

Antibiotic Abuse among Population of Southern Ethiopia Due to Self-Medication for Treating Dental Problems and Its Potential for Developing Super Bugs

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Abstract

Discovery of Antibiotics has drastically decreased deaths resulting from various bacterial infections. At the same time, lack of proper education regarding potential dangers of over use or abuse of these drugs have led to rise of drug resistant bacteria all over the developing world. Ethiopia, which is among the forefront of developing nations in Africa, has been the victim of this trend. The current study focuses on the prevalence of antibiotic abuse among the southern population of Ethiopia with a special emphasis on type of drugs which are most commonly abused when patients are suffering from dental diseases. This study was done to obtain a clear understanding of prevalence of antibiotic abuse and type of antibiotics which are being abused most commonly for dental diseases.