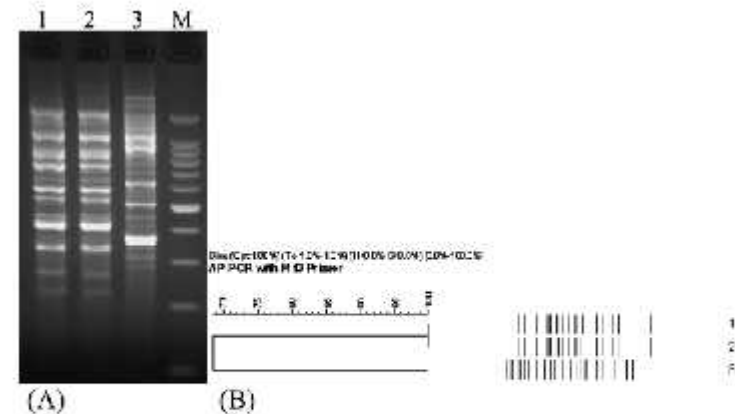


Fig. 1. (A) Agarose gel electrophoresis of the amplified products in AP-PCR with M13 primers. Lane 1, Case 1 throat; lane 2, Case 1 stool; lane 3, Case 2 sputum isolates. Lane M is 100-bp DNA ladder. (B) A dendrogram of the DNA fingerprinting patterns of two *T. asahii* isolates (no. 1 and 2) and one *T. japonicum* isolate (no. 3).

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## Species distribution, antifungal susceptibility and clonal relatedness of *Candida* isolates from patients in neonatal and pediatric intensive care units at a medical center in Turkey

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### SUMMARY

The aim of this study was to assess species distribution, antifungal susceptibility and clonal relationships among *Candida* strains isolated from a group of pediatric/neonatal intensive care (PICU/NICU) patients that had a very high mortality rate (76%). The cases of 21 patients (19 with candidemia, 2 with *Candida meningitidis*) treated over a 1-year period in a Turkish hospital PICU and NICU were retrospectively analyzed. Twenty-eight *Candida* isolates were detected from blood (20), cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) (2) and other specimens (6). *Candida* species were identified using the API ID 32c System. Susceptibility testing was done (all 28 isolates) for amphotericin B, fluconazole and itraconazole using the broth microdilution method. Arbitrarily primed polymerase chain reaction (AP-PCR) was used for molecular typing of the 3 most common ones: *C. albicans* (15), *C. parapsilosis* (6) and *C. pelliculosa* (4). Electrophoretic karyotyping (EK) was done to check clonal identity obtained by AP-PCR. Of the 20 blood isolates, 8 (40%) were *C. albicans*, 12 (60%) were non-*albicans Candida*, and one of the 2 CSF isolates was *C. albicans*. The overall species distribution was as follows: 15 *C. albicans* isolates, 6 *C. parapsilosis* isolates, 4 *C. pelliculosa* isolates, 2 *C. famata* isolates and 1 *C. tropicalis* isolate. Amphotericin B had the best antifungal activity with a MIC<sub>50</sub> of 0.125 µg/ml, and the rates of susceptibility to fluconazole and itraconazole were 93% and 52%, respectively. AP-PCR revealed 11 genotypes (4 were identical pairs, 7 were distinct) among the 15 *C. albicans* isolates, 2 genotypes (5 were classified in the same type) among the 6 *C. parapsilosis* isolates, and 4 separate genotypes for the 4 *C. pelliculosa* isolates. Karyotyping results correlated well with the AP-PCR findings. As indicated in the previous research, our results confirmed that non-*albicans Candida* species have become more frequently causative agents for invasive fungal infections in the ICU. Transmission of *C. albicans* and *C. pelliculosa* was relatively low, but transmission of *C. parapsilosis* was high, suggesting that more effective control and very strict treatment protocols are needed for patients having high mortality and invasive fungal infection in ICU.

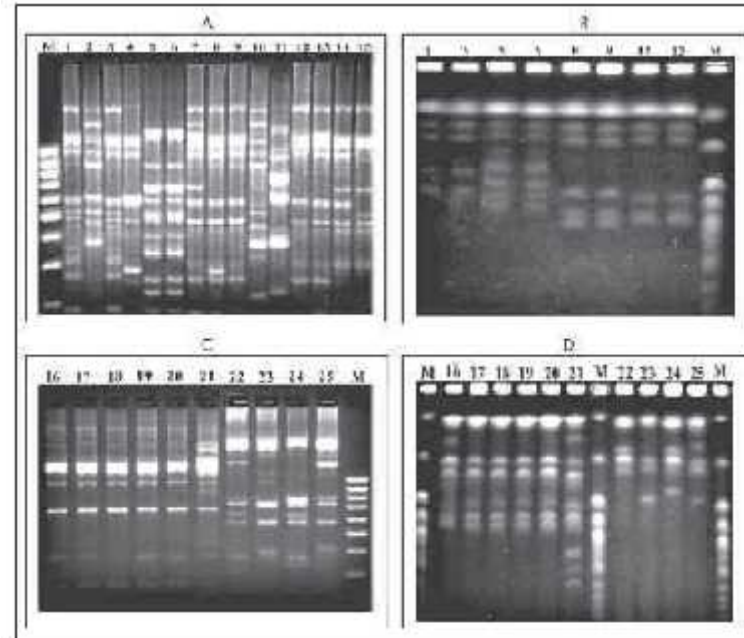
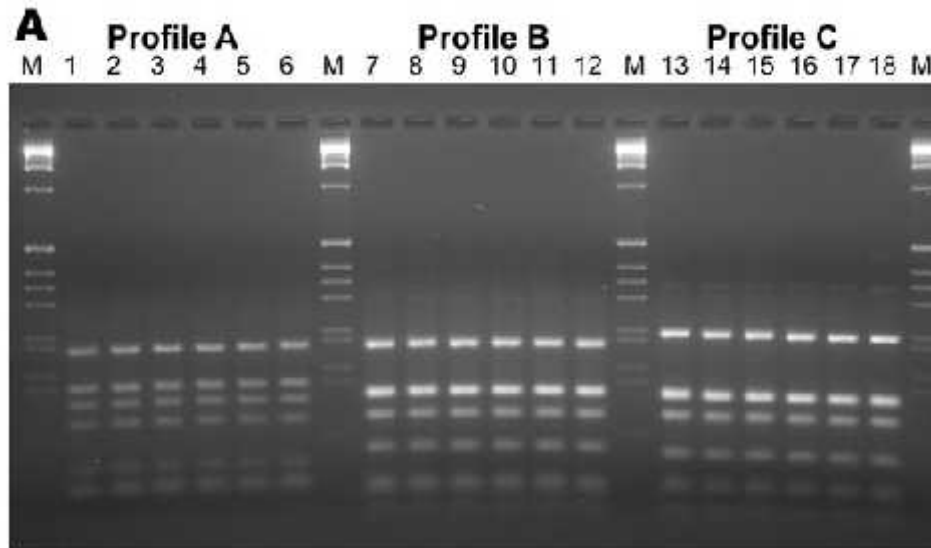


FIGURE 1. **A** (Top left): AP-PCR results for *C. albicans* (lanes 1-3: Patient 1 blood, urine and dialysis fluid isolates; lanes 4-5: Patient 1 urine, tracheal aspirate and blood isolates; lane 6: Patient 3 blood isolate; lane 8: Patient 4 blood isolate; lanes 9 and 10: Patient 5 blood and cerebrospinal fluid isolates; lanes 11: Patient 6 CSF isolate; lanes 12 and 13: Patient 7 blood and tracheal aspirate isolates; lane 14: Patient 8 blood isolate; lane 15: Patient 9 blood isolate). **B** (Top right): EK results for *C. albicans* (lanes 1 and 3: Patient 1 blood and dialysis fluid isolates; lanes 5 and 6: Patient 2 tracheal aspirate and blood isolates; lanes 8: Patient 4 blood isolate; lane 9: Patient 5 blood isolates; lanes 12 and 13: Patient 7 blood and tracheal aspirate isolates). **C** (Bottom left): AP-PCR results for *C. parapsilosis* (lanes 16-21) and *C. pelliculosa* (lanes 22-25). Lane 16: Patient 10 blood isolate; lane 17: Patient 11 blood isolate; lane 18: Patient 12 blood isolate; lane 19: Patient 13 blood isolate; lane 20: Patient 14 blood isolate; lane 21: Patient 15 blood isolate; lane 22: Patient 16 blood isolate; lane 23: Patient 16 blood isolate; lane 24: Patient 17 blood isolate; lane 25: Patient 18 blood isolate). **D** (Bottom right): EK results for *C. parapsilosis* (lanes 16-21) and *C. pelliculosa* (lanes 22-25). Lane 16: Patient 10 blood isolate; lane 17: Patient 11 blood isolate; lane 18: Patient 12 blood isolate; lane 19: Patient 13 blood isolate; lane 20: Patient 14 blood isolate; lane 21: Patient 15 blood isolate; lane 22: Patient 16 blood isolate; lane 23: Patient 16 blood isolate; lane 24: Patient 17 blood isolate; lane 25: Patient 18 blood isolate.



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- *Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism (RFLP)*
  - RFLP tekniđi mantarlarda sıklıkla kullanılır.
  - En sık kullanılan restriksiyon endonükleazlar; *EcoRI*, *HinfI*, *SfiI*
  - İlişkisiz kökenlerin araştırılmasında yeterli ayrımı sağlarken muhtemel ilişkili kökenlerin analizlerinde başarılı değildir.



**Figure 1.** Internal transcribed spacer–restriction fragment length polymorphism (ITS-RFLP) patterns obtained by double digestion with the enzymes *Sau96I* and *HhaI* (A) and of the PCR fingerprinting profiles obtained with the microsatellite specific primer M13 (B) for *Scedosporium prolificans*:

# Fungal genotiplendirme

- Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism (RFLP)

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## Epidemiological Characteristics of Fatal *Candida krusei* Fungemia in Immunocompromised Febrile Neutropenic Children

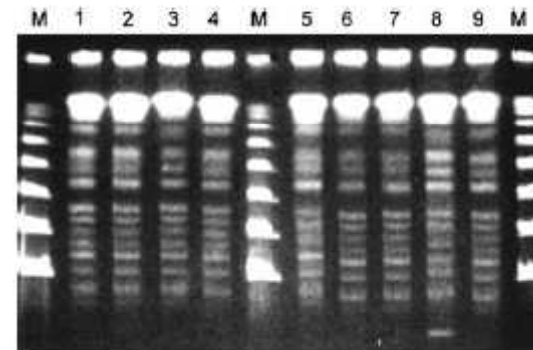
In early 1990s, fluconazole was introduced as a prophylactic antifungal agent after stem cell transplantation (SCT). At the same time, *Candida krusei* emerged as a chief fungal pathogen among the patients with SCT [1, 2]. In our SCT center, which has a 15-bed capacity unit dedicated for children with malignant diseases and 5-bed unit for SCT patients, low-dose fluconazole is routinely included in the posttransplant prophylaxis regimen (starting at day 7). In recent years, we observed mortality due to fungal sepsis in patients undergoing allogeneic SCT and chemotherapy. Here, we report the characteristics of the patients having mortal *C. krusei* fungemia and the molecular typing results of the *C. krusei* strains in order to develop more effective policies for treatment and prevention of fungal infections.

The febrile neutropenic episodes of the 47 children (median age: 9.15 ± 4.73 years) were prospectively evaluated from March 2001 to January 2003. For each patient, daily leukocyte counts and body temperatures were measured. Fever was defined as a single oral temperature of ≥ 38.5°C or a temperature of ≥ 38.0°C for ≥ 1 h. Neutropenia was defined as a neutrophil count of < 900 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>, or a count of < 1,000 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> with a predicted decrease to < 500 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> (Guidelines from the Infectious Disease Society of America, 1997). Patients who had both fever and neutropenia were recognized as febrile neutropenic. Nine patients developed severe fungal infection during neutropenia. Three of these having bloodstream infection with the *C. krusei* were analyzed in detail in this study.

Surveillance cultures were taken from blood, throat, stool, urine and other exit sites of the patients in the SCT unit when they had febrile episode and/or weekly on a routine basis. Automated blood culture system (Becton Dickinson, pediatric vials, USA) and BACTEC MYCOF LYTIC (Becton Dickinson) were used for blood cultures. To search endogenous sources of *C. krusei* sepsis, 51 specimens from the hands of 37 health care workers (9 doctors, 11 nurses, 4 laboratory workers, and 8 cleaning staff) and 19 environmental swabs from commonly used areas around the patients (nurse desk, room and toilet doors, refrigerator doors, telephones, etc) were analyzed.

antifungal susceptibility. Molecular typing of the nine *C. krusei* strains of the three patients (three blood, two stool, one urine, one throat, one vagina, and one sputum isolates) was performed by pulsed field gel electrophoresis (PFGE) following the protocol described previously [3].

A total of 156 febrile episodes were recorded in the 47 patients within the 312 febrile neutropenic days. Bacteria were isolated in 23 (32%) and fungi in 26 (48%) of the 54 clinical specimens. It was noted that the patients with prolonged and deep neutropenia (hematological malignancy patients) are under an increased risk for fungal infections [1, 4, 5]. In agreement with these findings, we observed systemic fungal infections with high mortality in recent years. Of the 47 patients with febrile neutropenia, 14 had fungal isolation from various body sites and 9 (64%) died due to fungal infection. Eight of these fatal cases had non-*Candida albicans* infection (Table 1). Distribution of *Candida* spp. among the five non-fatal cases was as follows: *C. krusei* (1), *C. kefyr* (1), *C. albicans* (2), *C. famata* (1). In an Italian tertiary hospital, it was found that 83% of the candidemia episodes were related to non-*albicans Candida* and high mortality rates were observed particularly for hematological (71%) and transplant patients (50%) [6]. In another tertiary care hospital in



**Figure 1.** PFGE profile of the 9 *C. krusei* strains. M molecular weight marker. Lanes 1 and 2 patient 1's blood and stool isolates; lanes 3-6, patient 2's throat, stool, blood, and sputum isolates, respectively; lanes 7-9 patient 3's blood, vagina, and throat isolates, respectively.

breaks lasting 1 or 2 days or ineffective doses due to difficulties to obtain liposomal amphotericin B. Amphotericin B treatment was started at tenth day of the febrile neutropenia for two patients and at the first day of the febrile neutropenia and sepsis for the third patient. These patients died on days 8, 21, and 23 after the diagnosis of sepsis. Since there were no concomitant bacterial infections in these patients having many risk factors, the mortality was attributed due to *C. krusei* sepsis. However, it is possible that the high mortality in these patients was

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## Fungal genotiplendirme

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- *Variable number of short tandem repeat (VNTR)*
  - Kromozom üzerindeki art arda **tekrarlanan DNA dizilerinin** gösterilmesi esasına dayanır..
  - Tekrarlanan ünitelerdeki insersiyon veya delesyona bağlı olarak; tekrar bölgesi uzayıp, kısalabilir.

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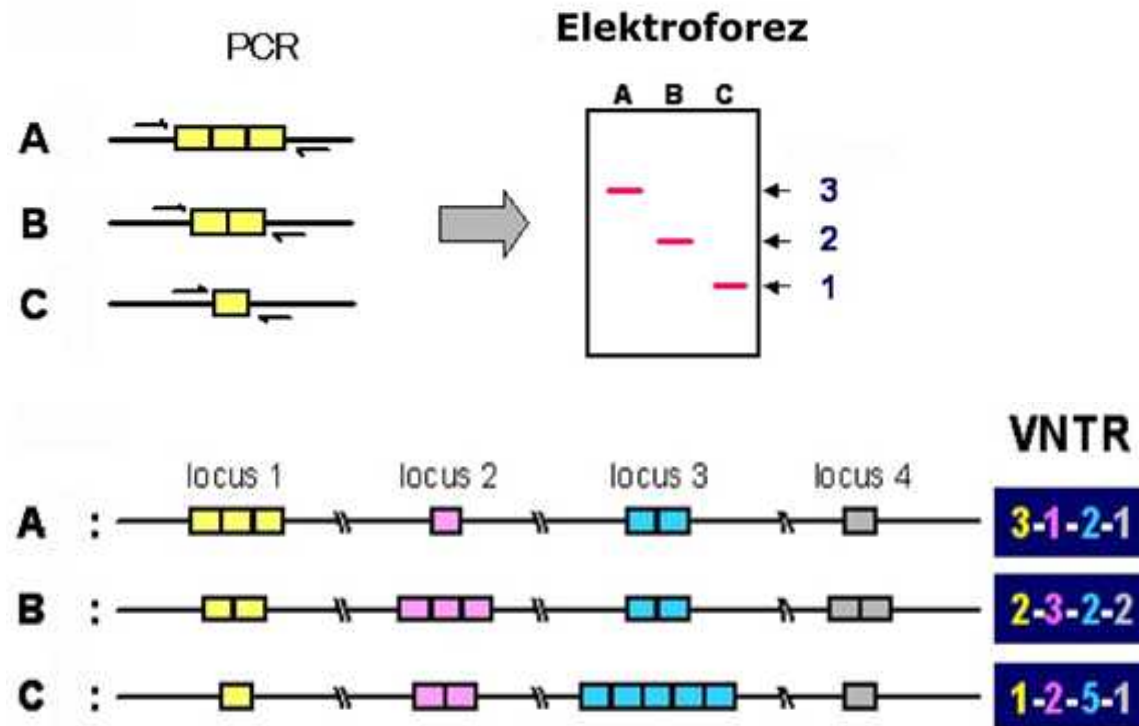
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## Fungal genotiplendirme

- *Variable number of short tandem repeat (VNTR)*
  - Yöntem basit olarak, tekrarlanan dizilimlerin amplifikasyonu ve oluşan PZR ürünlerinin uzunluk analizi aşamalarından oluşmaktadır.



## Fungal genotiplendirme

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- *Variable number of short tandem repeat (VNTR)*
  - *satellit (megabaz)*
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## Multiple-Locus Variable-Number Tandem-Repeat Analysis for Rapid Typing of *Candida glabrata*<sup>∇</sup>

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A multiple-locus variable-number tandem-repeat analysis (MLVA) using six microsatellite markers was assessed in 127 *Candida glabrata* isolates. Thirty-seven different genotypes, stable both *in vitro* and *in vivo*, were observed. The highest discriminatory power ( $D = 0.902$ ) was reached by using only four markers. MLVA seems to be relevant for *C. glabrata* typing.

TABLE 1. Characteristics of microsatellite markers of *C. glabrata*

Marker	GenBank accession no.	Microsatellite sequence <sup>a</sup>	Primer sequence (5' to 3')	No. of alleles	Allele size range (bp)	Marker location <sup>b</sup> (noncoding region or name of gene if coding)
Cq4	BZ298249	(GT) <sub>9</sub>	AA1GCGTGTGTGTGCGIAGT DyeD2 AAAAAATTAGGCCCATCG	9	228–292	Chromosome L (noncoding)
Cq5	BZ295911	(GT) <sub>9</sub> (CT) <sub>2</sub> (GT) <sub>12</sub>	CTGACAGAACCAATTTCTGC DyeD3-TCTTCAAGCTGGCAAATCTTA	9	132–146	Chromosome M (noncoding)
Cq6	BZ298679	(CA) <sub>11</sub>	DyeD5-AGCAAGAGGGAGGAGGAAAMCT AAATCCGGGGATAGATGAGG	11	301–342	Chromosome L (noncoding)
Cq7	BZ298409	BD <sub>2</sub> BFBD <sub>2</sub> BFB <sub>2</sub> D <sub>2</sub> B <sub>3</sub> DBDB <sub>2</sub> D <sub>6</sub> B <sub>3</sub>	GATGATTTGCCCGTTAGGA DyeD8-AAGAGTTCCCTGGTGGAAATG	7	179–215	Chromosome J (CAG1001595)
Cq10	BZ297776	B <sub>4</sub> DB <sub>11</sub> DBD <sub>2</sub> B <sub>4</sub> DB <sub>1</sub> D <sub>3</sub> B <sub>11</sub> D	TGCCACGATGAAAGAAATCG DyeD4 CTGGTAAGCACCCGTTTGGT	12	249–307	Chromosome E (CAGL0E00561g)
Cq11	BZ298945	D8D <sub>1</sub> R <sub>1</sub> D <sub>1</sub> R <sub>1</sub> D <sub>1</sub> (CCA) <sub>8</sub> BD	CTGTGTTACCCAGCACCAAT DyeD1-TGCTGATACCTGTAGTTTTGTTG	5	141–160	Chromosome A (CAG10A01872g)

<sup>a</sup> Notation of trinucleotides as used by Steiner et al. (26): B, CAA; D, CAG; F, CTG.

<sup>b</sup> Microsatellite location on *C. glabrata* genome according to the Genolevure database (<http://cblab.fr/Genolevure>). Microsatellites Cq7, Cq10, and Cq11 were each located in separate genes coding for a protein with no identified function.



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- *Multi-locus sequence typing (MLST)*
  - 1998 yılında Maiden ve ark. tarafından geliştirildi
  - Metabolik fonksiyonlardan sorumlu korunmuş gen (housekeeping) dizilerinin karşılaştırılması esasına dayanır.

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## **Multilocus sequence typing: A portable approach to the identification of clones within populations of pathogenic microorganisms**

(molecular typing/*Neisseria meningitidis*/housekeeping genes/World-Wide Web/hyper-virulent clones)

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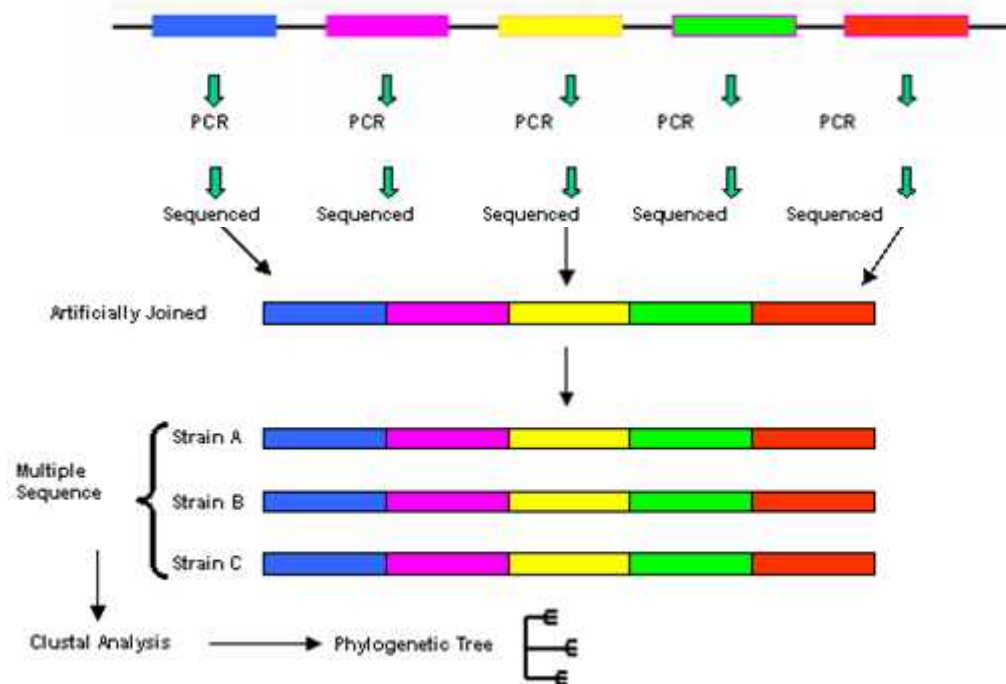
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- *Multi-locus sequence typing (MLST)*

- MLST ile housekeeping genlerin yaklaşık 500 bp parçalarının dizi analizi yapılmakta ve elde edilen her bir alele bir kod verilerek, dizi tipi (sequence type, ST) belirlenmektedir.
- En önemli avantajı matematiksel olarak elde edilen kodların internet ortamında, dünyanın herhangi bir bölgesinden elde edilen diğer kökenlerle karşılaştırılabilmesidir.



## Fungal genotiplendirme

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- *Multi-locus sequence typing (MLST)*
  - Çoğunlukla bakterilerin genotiplendirilmesinde kullanılan bu yöntem özellikle; *C. albicans*, *Coccidioides immitis*, *Histoplasma capsulatum*, *Cryptococcus neoformans* gibi fungal patojenler için de başarıyla kullanılmaktadır.

### Fungal multilocus sequence typing – it's not just for bacteria

John W Taylor\* and Matthew C Fisher†

Multilocus sequence typing uses nucleotide sequence from several genes to identify individual microbial pathogens. The data obtained for multilocus sequence typing can be used to recognize fungal species and to determine if the fungi are purely clonal, or if they also recombine. Genetic regions with more polymorphisms and microsatellites might be used to recognize populations within species and are well suited to Bayesian methods of assigning unknown individuals to populations of origin. Knowledge of species, populations and reproductive mode can help answer questions common to all emerging diseases: is the disease due to the recent spread of a pathogen, to the emergence of a virulent strain of an existing pathogen, or to a change in the environment that promotes disease?

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to improve and can be made available to all interested parties from a source on the internet. MLST has replaced older methods that hide variation, such as MLEE (multi-locus enzyme electrophoresis), or that required increasing numbers of comparisons among known genotypes as each new genotype was added, such as DNA–DNA hybridization, or that were sensitive to small changes in the laboratory environment, such as electrophoretic karyotyping or randomly amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPDs) [15]. MLST also has the advantage over single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) analysis that new polymorphic nucleotide positions in any of the gene fragment sequence can be detected and added to the database. This feature makes it possible to add new individuals from new geographic locations to the study without the danger that variation found to be polymorphic in the initial population will be monomorphic in the newly added ones, as can happen with SNPs [16].

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- *Multi-locus sequence typing (MLST)*

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**Welcome to the Multi Locus Sequence Typing home page**

MLST is a multilocus sequence based approach for the unambiguous discrimination of isolates of bacteria and other organisms via the internet.

The aim of MLST is to provide a portable, accurate, and highly discriminating typing system that can be used for most bacteria and some other organisms. It is envisaged that this approach will be particularly useful for the typing of bacterial pathogens.

To achieve this aim we have taken the proven concepts of multilocus enzyme electrophoresis (MLEE) and have adapted them to the analysis of sequences determined directly by nucleotide sequencing rather than indirectly from the electrophoretic mobility of their gene products.

MLST was developed in the laboratories of Martin Maiden, Dominique Caugant, Jan Leisen, Mark Achtman and Brian Spratt.

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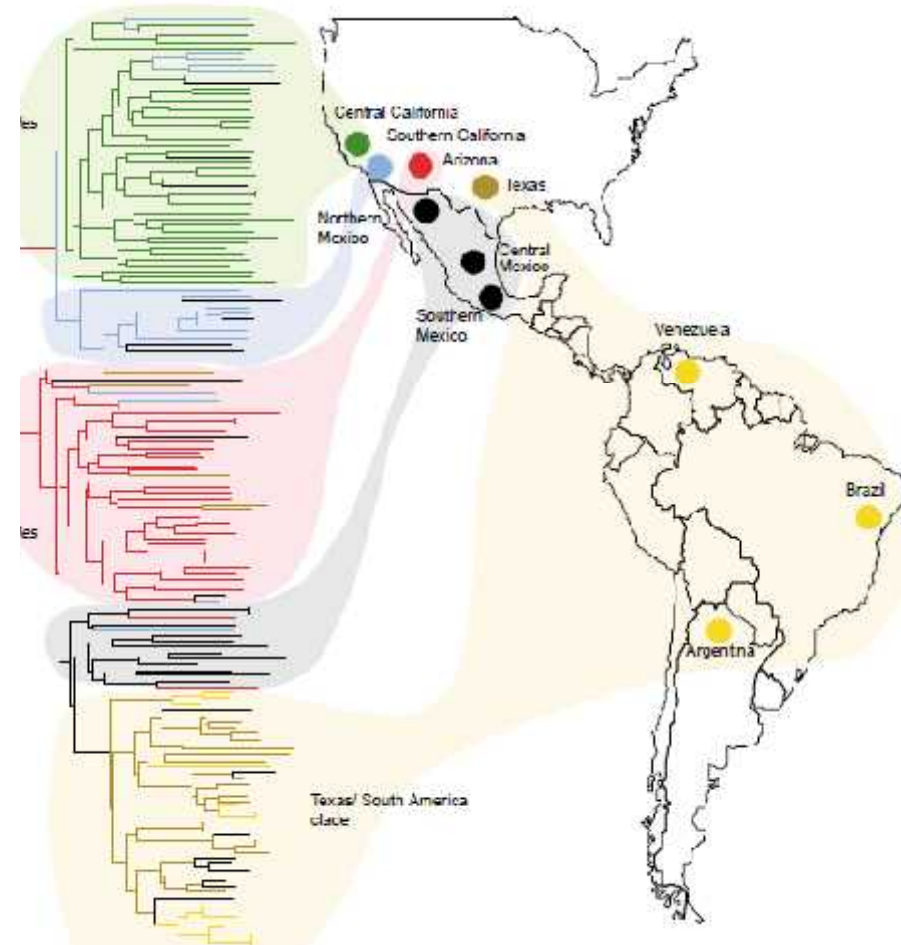
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- *Multi-locus sequence typing (MLST)*



The banner features a 2x2 grid of microscopic images: top-left shows red filamentous structures, top-right shows a single green spore, bottom-left shows blue branching structures, and bottom-right shows green branching structures. To the right of the grid, the text reads: **Fusarium MLST database**, *An International Mycological Collaboration*. Below this, a list of participating institutions is provided: United States Department of Agriculture, University of Texas San Antonio, University of Idaho, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Agricultural Institute of Slovenia, Sporometrics, CBS-KNAW Fungal Biodiversity Center, Rutgers University, Seoul National University, National Institute of Agricultural Sciences of Japan, and The Pennsylvania State University. At the bottom, a navigation bar contains links for Home, Search database, Identification tools, and Help.

## Fusarium MLST database

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Because less than one third of clinically relevant fusaria can be accurately identified to species level using phenotypic data (i.e., morphological species recognition), we constructed a three-locus DNA sequence database to facilitate molecular identification of the 69 *Fusarium* species associated with human or animal mycoses encountered in clinical microbiology laboratories. The database comprises partial sequences from three nuclear genes: translation elongation factor 1a (EF1a), the largest subunit of RNA polymerase (RPL1), and the second largest subunit of RNA polymerase (RPL2).

These three gene fragments can be amplified by PCR and sequenced using primers that are conserved across the phylogenetic breadth of *Fusarium*. Phylogenetic analyses of the combined dataset reveal that, with the exception of two monotypic lineages, all clinically relevant fusaria are nested in one of eight variously sized and strongly supported species complexes. The monophyletic lineages have been named informally to facilitate communication of an isolate's clade membership and genetic diversity. To identify isolates to species included within the database, partial DNA sequence data from one or more of the three genes can be used as a BLAST query against the database which is web-accessible at FUSARIUM-ID (<http://isolate.fusariumdb.org>) and the CBS-KNAW Fungal Biodiversity Center (<http://www.cbs.knaw.nl/fusarium>). Alternatively, isolates can be identified via phylogenetic analysis by adding sequences of unknown to the DNA sequence alignment, which can be downloaded from the two aforementioned websites. The utility of this database should increase significantly as members of the clinical microbiology community deposit cultures of novel mycosis-associated fusaria in internationally accessible culture collections (e.g., CBS-KNAW or the Fusarium Research Center), along with associated, corrected sequence chromatograms and data, so that the sequence results can be verified and isolates are made available for future study.

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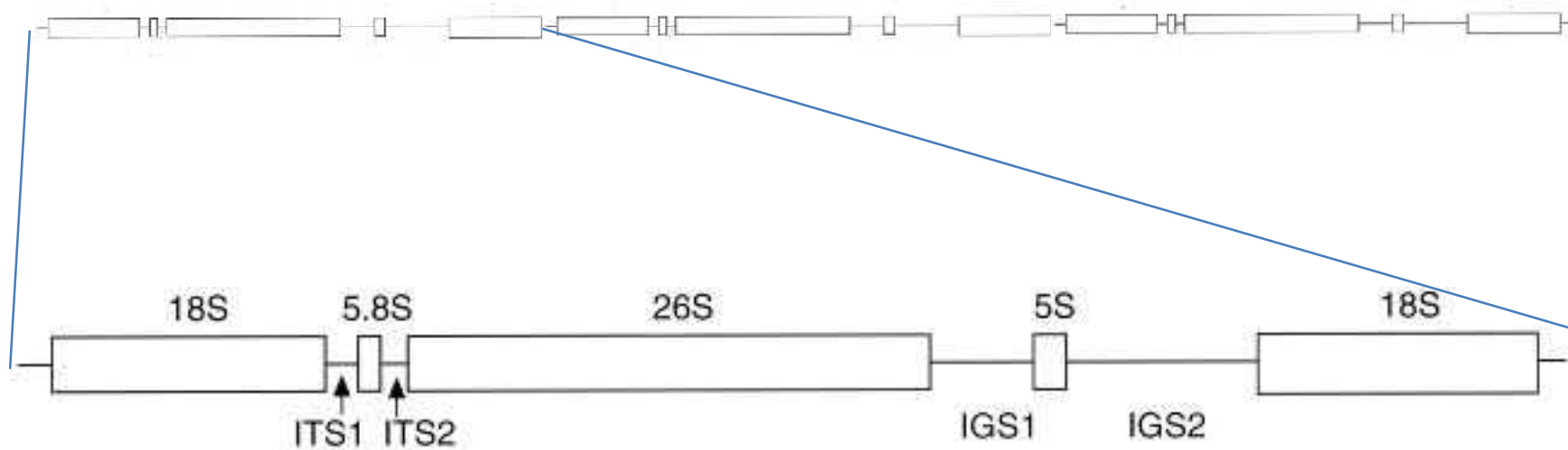
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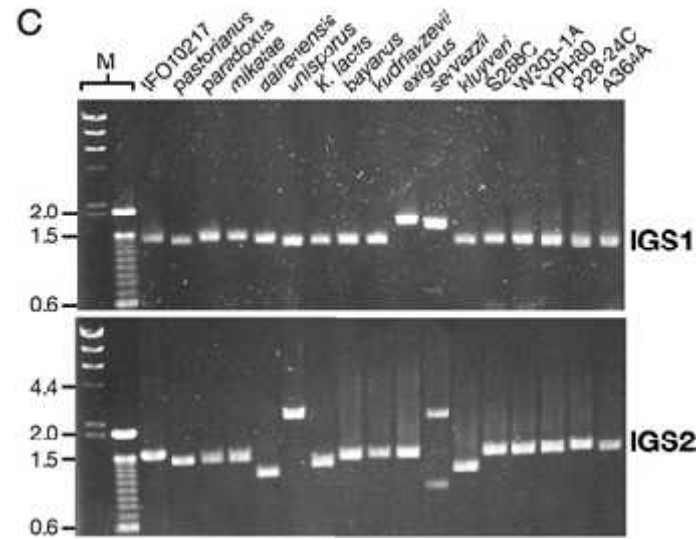
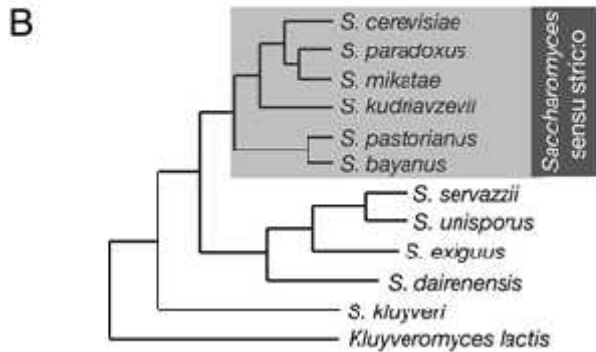
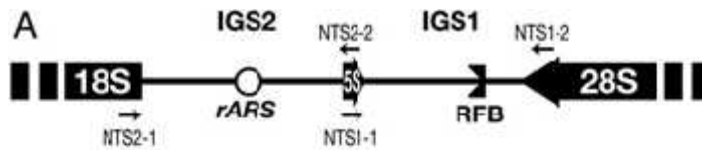
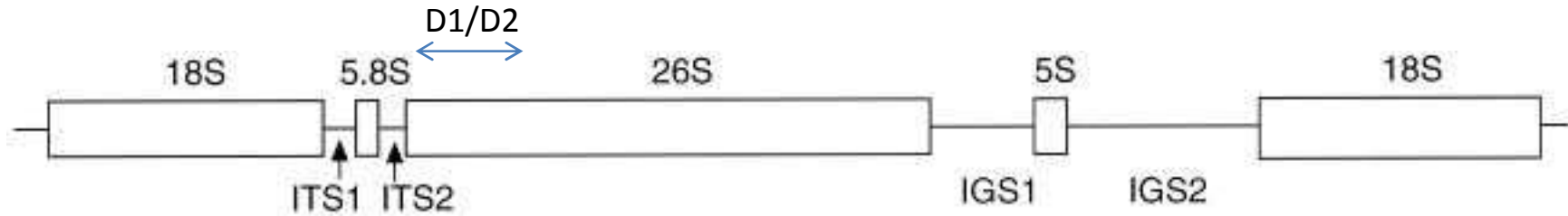
## Fungal genotiplendirme

- *Ribosomal DNA ITS ve IGS bölgelerinin sekans analizi*
  - Fungal rRNA genleri; 18S (small-subunit), 5.8S ve 26S (large-subunit) genlerinin kodlandığı sıralı tekrarları içerir.
  - Bu dizinin her tekrarı *internal transcribed spacer (ITS)* ve *intergenic spacer (IGS)* bölgelerini barındırır.



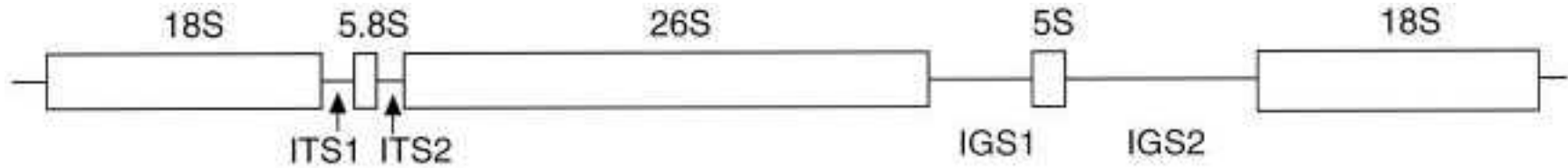
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- *Ribosomal DNA ITS ve IGS bölgelerinin sekans analizi*
  - 26S üzerinde yer alan D1-D2 , ITS1/2, IGS 1/2 bölgeleri patojenik mantarların sekans bazlı tanımlamalarında uzun zamandır kullanılmaktadır.



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  - Uzunluğu 195-719 bp arasında değişen IGS1 bölgesinin sekans analizi, epidemiyolojik karşılaştırmalar yapmak için diğer bölgelerden daha uygundur.





## Fungal genotiplendirme

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### **Molecular identification, genotyping, and drug susceptibility of the basidiomycetous yeast pathogen *Trichosporon* isolated from Turkish patients**

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Deep-seated infections due to *Trichosporon* species are emerging mycoses that have a very poor prognosis in patients with persistent neutropenia. This study elucidated the mycological characteristics of *Trichosporon* strains obtained from deep-seated infections in Turkish patients and identified by DNA sequence analysis of intergenic spacer (IGS) region I of the rDNA locus. In addition, we genotyped the major causative agent, *T. asahii*, and evaluated the *in vitro* drug susceptibility of the isolates. While 87 (81.3%) of the 107 isolates were *T. asahii*, the remaining 20 were *T. faecale* (14.0%), *T. asteroides* (0.9%), *T. coremiiforme* (0.9%), *T. japonicum*, (0.9%), *T. luctis* (0.9%), and a new

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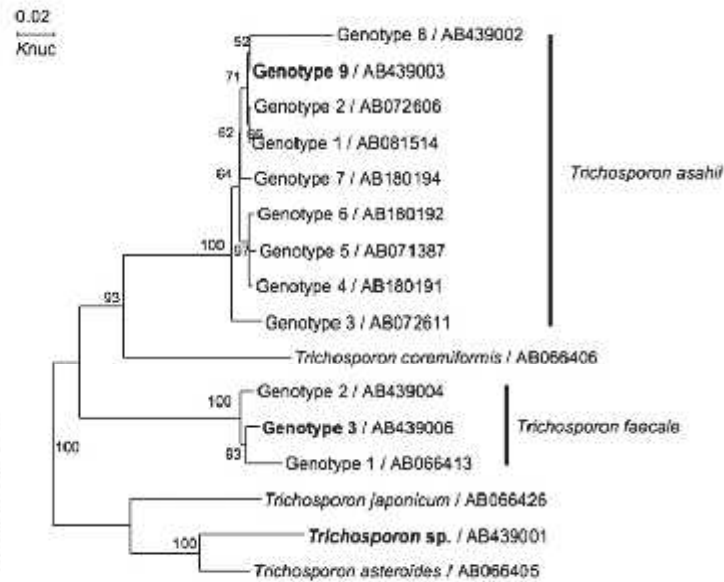


Fig. 2 Molecular phylogenetic trees constructed using the DNA sequence of the IGS I region including the new genotype strain from Turkey. The DDBJ/GenBank/EMBL accession numbers are also shown. The numbers indicate the confidence level from 100 replicate bootstrap samplings (frequencies below 50% are not shown). Knuic, Kimura's parameter [19].

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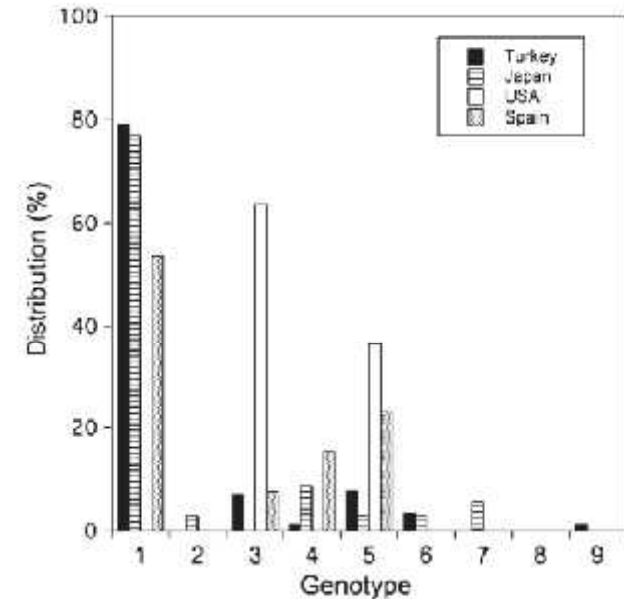


Fig. 3 The distribution of each genotype of *Trichosporon asahii*. Information on the distribution of Japanese, American, and Spanish *T. asahii* isolates is included for comparison [15,28].

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## Rapid molecular differentiation and genotypic heterogeneity among *Candida parapsilosis* and *Candida orthopsilosis* strains isolated from clinical specimens in Kuwait

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Recent molecular studies have led to the recognition of three distinct species within the *Candida parapsilosis* complex, namely *Candida parapsilosis*, *Candida orthopsilosis* and *Candida metapsilosis*. As currently available yeast identification systems fail to differentiate these species, there is a paucity of information on their occurrence in different geographical regions. This study describes a simple PCR-based protocol for rapid discrimination among *C. parapsilosis*, *C. orthopsilosis* and *C. metapsilosis* strains by using primers derived from unique sequences within the internally transcribed spacer 1 (ITS1)–5.8 rRNA–ITS2 region. Retrospective analysis of 114 *C. parapsilosis*-complex isolates recovered from clinical specimens in Kuwait identified 102 as *C. parapsilosis*, five as *C. orthopsilosis* and none as *C. metapsilosis*. The results were further validated by PCR-RFLP patterns of the secondary alcohol dehydrogenase gene fragment. DNA sequencing of the ITS region and the D/D2 regions of the 28S rRNA gene confirmed the species-specific identification of all five *C. orthopsilosis* strains. The amplicon length of the intergenic spacer between the 28S and 60S rRNA genes (IGS1) was also species-specific, and PCR-RFLP analyses of the IGS1 region identified two distinct genotypes among the five *C. orthopsilosis* strains, which corresponded with the ITS region sequence data. The three bloodstream *C. orthopsilosis* strains were confined to a single genotype. Among 51 randomly selected *C. parapsilosis* strains, two genotypes were detected by IGS1 region analyses, indicating limited genotypic heterogeneity among *C. parapsilosis sensu stricto* strains. As far as is known, this is the first report on the identification of *C. orthopsilosis* from a bloodstream infection in the Arabian Gulf region.

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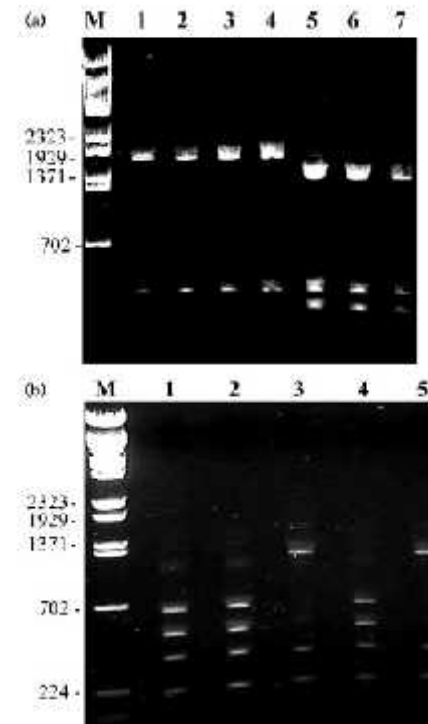


Fig. 3. Representative agarose gel of restriction digestion of IGS1 region amplicons with *RsaI* from seven selected *C. parapsilosis* strains (a) and with *HinfI* from the five *C. orthopsilosis* strains (b). In (a), the RFLP patterns in lanes 1–4 were classified as pattern A, whilst those in lanes 5–7 were classified as pattern B. In (b), the RFLP patterns in lanes 1, 2 and 4 were classified as pattern C, whilst those in lanes 3 and 5 were classified as pattern D. Lane M,  $\lambda$ -DNA ladder, with fragment sizes indicated (bp).