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A Brief Note on Emerging Infectious Diseases and its Control

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Abstract

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Introduction

Human activity is the primary driver of this increase. Like new in uenza strains, some EIDs arise from previously established pathogens. EIDs can also happen when a disease spreads to a new population in a di erent part of the world, like when West Nile fever spreads. As with Lyme disease, some well-known diseases can also appear in areas undergoing ecological change. Nosocomial (hospital-acquired) infections, such as methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, are emerging in hospitals and are extremely problematic due to their resistance to many antibiotics. Of increasing concern are adverse synergistic interactions between emerging diseases and other infectious and non-infectious conditions leading to the development of novel syndemics. Other infectious diseases can experience resurgence as a re-emerging disease, such as tuber [1-4].

Infectious and parasitic diseases, which were responsible for 26% of deaths in 2002, are the second most common cause of death worldwide, a er cardiovascular diseases, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). Due to the spread of antibiotic, antiviral, and antifungal medication resistance or other emerging or chronic diseases that impair the immune system (such as HIV/AIDS, diabetes, and cancer), re-emergent infections have gained renewed virulence (the degree to which an organism can cause disease). In addition, re-emergence of infectious diseases that are intentionally spread in connection with bioterrorism poses a threat, as the 2001 anthrax attacks in the United States demonstrated. Even though only a few people were infected and killed in these attacks, the use of bioterrorism agents has the potential to cause widespread targeted attacks, which is especially troubling.

Discussion

Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) evolved from methicillin-susceptible Staphylococcus aureus (MSSA), also known as common S. aureus. Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) evolved from methicillin-susceptible Staphylococcus aureus (MSSA), also known as common S. aureus. However, other novel viruses may have been circulating in the species Many people carry S. aureus naturally and are una ected in any way. rough genetic mapping of various strains of MRSA, researchers have discovered that MSSA acquired the mecA gene in the 1960s, which accounts for its pathogenicity; prior to this, it had a primarily commensal relationship with humans. Prior to this, MSSA was treatable with the antibiotic methicillin. It is hypothesized that when this S. aureus strain with the

mecA gene entered hospitals, it came into contact with other hospital bacteria that had already been subjected to high antibiotic levels. e bacteria in hospitals suddenly found themselves in an environment with a high selection for antibiotic resistance a er being exposed to new cases and two million deaths annually, is another resurgent disease that has connections to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. e HIV-infected population has extremely high rates of tuberculosis. e one tuberculosis vaccine that is currently available provides some protection, but its e ectiveness decreases over time. ere is a pharmaceutical treatment that works, but patients have a hard time sticking to it and it takes a long time. is makes TB strains that are resistant to multiple drugs. Programs to develop novel vaccines, some of which are currently in the pre-clinical investigation stage, have bene ted from this.

Even though there are dormant tuberculosis infections in more than a billion people, the disease becomes symptomatic when HIV

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weakens the immune systems. Shortly a er HIV infection, TB risk doubles and continues to rise over time. According to a recent study, HIV was directly responsible for 9 percent of the 8.3 million new cases of adult TB worldwide in 2000. Additionally, HIV infection makes active TB treatment much more challenging, resulting in an increase in TB rates in regions with high HIV prevalence, particularly sub-Saharan Africa. e primary factor contributing to an annual increase of 6% in active TB cases is the spread of HIV in sub-Saharan Africa.

At the Church of Scotland Hospital in the rural KwaZulu-Natal Province of South Africa in 2005, a virulent strain of tuberculosis caused the deaths of all 53 infected patients, with the exception of one. e strain of tuberculosis known as XDR-which stands for "extensively drug-resistant-cannot be e ectively treated with the majority of tuberculosis drugs and may be incurable.

More cases have been discovered at other South African hospitals since XDR was discovered. Experts in epidemiology and tuberculosis argue that XDR TB has likely spread beyond South Africa's borders into Lesotho, Swaziland, Mozambique, and possibly Zimbabwe. HIV is present in at least two out of every three people with TB in South Africa. Tens of millions of HIV-positive people in sub-Saharan Africa could be devastated by XDR tuberculosis if it spreads to the HIV-positive population [8-10].

Conclusion

Even if they already have the TB bacillus, HIV-negative individuals have a low risk of contracting tuberculosis. However, due to the fact that tuberculosis can be transmitted through the air, people who come into close contact with a living TB patient run the risk of contracting the disease. In the initial XDR-TB outbreak in the South African hamlet of Tugela Ferry in 2005 and early 2006, 52 people died. It seems likely that all of them had AIDS. e greater part of the patients passed on inside half a month of contamination with drug-safe tuberculosis, a remarkable TB death rate as per disease transmission specialist.

Another term for acquired immunity is adaptive immunity, which refers to the resistance to infection that grows over time and is focused on a particular pathogen. Active and passive adaptive immunity are the two distinct types. T-cell mobilization against infected cells or humoral production of antibody molecules against a bacterium or virus constitute cell-mediated active immunity. Acquired immunity can be induced by infection or vaccination. By injecting the serum of a person who is already immune to a particular infection, passive immunity is induced.

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