

Superbugs warning 警告：对抗“超级细菌”刻不容缓

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一项由英国政府委托调研的报告结果显示，如果人们再不行动起来对抗“超级病菌”的话，那么到 2050 年，平均每三秒钟，超级病菌就会夺走一个人的生命。此报告建议减少各类抗生素的使用。以下是 *Fergus Walsh* 的报道。

In the two years this review has taken, the team involved estimates around a million people worldwide have died from drug-resistant **infections** but it warns this could rise to ten million people a year – more than **die from cancer** – unless the world **tackles** the superbug crisis.

The report calls for a global **public awareness campaign** so that patients do not demand antibiotics when there's no need.

It also wants a major reduction in antibiotic use in farm animals. New **antimicrobials** are urgently required and it says there should be big **financial incentives** for companies that develop effective drugs.

Antibiotics are perhaps the most precious medicines we have. If they're to remain effective it will require international coordination to conserve their use and to prevent the spread of infections that **fuel** the rise of superbugs.

词汇表

infections	感染
die from	死于
tackles	对付
public awareness campaign	公众意识宣传（活动）
antimicrobials	抗菌剂，抗菌药
financial incentives	金钱激励
fuel	使（情况）变得更糟，（使）加剧

测验

请听报道并回答下列问题。

1. When did the research start?
2. What message do the authors of the report want to give to people who are ill?
3. True or false? *The report recommends that chickens shouldn't be given antibiotics but pigs should.*
4. Which words in the text refer to substances which are designed to treat illnesses?

答案

1. When did the research start?

Two years ago.

2. What message do the authors of the report want to give to people who are ill?

That they should not demand antibiotics when they are not needed.

3. True or false? *The report recommends that chickens shouldn't be given antibiotics but pigs should.*

False. Both are farm animals so the recommendation is valid for both species.

4. Which words in the text refer to substances which are designed to treat illnesses?

Drugs, antibiotics, antimicrobials, medicine.