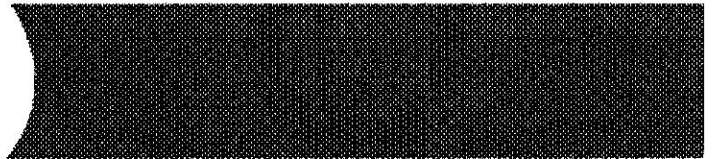




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Dear Dr. Chiller,

On behalf of the National Institute of Health in Colombia, I would like to invite CDC to assist in the investigation of an outbreak of *Candida auris* infection in Colombia. Invasive infections with *Candida auris*, as with other *Candida* species, appear to have a mortality rate of 30-50%. Unlike more common *Candida* species, this often multidrug-resistant yeast appears to spread from patient to patient in healthcare environments, raising concern about worsening spread.

We would like to request technical assistance and field support from the CDC to investigate this growing concern. We will be able to receive CDC staff as early as mid-September.

Thank you for your consideration,



Martha Lucia Ospina Martínez
Directora de Instituto Nacional de Salud

