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The benefits of alternative treatment of antibiotic-resistant infections - bacteriophages

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Due to the global increase of antibiotic resistance, more and more antibiotics are rendered ineffective by drug-resistant bacteria. Although several alternatives already exist in nature, the challenge is to implement them in clinical use. One of possibilities is the use of natural predators – bacteriophages which are organisms – viruses – capable of naturally attacking and killing bacteria. The advantage of their use in clinical practice is the fact that antibiotics can not create resistance to these organisms; bacteriophages are highly specific and only infect a particular bacterial strain, which protects the natural microflora of the organism, and last but not least, the preparation of bacteriophage-containing preparations is cheaper and because of their "self-amplification" ability much faster than the development of a new antibiotics. Bacteriophages are tested in clinical trials especially in treatment of multiresistant infections when "coctails" of phages are used. Promising results are described also when bacteriophages are used locally for treatment of chronic wounds which are very often infected by variety of bacteria. In this case, the success of the treatment also depends on the vehicle used for transfer and survival of bacteriophages. This study was supported by the project of Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic 2018/14631:8-26C0 "Development of new topical application systems containing specific bacteriophages as highly specific antibody".

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