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Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria in Schoolchildren: Need to Raise Awareness about Antibiotic Use

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Abstract:

Antibiotic resistance in bacteria continues to evolve and represent an ever-increasing danger in all populations, including children. Resistant bacteria are making effective treatment of common infections more and more challenging and children are especially vulnerable. Multi-drug resistant organisms (MDROs) on a global level in all people, including children, are associated with significant morbidity and mortality in affected individuals. In this issue, Edrees and Anbar report the prevalence and antibiotics susceptibility of *Streptococcus pyogenes* among schoolchildren. Recognition of this global public health threat may allow for timely strategies in prevention and treatment. A heightened awareness and targeted resources, especially those dedicated to the health of children, are essential to halt the spread of these menacing pathogens in schoolchildren.