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**RE:** Protocol: MSG 24 – *Trichophyton mentagrophytes* genotype VII case registry

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**Dear Colleague,**

**Have you seen a patient with *Trichophyton mentagrophytes* genotype VII (TMVII) in your practice?**

**If so, you are invited to participate in a research study (registry)** focused on collecting cases of *Trichophyton mentagrophytes* genotype VII (TMVII) infection. TMVII is an emerging strain of dermatophyte causing dermatophytosis (ringworm) associated with sexual transmission among men who have sex with men. TMVII cases can be more severe than traditional dermatophyte infections, resulting in pain and scarring. This strain has recently been identified in the United States.

The purpose of this registry study is to gain a comprehensive understanding of TMVII spread in the United States and understand the disease burden within the affected population.

While we will not be collecting any protected health information (PHI) from patient cases, we will ask for your contact information so that we can reach out if we have questions about your case or wish to discuss findings and potential publication opportunities.

Educational resources related to the diagnosis, testing, and clinical images of TMVII can be found in the **Appendix below**.

**Case eligibility criteria:**

- **Adults** (male or female: >15 years of age) in the United States with a diagnosis of confirmed or suspected TMVII infection.

**You are invited to submit your cases through our secure REDCap database, linked [here](#) or via the QR code below.**



Thank you for considering this invitation to participate in this registry. Please complete the entire REDCap survey located at the link above. If there are data fields that you lack information on, you may leave those blank or click



unknown. During the survey, if you experience any technical issues, please contact Drashti Shah at [dkshah@uabmc.edu](mailto:dkshah@uabmc.edu).

Your responses are much appreciated and will help define the current state of TMVII spread in the United States and its impact on patients.

Best Regards,

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**EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES APPENDIX:**

- [CDC \(2024\). Information for Healthcare Providers: Emerging Ringworm](#)
- American Academy of Dermatology Association (2025). [Trichophyton mentagrophytes genotype VII and other emerging dermatophytes of concern](#)
- American Academy of Dermatology Association (2025). [Information on how to obtain testing for TMVII](#)