

A review on fumonisins

ABSTRACT

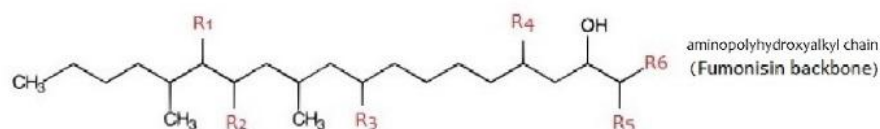
Fumonisins are the group of mycotoxins generated usually by the *Fusarium spp.* in foods and feeds. However more than 15 isomers of fumonisin have been recognized, but the B series of fumonisins are the main and referral isomers of fumonisins. Fumonisin B can cause, leukoencephalomalacia in rabbits and horses and porcine pulmonary edema in swine. Also, fumonisin B is nephrotoxic, hepatotoxic, immunotoxic and carcinogenic. Fumonisin B blocks sphingolipid biosynthesis (hence, hinder the synthesis of ceramide) by a noticeable resemblance to sphingosine and sphinganine. This paper gives a review of the toxicity, occurrence, and mechanism of carcinogenicity, hepatotoxicity, nephrotoxicity, and immunotoxicity of fumonisins. Fumonisins are mainly found on several foods and feed in Africa, America, Europe, Asia, and Oceania. In this paper, we talk about current information on the worldwide contamination of feeds and foods by fumonisins. Because of economic losses induced by fumonisins and their hurtful effect on animal and human health, the various procedure for detoxifying infected feeds and foods have been illustrated in this review, containing; biological, physical, and chemical processes. Besides in this paper, we discuss dietary intakes and maximum limits of fumonisins in some countries.

Keywords: Fumonisins; Toxicity; Detoxification; Mechanism; Occurrence; Intake

1. INTRODUCTION

Fumonisins are a group of further than 10 mycotoxins created by *Fusarium* species like; *F. globosum*, *F. oxysporum*, *F. proliferatum*, *F. verticillioides* and other species of *Fusarium*, *Alternaria alternata f. sp. lycopersici*, and *Aspergillus niger* [1, 2].

Fumonisins have a noncyclic structure (opposite of most mycotoxins). In this structure, there is a chain with 19- or 20- carbon aminopolyhydroxyalkyl that by tricarballic acid groups (propane-1,2,3-tricarboxylic acid) was diesterified Fig. 1. Hitherto, various chemically associated series or groups of fumonisins have been isolated. These series are consist of A, B, C, and P. The main detected forms of fumonisins in foods, are the B series of fumonisins [3]. Fumonisins B₁, fumonisins B₂, and fumonisins B₃ are the broadest mycotoxins between the more than 15 fumonisin forms that have been described until now [4].



Fumonisins	Group					
	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6
FA ₁	TCA	TCA	OH	OH	NHCOCH ₃	CH ₃
FA ₂	TCA	TCA	H	OH	NHCOCH ₃	CH ₃
FA ₃	TCA	TCA	OH	H	NHCOCH ₃	CH ₃
FAK ₁	=O	TCA	OH	OH	NHCOCH ₃	CH ₃
FB ₁	TCA	TCA	OH	OH	NH ₂	CH ₃
FB ₂	TCA	TCA	H	OH	NH ₂	CH ₃
FB ₃	TCA	TCA	OH	H	NH ₂	CH ₃
FB ₄	TCA	TCA	H	H	NH ₂	CH ₃
FC ₁	TCA	TCA	OH	OH	NH ₂	H
FP ₁	TCA	TCA	OH	OH	3HP	CH ₃
FP ₂	TCA	TCA	H	OH	3HP	CH ₃
FP ₃	TCA	TCA	OH	H	3HP	CH ₃
PH _{1a}	TCA	OH	OH	OH	NH ₂	CH ₃
PH _{1b}	OH	TCA	OH	OH	NH ₂	CH ₃
AP ₁ (Hydrolyzed FB ₁)	OH	OH	OH	OH	NH ₂	CH ₃
N-(carboxymethyl) FB ₁	TCA	TCA	OH	OH	NH(C ₂ H ₃ O ₂)	CH ₃
N-(deoxy-D-fructos-1-yl)B ₁	TCA	TCA	OH	OH	NH(C ₆ H ₁₁ O ₅)	CH ₃
Fumonisin B ₁ -di(methyl- α -D-glucopyranoside)	MG	MG	OH	OH	NH ₂	CH ₃

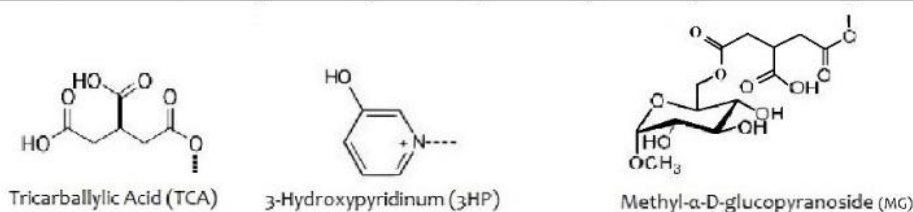


Fig. 1. Chemical structures of the fumonisins. From: [1, 2]

Fungi-producing fumonisin contaminated apple, barley, beef, breakfast cereals, black tea, corn, cornbread, corn flour, corn flakes, corn grits, corn snacks, basmati rice, crunchy nut, egg, milk, oats, polenta, popcorn, row corn, soybean, canned foods, tomato, tortilla, and wheat [5].

Intake of fumonisin B induced a different of toxic effect in animals, containing leukoencephalomalacia in horses [6], change in weight of body and internal organ in broiler chicken [7, 8], pulmonary edema and hepatocellular necrosis in piglet [9, 10]. Moreover, renal and hepatic toxicity has been detected in different animal, containing rabbits, lambs, turkeys, mice, rats, and broilers [7, 11-14].

In human, fumonisins were increased risk of neural tube defects (NTD) and developing esophageal cancer [15, 16].

2. TOXICITY OF FUMONISINS

In the human and different animal, fumonisins beget some toxic effects such as carcinogenic, hepatotoxic, and nephrotoxic. Moreover, sensitivity to fumonisins is different in human and varies animal for example; based on [17] saying, rats are more sensitive to fumonisin B₁ than mice. We summarized in Table 1 disorder effects, dosage, duration and source of fumonisin.

44 **Table 1. Some disorder effects induced by fumonisins**

	Dosage and Fumonisin source	Duration	Effects
Human	Both FB1 and FB2 High corn intake higher risk than low corn intake	case-control study	Developing esophageal cancer
Human	FB1 in corn of three area of China, average of contamination was; 2.84, 1.27, and 0.65 mg/kg	1 year	Esophageal- and hepatocarcinogenesis
Human cells	Medicine with FB1 for 24, 48, 72 and 96 h		The proliferation of human esophageal epithelial cells (HEECs)
Women	Exposure to FB1 corn tortilla intake during the first trimester and before the pregnancy.	case-control study	Raise the risk of NTD
Lamb	Intraruminally; 11.1, 22.2, 45.5 mg fumonisin B1, B2, B3/kg b.w	9 days	Tubular nephrosis, mild hepatopathy, diarrhea, lethargy, death
Cattle	Feeding; 15, 31, 148 µg fumonisins /kg b.w	31 days	Increase in the AST, GGT, LDH, bilirubin, cholesterol and lymphocyte blastogenesis Mild microscopic liver lesions
Cattle	Intravenous; 1 mg fumonisin B1/kg b.w	7 days	Lethargy, the decrease in appetite Increase in Sa/So, proliferation and hepatocyte apoptosis, the proliferation of bile ductular cells, vacuolar change, proliferation of proximal renal tubular cells, apoptosis, and karyomegaly.
Broiler chicken	Feeding; 0, 100, 200, 300 or 400 mg fumonisin B1/kg b.w	21 days	The decline in body weight Increase in the liver-, proventriculus-, and gizzard-weights, Serum calcium, cholesterol, and AST
Broiler chicken	Feeding; 0, 75, 150, 225, 300, 375, 450, 525 mg fumonisin B1/kg b.w	21 days	Increase in liver and kidney weights, MCV, MCHC, Sa/So Histological lesions in the liver
Broiler chicken	Dietary; 0, 20, 40, 80 mg fumonisin B1/kg b.w	21 days	Increase in the Sa/So, GGT, AST, the weights of liver, proventriculus, spleen, kidney, and bursa of Fabricius.
Broiler chicken	Dietary; 0, 50, 100 or 200 mg fumonisin B1/kg b.w	21 days	Cell proliferation in response to mitogens, immunosuppress
Broiler chicken	Dietary; 300 mg fumonisin B1/kg b.w	21 days	Increase activities of AST, LDH, GGT

Broiler chicken Cobb 500	Orally and postnatal; 100 mg fumonisin B1/kg b.w	21 days	Increase in the liver weight, Sa/So, hepatic TBARS, Vit C, catalase
Chicken Embryos	Injection in air cell of chicken eggs; 0, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, and 64 µg fumonisin/egg	In 72h of incubation	Not microscopic abnormalities but haemorrhages of the neck, thoracic area, and head of the dead embryos
Turkey	Dietary; 0, 100, 200 mg fumonisin B1/kg b.w	21 days	Increase in AST, alkaline phosphatase, MCV, MCH, liver-, kidney-, and pancreas-weights Biliary hyperplasia, thymic cortical atrophy, hypertrophy of Kupffer's cells, and moderate broaden out of the proliferating hypertrophied zones of tibial physes The decrease in spleen and heart weights, body weight gains, cholesterol
Duck	Orally; 0, 5, 15, 45 mg fumonisin B1/kg b.w	12 days	Body weight gain was slightly retarded, liver hyperplasia Increase in liver weight, total protein, AST, Sa/So, LDH, GGT, cholesterol
Mouse embryos	Exposure of FB1	Long term Short-term	NTD; 65% in continuing experimentation and by almost 50% in temporary experimentation
Mice	Subcutaneous; 2.25 mg fumonisin B1/kg b.w	5 days	Hepatotoxic effects, increase in AST and liver enzymes in circulation
Mice	Dietary; 0, 14, 70, and 140µmol fumonisin B1, B2, B3, hydrolyzed fumonisin B1, fumonisin P1, N-(carboxymethyl)fumonisin B1 or N-(acetyl)fumonisin B1/kg	28 days	Increase in whole bile acids, alkaline phosphatase, cholesterol, hepatocellular apoptosis, macrophage pigmentation, Kupffer cell hyperplasia, and hepatocellular hypertrophy.
Mice	Gavage; 1-75 mg fumonisin B1/kg	14 days	In the liver, mitosis, anisokaryosis, and hepatocellular single cell necrosis Increase in ALT, serum cholesterol, blood urea nitrogen in male, vacuolated lymphocytes and myeloid cells Mild decreases in ion transport of kidney
Mice	Dietary; 0, 1, 3, 9, 27, or 81 ppm FB1	13 weeks	Hepatopathy
Female B6C3F1	Fed 50 or 80 ppm FB1	2-year feeding	Hepatocellular adenomas and carcinomas

mice			
Rat	Dietary; 0, 1, 3, 9, 27, or 81 ppm FB1	13 weeks	Nephrosis
Male BD IX rats	Intake of 50 ppm FB1	Up to 2 years	Culminated in the appearance of hepatocellular carcinomas and cholangiocarcinomas
Male F344 rats	FB1	2-year feeding	No hepatocarcinogenic effects ,but FB1 caused renal tubule tumors
Male BD IX rats	0.08 and 0.16 mg FB/100 g of (bw)/day over	2 years	Induce cancer, mild toxic, and preneoplastic lesions
Rabbit	Gavage; 0, 31.5, 630 mg fumonisin B1/kg b.w	Single dose	Increase in AP, ALT, AST, GGT, urea, total protein, and creatinine
Rabbit	Gavage; 1.75 mg fumonisin B1/kg b.w	9,13 days	Focal small bilateral hemorrhages in the white matter cerebral, malacia, apoptosis in kidney and liver
Horse	Intravenously; 1.25-4 , 1-4 mg fumonisin B1/kg b.w	33-35 days	Lesions of LEM Apathy, incoordination, walking into objects, changes in temperament, paralysis of the lips and tongue,
Horse	Intravenously; 0.125 mg fumonisin B1/kg b.w	0-9 days	Apathy, trembling, paresis of the lower lip and tongue, reluctance to move, a wide-based stance, ataxia, tetanic convulsion, inability to drink or eat Focal necrosis in the medulla oblongata and severe edema in brains, bilaterally symmetrical.
Horse	Feeding; 160-3800 µg fumonisin B1/kg b.w 20-950 µg fumonisin B1/kg b.w		FB1 is the major fumonisin in LEM in horses
Arabian horse	Dietary; 12.490 µg fumonisin B1/kg b.w, 5.251 µg fumonisin B2/kg b.w		Blindness, hyperexcitability, four leg ataxia, circling, aimless walking, death Focal areas of hemorrhage, softening of the sub-cortical white matter and brown-yellow discoloration Microscopic brain lesions; wide areas of malacia within the white matter of the brainstem, cerebral hemispheres, and cerebellum
Pony	Feeding; 1-88 ppm fumonisin B1, B2, B3	120 days	Leukoencephalomalacia and hepatic necrosis

Pigs	Intravenously; 4.6-7.9 mg fumonisin B ₁ /kg b.w Orally; 48-166 ppm FB ₁	15 days	Pulmonary edema and hepatic necrosis
Pigs	Dietary; 16 mg fumonisin B ₁ /kg b.w		Hydrothorax, variably severe pulmonary edema, icterus and hepatocellular necrosis
Pigs	Dietary; 20 ppm fumonisin B ₁	42 days	Strong edema in the lung, mild degenerative changes in the kidneys, slight edema in the different interior organs
Gilt	Dietary; 0.1 g fumonisin B ₁ /kg b.w	7, 27-80 days	Nodular hyperplasia in liver, hyperkeratosis, parakeratosis, formation of papillary, hyperplastic plaques in esophageal mucosa
Weaned piglets	Orally; 5 mg fumonisin B ₁ /kg b.w	Single dose	Increase in cholesterol, alkaline phosphatase and highest Sa and Sa/So ratios in plasma and urine

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2.1 Carcinogenicity

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48 Stockmann [16] reported that the FB₁ and FB₂ in wheat and corn increased the risk of esophageal
49 cancer in many countries. Also, there is a significant correlation between esophageal cancer and
50 contaminated rice with FB₁, in Iran [18]. [19] declare that, high concentration rates of FB₁ has a
51 feasible contributive role in human esophageal carcinogenesis and hepatic carcinogenesis.
52 Fumonisin B can stimulate the proliferation of human esophageal epithelial cells (HEECs) [20], the
53 proliferation of bile ductular cells and hepatocyte proliferation in cattle [21].
54 In rats, continuing (up to 2 years) intake of FB₁ consequenced the introduction of renal tubule tumors,
55 hepatocellular adenomas, cholangiocarcinomas, and carcinomas [22, 23].

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2.2 Hepatotoxic Effect

58 [11] by performing histological examination demonstrated that the fumonisins can create a mild
59 hepatopathy in lambs.
60 Fumonisin effects in the research of [24] on calves were significant. According to their study,
61 increases in gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase (GGT), lactate dehydrogenase (LDH), serum aspartate
62 aminotransferase (AST), cholesterol and bilirubin, and mild microscopic liver lesions in two calves
63 were existed. In [21] observation, hepatic lesions were distinguished by the different severity of
64 disorganized hepatic cords and hepatocyte apoptosis.
65 In broiler chicken increasing dietary fumonisin B₁ caused the increase in liver weights, serum calcium,
66 cholesterol, and AST levels. In addition, biliary hyperplasia and multifocal hepatic necrosis were
67 present in these chickens [8]. In researches of [7, 25], chickens fed with fumonisin B₁, sphinganine:
68 sphingosine (Sa: So) ratio, serum glutamate oxaloacetate aminotransaminase (SGOT), levels of free
69 sphinganine in the serum, AST ratios, LDH, and GGT were increased. Nonetheless, total liver lipids of
70 chicks were decreased significantly. [26] demonstrated that subacute treatment of broiler chicks to
71 fumonisin B₁ bring about hepatic oxidative stress simultaneously with SA/SO gathering. Also, TBARS
72 (Thiobarbituric acid reactive substance) levels, catalase activity, and Vit C content were increased.
73 Feeding the turkey with fumonisin B₁ caused increases in liver weights and serum AST levels.
74 However, serum cholesterol, alkaline phosphatase, MCH (mean cell hemoglobin) and MCV (mean
75 cell volume) were declined. Also, hypertrophy of Kupffer's cells and biliary hyperplasia were present in
76 these turkeys [13].
77 Because of FB₁ in the plasma, cholesterol, total protein, alanine aminotransferase (ALT), LDH, GGT
78 and SA/SO (sphinganine to sphingosine ratio) were risen. Liver weight growth with liver hyperplasia
79 was existed in ducks [27].
80 [28] declared that hepatic effects of FB₁ in mice were increased in liver enzymes like AST and ALT in
81 circulation. In addition, [17, 29] demonstrated that serum levels of the whole bile acids, alkaline
82 phosphatase, and cholesterol, were risen and hepatocellular hypertrophy, hepatocellular apoptosis,

83 Kupffer cell hyperplasia, hepatocellular single cell necrosis, mitosis, anisokaryosis, and macrophage
84 pigmentation were detected in the mice that fed with FB₁.
85 FB₁ in rabbits can cause a significant increase in alkaline phosphatase (AP), total protein, AST, ALT,
86 and GGT. Also, degeneration of hepatocytes and apoptosis were the prominent degenerative
87 changes in liver of rabbits [14, 30].
88 Because of fumonisin B₁, B₂, and B₃, a hepatic necrosis in ponies occurred [31].
89 Effect of fumonisins in the liver of piglet was apoptosis, necrosis, hepatocyte proliferation, hyperplastic
90 hepatic nodules (in chronic studies), icterus, and hepatocellular necrosis. Besides serum cholesterol,
91 alkaline phosphatase, AST activities and sphinganine and sphingosine concentrations in kidney,
92 heart, lung, and liver were elevated. But there were no detectable portal triads or central veins,
93 adjacent parenchyma, and the perilobular connective tissue was compressed [10, 32-34]

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95 **2.3 Kidney Toxicity**

96 Fumonisin in the kidney of lambs revealed with tubular nephrosis [11].
97 Accumulation of sphingosine and sphinganine in the kidney of calves created renal lesion like
98 vacuolar change, karyomegaly, apoptosis, dilatation of proximal renal tubules (that included protein
99 and cellular debris) and the proliferation of proximal renal tubular cells [21].
100 Effect of fumonisin in the kidney of turkeys and broiler chicken was increasing in kidney weight [7, 13,
101 35].
102 In both sexes of rats, fumonisins were decreased kidney weight, also nephrosis in outer medulla of
103 rats (especially in female rats) was observed [12].
104 [14, 30] reported that the effect of fumonisin in the kidney of the rabbit was apoptosis and
105 degeneration of renal tubule epithelium, also level of urea and creatinine was increased.
106 Fumonisin in the kidney of pigs create a mild degenerative change and in the urine of pigs the
107 highest Sa/So ratio and Sa ratio were produced in the 48th h [9, 33].

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109 **2.4 Leukoencephalomalacia**

110 [36] reported that fumonisins (especially fumonisin B₁) are the causal factor in the development of
111 LEM in horses. The lethality rates, mortality, and morbidity in horses were 85.7%, 10%, and 11.6%
112 respectively [6].
113 Nervous signs that were emerged by fumonisin in horses, consisted mainly of ; apathy, incoordination,
114 walking into objects, changes in temperament, just in one horse paralysis of the tongue and lips,
115 paresis of tongue and the lower lip, inability to drink or eat, a wide-based stance, reluctance to move,
116 trembling, hyperexcitability, four leg ataxia, blindness, tetanic convulsion, aimless walking and circling
117 developed by death [6, 36, 37].
118 In horses with LEM because of fumonisins, the brain lesions were observed such as; severe to early
119 bilaterally symmetrical edema of the brain, brown-yellow discoloration, focal necrosis in the medulla
120 oblongata, focal or multifocal areas of hemorrhage, sporadically pyknotic nucleus all over the areas of
121 rarefaction hemorrhage, softening of the sub-cortical white matter, cavitations crowded with
122 proteinaceous edema with rarefaction of the white matter, mild percolation by infrequent eosinophils
123 and neutrophils, intracytoplasmic eosinophilic globules, inflamed glial cells with plentiful eosinophilic
124 cytoplasm, inflamed glial cells with plentiful eosinophilic cytoplasm, cell edges were separated,
125 hyperchromatic, edema, necrosis, wide parts of malacia in the white matter of the cerebral
126 hemispheres, cerebellum, and brainstem [6, 36, 37].
127 Fumonisin created leukoencephalomalacia in rabbits and the bilateral brain microscopic lesions
128 consisted of focal small bleeding in the malacia, cerebral white matter, and bleeding in the
129 hippocampus [30].

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131 **2.5 Porcine Pulmonary Edema (PPE)**

132 Usual damages in Fumonisin B-fed pigs were severe edema in the lung by inhibiting sphingolipid
133 biosynthesis and phagocytosis in pulmonary macrophages and gathering of substance material in
134 pulmonary capillary endothelial cells [9, 32].
135 The clinical sign in pigs because of pulmonary edema (induced by fumonisins) consisted of;
136 hydrothorax and respiratory distress (reveal by getting up respiratory rate and effort with open mouth
137 and abdominal breathing). Lethal pulmonary edema appears during 4 to 7 days after the daily feed or
138 intravenous treatment of FB₁[10, 32].

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140 **2.6 Other Toxic Effects**

141 Exposure to FB₁ during the first trimester and before the pregnancy emerged to get up the hazard of
142 neural tube defects (NTD; by reason of defeat of the neural tube to close, embryonic defects of the
143 spinal cord and brain happened) [15, 38].

144 Diarrhea and lethargy were detected in fumonisin administrated lambs [11].

145 Feeding by fumonisin in calves has some effects such as; impairing the lymphocyte blastogenesis
146 [24], lethargy, increasing of sphingosine and sphinganine concentrations in the heart, lung, and
147 skeletal muscle. Elevate in the concentration of sphinganine, but not sphingosine, in brains of
148 managed calves [21].

149 In broiler chicks, FB₁ had a bad effect on weight, water consumption, feed efficiency, and body [35].
150 Although body weight was decreased, the weight of bursa of Fabricius, gizzard, and proventriculus
151 was increased. Other effects of FB₁ consisted of diarrhea, thymic cortical atrophy, and rickets [8, 35].

152 Fumonisin B₁ in turkey appeared thymic cortical atrophy, and moderate enlarging of the proliferating
153 and degenerating hypertrophied zones of tibial physis [13].

154 [39] reported that fumonisin in the egg can cause extreme haemorrhages of the thoracic area, head,
155 neck of the dead embryos.

156 In mice, fumonisins can cause adrenal cortical cell vacuolation and may cause increases in serum
157 cholesterol. Vacuolated lymphocytes and myeloid cells were also detected in mice due to fumonisins
158 [17].

159 Fumonisin in pigs had some effects such as; decrease in left ventricular dP/dT (max) (an indicator of
160 heart contractility). But mean pulmonary artery pressure, heart rate, mean systemic arterial pressure,
161 cardiac output, and pulmonary artery wedge pressure by obstruction of L-type Ca channels by get up
162 sphinganine and/or sphingosine mass, were increased. Also in studies, parakeratosis, postpone in the
163 pattern of papillary of the distal esophageal mucosa (part of stratum basale), hyperkeratosis, and
164 hyperplastic nodules in the liver cell, esophageal plaques, and right ventricular hypertrophy were
165 detected [32, 34].

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168 **3. METABOLISM AND MECHANISM OF FUMONISINS**

169 Structure of fumonisin B has a noticeable similarity to sphinganine and sphingosine Fig. 2 both
170 sphingosine and sphinganine are intermediates in the degradation and biosynthesis of sphingolipids.
171 Furthermore, [40] reported that fumonisin B obstruct sphingolipid biosynthesis by specifically inhibiting
172 sphingosine (sphinganine) N-acyltransferase, in vitro and in situ.

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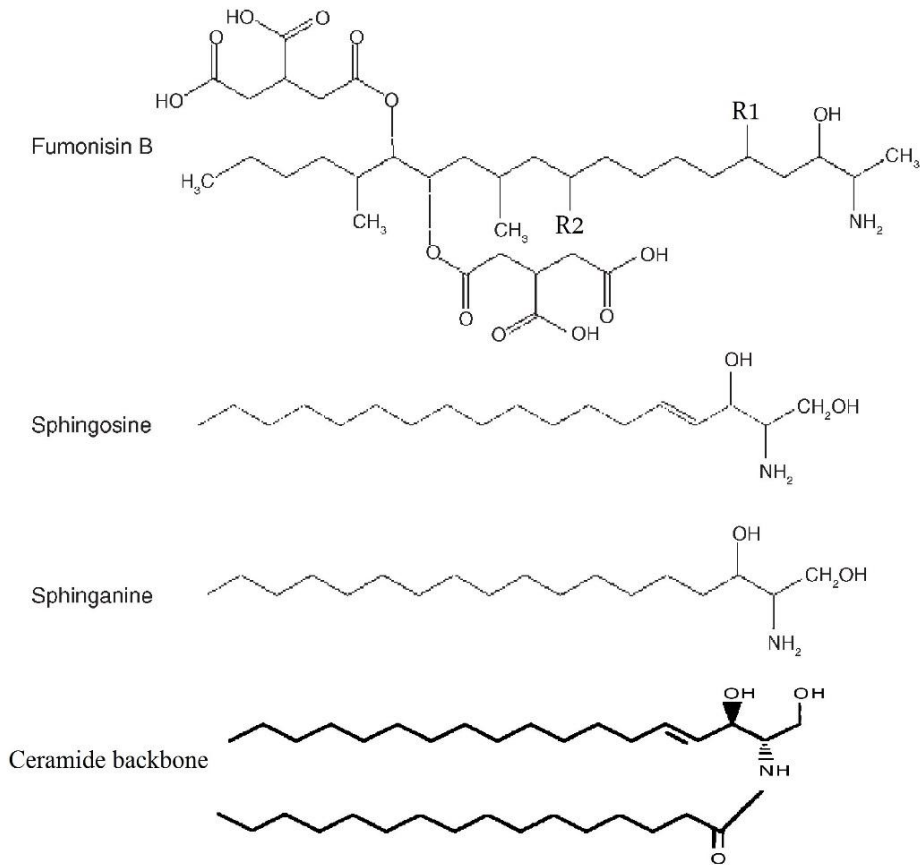
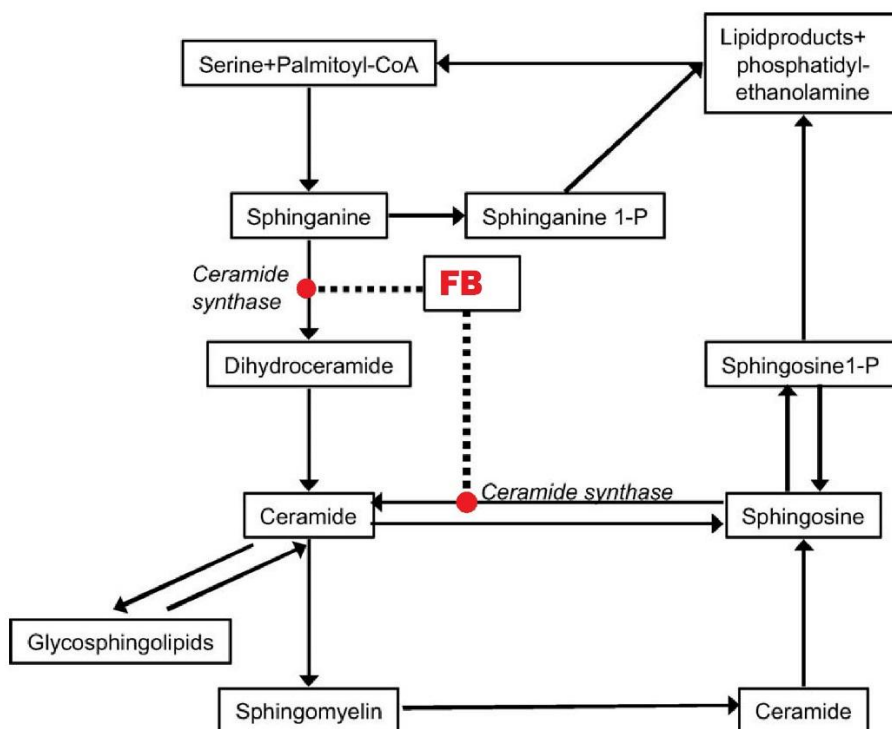


Fig. 2. Structures of fumonisin B, sphingosine, sphinganine and ceramide backbone[1]; [3]

Sphingolipids are a group of lipids that can be detected in the whole of eukaryotic cells. All of the sphingolipids include a sphingoid (long-chain base backbone). Sphingolipids are urgent basic molecules and rule as regulators of a numeral of cell act [41]. In Fig. 3 location of working of fumonisin B-induced inhibition of the enzyme CER synthase, is presented.

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184 **Fig. 3. A summarized scheme of the sites of action of fumonisin B-induced inhibition of the**
185 **enzyme ceramide synthase on the pathway of de novo sphingolipid synthesis and turnover in**
186 **mammalian cells and [4].**
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188 3.1 Mechanism of Fumonisins in Apoptosis and Cancer

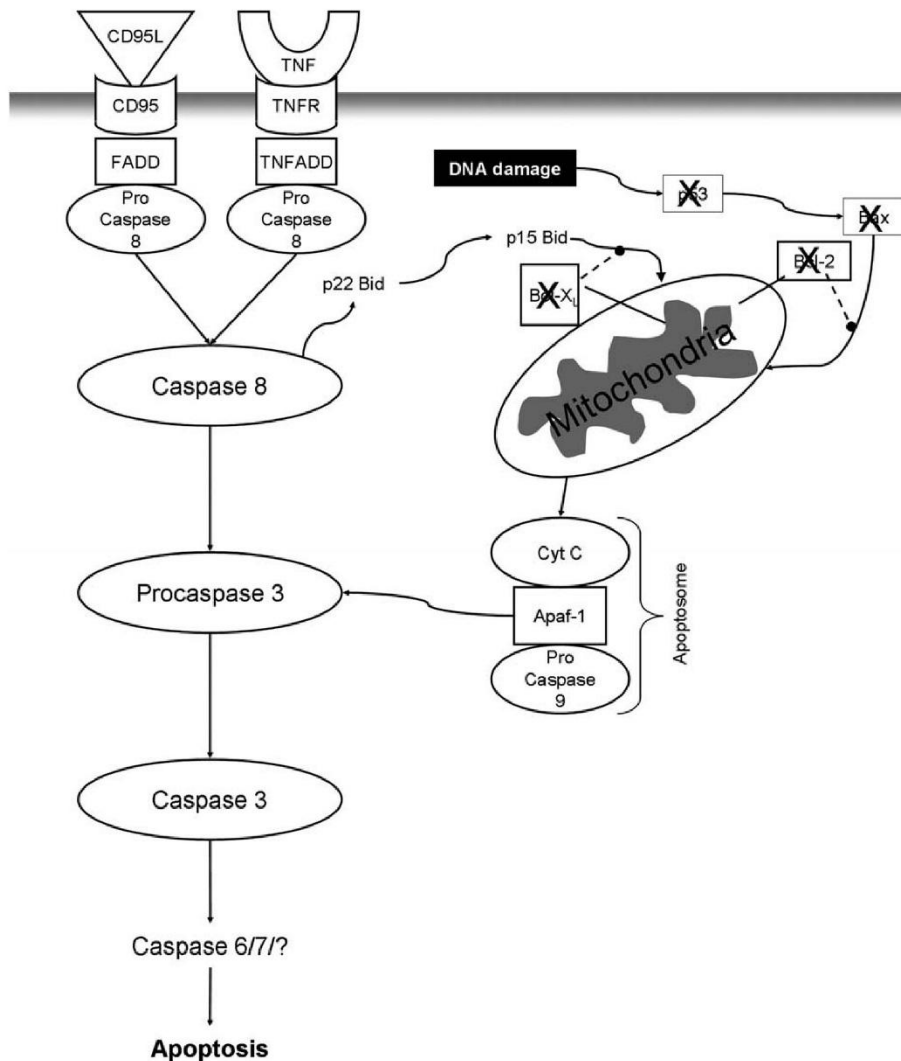
189 Interruption of sphingolipid metabolism can cause the increase in available sphingoid backbone and
190 their 1-phosphates, changing in compound sphingolipids, and decrease in the biosynthesis of
191 ceramide (CER). Available sphingoid backbone induced cell death but fumonisin inhibition of CER
192 synthase can restrain cell death influenced by ceramide [42].

193 Feedback of the apoptosis and carcinogenicity effects induced by fumonisin B₁ can be some
194 mechanisms including oxidative damage, lipid peroxidation and maybe induction of hepatic, and renal
195 tumors can happen [16]. Also, [43] discovered that FB₁ was able to promote the production of free
196 radicals (by increasing the rate of oxidation) and by lipid peroxidation in membranes can accelerate
197 chain reactions.

198 Increasing in sphinganine of tissue by FB was able to elevate beginning a cascade of cellular
199 changes that probably product the carcinogenicity and toxicity by an unknown mechanism(s).
200 However, in the following of sphinganine-induced cell proliferation and apoptosis and cancer
201 incidence might be elevated [3].

202 In some studies following fumonisin B₁ treatment in different cells of human and animals, has been
203 shown that apoptosis caused by fumonisin B₁ does not entail p53 or Bcl-2 group proteins and protect
204 cells from the apoptosis by baculovirus gene (CplAP). Baculovirus gene obstructs induced apoptosis
205 by the tumor necrosis factor (TNF) pathway that caspase-8 was cleaved. The mitochondrial pathway
206 perhaps is consisted of induced apoptosis by fumonisin B₁ by the actuation of Bid, release cytochrome
207 c [16].

208 [20] reported that fumonisin B₁ in human normal esophageal epithelial cells (HEECs) stimulated the
209 proliferation. Mechanism of the proliferation of HEECs is, decreasing in protein expression of cyclin E,
210 p21, and p27 and increase in protein expression of cyclin D1.



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212 **Fig. 4. A schematic landscape of the pathways conduct to apoptosis and the mechanisms**
213 **probably consisted of fumonisin B1 -induced activation of caspase-3 resulted in apoptosis. X**
214 **mark showed the mechanisms that are not consisted of the apoptosis caused by fumonisin B1**
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217 **3.2 Mechanism of Fumonisin in Hepatotoxicity**

218 Accumulation of sphingoid base because of induced fumonisin B₁ can induce TNF-α and make the
219 hepatotoxicity in mice. Also, TNF-α receptor 1b is urgent mediating in the hepatotoxic responses by a
220 rise in the circulation of liver enzymes [28].
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222 **3.3 Mechanism of Fumonisin in Immunotoxicity**

223 Exposure to FB₁ in human dendritic cells; getting up the exhibition of IFN-γ and the associated
224 chemokine CXCL9. Nevertheless, fumonisin B₁ may decline the lipopolysaccharide-induced liver and
225 brain expression of IL-1β and IFN-γ in addition to the lipopolysaccharide -induced expression of IL-1β,
226 IL-6, and the chemokines CCL3 and CCL5 in human dendritic cells [16].

227 In piglets, fumonisin B₁ exposure can increase expression of IL-18, IL-8, and IFN-γ mRNA. But mRNA
228 measure of TNF-α, IL-1β in piglet alveolar macrophages and levels of IL-4 may decrease [44]; [45].

229 After exposure to fumonisin B₁ in mouse, a getup expression of TNF-α and interleukin-1β (IL-1β) has
230 been observed in kidney and the liver. Also, FB₁ can raise expression of IFN-γ, IL-1α, IL-18, IL-12, IL-
231 10, and IL-6 in liver of mouse [16].
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233 **3.4 Mechanism of Fumonisin in Some Disorder**

234 [46] recommended that the fumonisin B₁-induced destruction of cardiovascular action may be one of
235 the major elements provide to the happening of equine leukoencephalomalacia by the get up in serum
236 and sphingosine concentrations and myocardial sphinganine.

237 Interruption of sphingolipid metabolism resulted in FB₁ before the pregnancy and during the first
 238 trimester may affect folate uptake and cause by a development risk of NTD [47]; [48].
 239 FB₁ by the increase in sphingosine and/or sphinganine concentrations reduces the mechanical
 240 potency of the left ventricle and blocks L-type Ca channels. Pulmonary edema could generally be
 241 caused by acute left-sided heart failure [49]; [50].
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244 4. DETOXIFICATION OF FUMONISINS

245 Strategies of detoxification for infected feeds and foods to diminish or remove the toxic effects of
 246 fumonisins by biological, physical, and chemical processes are essential to boost food safety, hinder
 247 financial damage, and recover infected commodities. Data detected on biodegradation, detoxification,
 248 and binding procedures of fumonisins are abridged in Table 2.
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250 **Table 2. Biodegradation, detoxification, and binding processes of fumonisins**
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Process	Observation
Biological process	
Lactic acid bacteria (Micrococcus luteus, acillus subtilis)	Binding to FB1 and FB2
Sphingopyxis sp.	Hydrolysis of FB1 to HFB1
Saccharomyces	Decrease in FB1 and FB2
Lactobacillus strains (L. plantarum B7 and L. pentosus X8)	Removing fumonisins (FB1 and FB2)
Black yeasts Rhinoclodiella atrovirensa and Exophiala spinifera	Ester bonds was hydrolyzed of FB1
Candida parapsilosis	Mycelial growth inhibition
Physical process	
150–200 °C	87–100 % destruction of fumonisin B1 in corn cultures
Extrusion and roasting	60–70 % loss of FB1 and FB2
Extrusion	30 % loss of FB1 and FB2
Extrusion	92 % loss of fumonisin B1
Extrusion of drymilled products	Decrease in fumonisin accumulation by 30–90 % for mixing-type extruders and 20–50 % for non-mixing extruders
Baking corn	16 and 28 % loss of FB1
Frying corn chips	loss of 67 % of the fumonisin
Cooking and canning	Small influence on fumonisin measure (23%)
Ethanol–water solvent at 80 °C extraction	The most environmentally friendly, least toxic, and cheapest
Cholestyramine	Adsorption 85% of FB1
Activated carbon	Adsorption 62% of FB1
Ammonia process	Reduce FB1levels 30-45% No mutagenic potentials were apparent
Fructose	Obstruct the amine group of FB1, that is urgent for its toxicity
Chlorophorin	Reduced FB1 levels by 90–

	91%
Oxidizing agents	Little effects in FB ₁ , but applicable because of the minimal cost and the minimal destruction of important nutrients
Bentonite	Adsorbed only 12% of the toxin FB ₁
Celite	Not effective
Chemical process	
Solution of SO ₂ at 60 °C for 6 h	Most impressive treatment to decline the measure of fumonisin B ₁
Acidic aqueous solution by the addition of NaNO ₂ NaCl solution	Fumonisin B ₁ was significantly deaminated. Fumonisin B ₁ had a little mass and that 86 % of the toxin could be eliminated
Ozone (O ₃)	No significant difference in FB ₁
Single Ca(OH) ₂ (nixtamalization) or with NaHCO ₃ + H ₂ O ₂ (modified nixtamalization)	reduction of 100% FB ₁ and 40% decreased toxicity of brine shrimp by Ca

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255 4.1 Biological Methods

256 An enzymatic detoxification process is by recombinant enzymes from the bacterium *Sphingopyxis sp.*
 257 resulted in hydrolysis of fumonisin B₁ to HFB₁; deamination of HFB₁ by aminotransferase (miss of the
 258 two tricarballylic side-chains via carboxylesterase) in the existence of pyridoxal phosphate and
 259 pyruvate. Lactic acid bacteria such as *Micrococcus luteus* and *Bacillus subtilis* bind to fumonisin B₁
 260 and fumonisin B₂, therefore detoxification is processed. Peptoglycan bind to leastwise one
 261 tricarballylic acid part in the structure of FB₁ and especially FB₂ [2].

262 [51] removed 52.9% FB₁ and 85.2% FB₂ by two *Lactobacillus* strains (*L. pentosus X8* and *L.*
 263 *plantarum B7*), in the aqueous medium.

264 [52] reported that fermentation using three different yeast strains (*Saccharomyces*) is a method for
 265 detoxification of fumonisins, thus a maximal decrease was observed in 28% and 17% for fumonisin
 266 B₁ and fumonisin B₂, respectively.

267 Hydrolyzing ester bonds of fumonisin B₁ by black yeasts (*Exophiala spinifera* and *Rhinochloidiella*
 268 *atrovirensa*) reported by [53].

269 [54] by means of *Candida parapsilosis* could inhibit mycelial growth of *Fusarium* species from 74.54%
 270 and 56.36%, and the maximum and minimum decrease in whole created fumonisin was 78% and
 271 12%, respectively.

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273 4.2 Physical and Chemical Methods

274 Fumonisin B₁ needs a massive temperature (150–200 °C) to gain 87–100 % demolition in corn
 275 cultivation [53].

276 [55] reported that because of the extrusion of dry-milled products, decreasing in the measure of
 277 fumonisins was 20–50 % for non-mixing extruders and 30–90 % for mixing-type extruders. For the
 278 production of cornflakes through the extrusion and roasting of raw corn, 60–70 % of fumonisins B₁ and
 279 B₂ were loosened. But removing of fumonisins only in the extrusion step was less than 30 % [56].
 280 Destroying of fumonisin B₁ in extrusion processing of grits, was 92 % [56]. The economical, lowest
 281 toxic and most biodegradable solvent for fumonisin extraction is ethanol-water [57].

282 [58] and [59] in their studies reported that in baking corn muffins, removing of fumonisin during baked
 283 for 20 minutes were amidst 16 and 28 % at 175 °C and 200 °C respectively, also flotation the corn in
 284 water reduced the amount of fumonisin B₁, and frying corn chips for 15 minutes at 190 °C bring about
 285 a remove of 67 % of the fumonisin. But spiked corn masa fried at 140–170 °C (while degradation
 286 begin to take placed above 180 °C) has no significant loss of fumonisin B₁.

287 One of the most impressive management to decline the measure of fumonisin B₁ is a 0.2 % solution
 288 of SO₂ at 60 °C for six hours [60]. But canning and cooking had a small influence on fumonisin
 289 measure [61].

290 In [62] studies, the adsorption capacity of cholestyramine for fumonisin B₁; 85% from a solution
 291 including 200 µg/ml FB₁, were reported.
 292 Detoxification of corn with ammonia process reduced fumonisin levels (30 to 45 %) and no mutagenic
 293 potentials were obvious in the managed corn [63].
 294 Obstruction the amine group of fumonisin B₁ by reaction with fructose is another way to the
 295 detoxification of fumonisin B₁ [64].
 296 The percentage of reduction of FB₁ in corn by single Ca(OH)₂ (nixtamalization) or with Na-HCO₃ +
 297 H₂O₂ (modified nixtamalization), was 100% [65].
 298 Chlorophorin gets from vanillic acid, ferulic acid, caffeic acid, and iroko decreased FB₁ levels by 90–
 299 91% [66].
 300 Treatment with oxidizing agents is an economical method for detoxification of fumonisin B₁, but this
 301 method isn't demonstrated in bioassays [65].
 302 The acidic aqueous solution such as NaNO₂ can create deamination in fumonisin B₁, significantly [67].
 303 In the floating section after treatment with NaCl solution, 86% of FB₁ were removed [68].
 304 Celite and O₃ couldn't make a significant difference in the level of FB₁, but bentonite adsorbed only
 305 12% of the FB₁ [62, 69].
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308 5. OCCURRENCE

309 According to [70] by means of increases in global grain exchange, probably fungi spread from one
 310 country to another. In *Fusarium* fungi, this hazard expected to be minimum whereas these
 311 phytopathogens are field sooner than storage organisms. The global infection of animal feeds and
 312 foodstuffs with fumonisins is described in Table 3.
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Table 3. Occurrence of fumonisins from human foods, cereals, and crops in various countries.

Nation-seed	Fumonisin (mg/kg)	B1	Fumonisin (mg/kg)	B2	Fumonisin (mg/kg)	B3
Barley						
Brazil	2.43					
France	Not detected					
Spain	0.2 to 11.6		0.5			
UK	Not Detected		Not Detected		Not Detected	
Corn						
Argentina	Average of fumonisins in 2003: 10.2 and in 2004: 4.7 µg/kg					
Brazil	0.2 to 38.5		0.1 to 12			
Brazil	5.45 to 10.59		3.62 to 10.31			
Brazil	0.5 to 1.38		0.01 to 0.59			
Brazil	0.2 to 6.1					
Brazil	78.92					
Brazil	3.2		3.4		1.7	
Honduras	0.068 to 6.5					
Uruguay	0.165 to 3.688					

USA	0 to 1.614		
USA	0.058 to 1.976	0.054 to 0.890	
Venezuela	0.025 to 15.05		
China	0.872 to 0.890	0.33 to 0.448	
China	0.08 to 21	0.05 to 4.35	0.06 to 1.66
China	<0.05 to 25.97	<0.10 to 6.77	<0.10 to 4.13
China	Total fumonisins <0.5 to 16.0		
China	0.058 to 1.976	0.056 to 0.89	0.053 to 0.385
China	0.003 to 71.121		
China	0.0165 to 0.3159		
India	0.07 to 8		
India	<1 to 100		
Iran	1.270 to 3.980	0.190 to 1.175	0.155 to 0.960
Iran	223.64		
Japan	<0.05 to 4.1	<0.1 to 10.2	
Philippines	Total fumonisins 0.3 to 10		
Taiwan	0.63 to 18.8	0.05 to 1.4	
Taiwan (Australia)	≤0.477		
Taiwan (USA)	≤1.614		
Taiwan (South Africa)	≤0.865	≤0.12	
Taiwan (South Africa)	≤0.05 to 0.9	<0.05 to 0.25	
Taiwan (Thailand)	≤0.334		
Vietnam	Total fumonisins 0.3 to 9.1		
Australia	Total fumonisins 0.3 to 40.6		
Australia	≤0.477		
Austria	<15		
Croatia	0.01 to 0.06	0.01	
Croatia	The highest concentrations fumonisins 25.5, mean values of 4.509		

Greece	0.1 to 0.56		
Portugal	0.09 to 2.3	0.25 to 4.45	
Poland	0.01 to 0.02	<0.01	
Romania	0.01 to 0.02	0.01	
Spain	≤22	≤0.7	
Spain	70 to 334	102 to 379	
Spain	0.2 to 19.2	0.2 to 5.9	
Spain	0.035 to 0.043	0.019 to 0.022	
The Netherlands	Traces to 0.380		
The Netherlands	Traces to 3.35		
UK	0.2 to 6		
Benin	Total fumonisins: 6.1 to 12 in 1999-2003		
Ethiopia	0.606	0.202	0.136
Ghana	0.011 to 1.655	0.01 to 0.77	0.07 to 0.224
Malawi	0.02 to 0.115	0.03	
Morocco	1.930		
South Africa	<10 to 83		
South Africa	≤0.63	≤0.25	
South Africa	0.05 to 117.5	0.05 to 22.9	
South Africa	0.2 to 46.9	0.15 to 16.3	
South Africa	<0.2 to 2		
South Africa (Argentina)	0.05 to 0.7	<0.05 to 0.5	<0.05 to 0.5
South Africa (USA)	0.9 to 3.9	0.3 to 1.2	0.08 to 0.6
Tanzania	0.025 to 0.165	0.06	
Zimbabwe	0.125	0.04	
Corn flakes			
Argentina	0.002 to 0.038	Not detected	
Brazil	0.66	0.03	
Uruguay	0.218	Not detected	

USA	Total fumonisins: <0.25	
USA	≤0.088	Not detected
USA or Canada	0.012 to 0.155	
Korea	0.018 to 0.143	
Germany	Total fumonisins <0.01 to 1	
Italy	0.01	Not detected
Italy	0.020 to 1.092	0.006 to 0.235
Nordic countries	0.005 to 1.030	0.004 to 0.243
Spain	0.02 to 0.1	
Switzerland	0.055	
The Netherlands	1.43	
Turkey	Not detected	Not detected
South Africa	Not detected	Not detected
Corn flour		
Argentina	0.038 to 1.86	0.02 to 0.768
Brazil	≤1.46	≤0.51
USA	Total fumonisins: <0.25 to 1	
China	0.06 to 0.2	<0.10
Italy	3.54	0.84
Nordic countries	0.017 to 0.86	0.007 to 0.024
UK	Total fumonisins 0.218	
The Netherland	0.04 to 0.09	
Corn grits		
Argentina	0.092 to 0.494	0.02 to 0.1
Argentina	1.1	0.425
Brazil	0.17 to 1.23	0.05 to 0.3
USA	Average 0.6	Average 0.4
USA	Total fumonisins: 0.251 to 1	
USA	Total fumonisins: <0.25	

Japan	0.2 to 2.6	0.3 to 2.8	
Germany	0.0139		
Italy	3.76	0.9	
Nordic countries	0.007		
Spain	0.03 to 0.09	Not detected	
Switzerland	0 to 0.79	0 to 0.16	
South Africa	<0.05 to 0.19	<0.05 to 0.12	
Corn kernel			
Bahrain	0.025		
China	5.3 to 8.4	2.3 to 4.3	
Nepal	0.05 to 4.6	0.1 to 5.5	
Indonesia	0.051 to 2.44	<0.376	
Egypt	69 to 4495		
Ghana	0.07 to 33.1	0.06 to 12.3	
Kenya	0.11 to 12		
Corn meal			
Argentina	0.06 to 2.86	0.061 to 1.09	0.018 to 1.015
Argentina	0.603 to 1.171	0.717	
Brazil	0.56 to 4.93	0.21 to 1.38	
Canada	0.05		
Peru	0.66	0.13	
USA	Average: 1	0.3	
USA	Total fumonisins: <0.25 to >1		
China	<0.5 to 8.8	<0.5 to 2.8	<0.5 to 0.9
Turkey	0.25 to 2.66	0.55	
South Africa	Average: 0.14	Average: 0.08	
Oat			
Brazil	0.17		
UK	Total fumonisins not detected		

Rice		
Iran	21.59	
UK	Total fumonisins not detected	
Wheat		
Brazil	24.35	
France	Not detected	
Spain	0.2 to 8.8	0.2
UK	Total fumonisins not detected	

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316 5.1 North and South America

317 In the USA, the infection of corn by fumonisins was detected by [71] and [72]
 318 [73] declared that the infection of corn with fumonisin B₁ in Honduras was 0.068 to 6.5 mg/kg.
 319 In Brazil, the incidence of fumonisins was detected in corn by [74], [75], [76], [77], [78] and [79]. The
 320 infection of wheat, oat and barely by fumonisins was also detected by [78].
 321 In Uruguay, a research for checking measure of fumonisins in corn commodities showed the
 322 contamination of corn with fumonisin B₁ was 0.165 to 3.688 mg/kg [80].
 323 [81] reported that the infection of corn with fumonisin B₁ in Venezuela was 25 to 15050 ng/g.
 324 The average of fumonisins in corn of Argentina was 10200 µg/kg in 2003 and 4700 µg/kg in 2004 [82].
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326 5.2 Asia and Oceania

327 In China, the contamination of corn with fumonisins was reported by [83]; [84], [85], [71], [86] and [87].
 328 Based on these studies the most extreme concentration of fumonisin B₁, B₂ and B₃ were 25.97 mg/kg,
 329 6.77 mg/kg and 4.13 mg/kg respectively. Also, [88] reported that in China total fumonisins
 330 concentration was 0.5 to 16 mg/kg.
 331 The contamination of corn with fumonisin B₁ and B₂ was detected by [89] in Japan.
 332 In Iran [90] investigated infection of corn with fumonisin B₁, B₂, and B₃. Also, [18] reported the corn's
 333 contamination with fumonisin B₁.
 334 [91] declared that the measure of whole fumonisins in corn of Philippines and Vietnam was 0.3 to 10
 335 mg/kg and 0.3 to 9.1 mg/kg, respectively.
 336 Contamination of Taiwan's corn with fumonisins was investigated by [92], [72] and [93].
 337 The incidence of fumonisins in corn of India declared by [94] and [95].
 338 [72] and [91] reported the contamination of corn in Australia and the highest fumonisins level was 40.6
 339 mg/kg.
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341 5.3 Europe

342 [96] published a review article on information about the occurrence of fumonisins from some
 343 European nations (Croatia, Poland, Portugal, and Romania). [97] reported the highest concentration
 344 of fumonisins in Croatia was 25,200 ng/g, and mean value was 4,509 ng/g.
 345 In Spain, contamination of corn with fumonisins investigated by [98], [99], [100], and [101]. Also, [102]
 346 reported the concentration of fumonisin B₁ and B₂ in wheat and barley.
 347 Fumonisin B₁ was not found in wheat and barley of France [103].
 348 [104] reported the corn contamination with fumonisin B₁ in Austria.
 349 In oat, barley and wheat of United Kingdom [105] have not detected fumonisins but [106] declared the
 350 concentration of fumonisin B₁ in corn of UK (0.2 to 6 mg/kg).
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352 5.4 Africa

353 Albeit majority African territory has a weather distinguished by high temperature and high humidity
 354 that suitable for the development of molds, little data is accessible on the occurrence of toxins of
 355 *Fusarium*. High infection of the basic material is a developing problem. Regulative problems are not
 356 accessible in the territory of food retailing and exhibition, and mycotoxin issues now have been
 357 combined with some food infection in some parts in Africa [107].

358 The infection of corn with fumonisins in South Africa was reported by [108], [109], [93], [110], [111]
 359 and [112]. Based on these studies the most extreme concentration of fumonisin B₁, B₂ and B₃ were
 360 117.5 mg/kg, 22.9 mg/kg and 0.6 mg/kg respectively.
 361 A high measure of fumonisins (12 mg/kg) was also detected in corn from Benin [113].
 362 [114] have detected the fumonisin B₁, B₂, and B₃ in corn of Ethiopia.
 363 Corn from Ghana and Morocco was also infected with fumonisins [115]; [116].
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366 6. DIETARY INTAKE

367 In the European diet, the total intake of FB₁ has been evaluated at 1.4 µg/kg of body weight/week
 368 [117]. Daily intake of fumonisins in varies countries and foods, were summarized in Table 4.
 369 In [117]; [118] articles, tolerable daily intake (TDI) of FB₁ was reported 800 ng/kg. Also, provisional-
 370 maximum-tolerable-daily-intake (PMTDI) of fumonisin was noted 2 µg/kg of body weight per day on
 371 the basis of the no-observed-effect-level (NOEL) of 0.2 mg/kg of body weight/day and a safety aspect
 372 of one hundred.
 373 By means of the simulation model, mean concentrations of fumonisin B₁ in milk were evaluated 0.36
 374 µg/kg. Whenas the pretended tolerable daily intakes (TDI) from milk for females and males fell lesser
 375 European Union guidelines [119].
 376 [14] demonstrated that feces are the major way of excretion of fumonisin B₁ in rabbits, by comparing
 377 the concentration of FB₁ in urine, liver and feces.
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379 **Table 4. Daily intake of fumonisins for different countries and foods**

Food	Nation	Intake (ng/kg bw/day)	of	Explantion
Beer	USA	20 to 54		Camputed on the base of the 60 kg body weight
Cereal commodities	France	22.8		All children in france
Cereal commodities	France	4.6		All female adults in france
Cereal commodities	France	3.2		All male adults in france
Cereal commodities	France	9.96		All people in france
Cereal commodities	Germany	31.8		Users >14 years
Cereal commodities	Norway	430		6 month babies
Corn	Brazil	392		Camputed on the base of the 70 kg body weight from urban area
Corn	Brazil	1276		Camputed on the base of the 70 kg body weight from rural area people
Corn	Brazil	4.1		Conventional corn
		3.4		Organic corn
		3.8		Total
Corn	France	45.6		All children in france
Corn	France	12.4		All female adults in france
Corn	France	7.4		All male adults in france
Corn	France	9.96		All people in france
Corn	Germany	8.7		Users >14 years
Corn	Switzerland	30		
Corn	The Netherlands	3.1		Adults
Corn	USA	80		
Corn	USA	600000 2100000	to	Natural outbreak of LEM in horses
Corn	Zimbabwe	140 and 5760		Shamva district

Corn	Zimbabwe	180 and 8092	Makoni district
Corn commodity	Brazil	63.3	São Paulo population
Food with corn based	Argentina	0.73 to 2.29	Computed on the base of the 70 kg body weight
Food with corn based	Brazil	maximum probable daily intake (MPDI): 256.07 average probable daily intake (APDI): 120.58	
Food with corn based	Canada	89	All children
Food with corn based	Canada	190	Child users
Food with corn based	Denmark	400	
Food with corn based	South Africa	14,000 to 440,000	A group of people exhibiting a high prevalence of human esophageal
Food with corn based	South Africa	5,000 to 59,000	A group of people exhibiting a less prevalence of human esophageal
Food with corn based	UK	30	
Corn inferred commodities	Belgium	16.7	
Corn inferred commodities	China	450 to 15,810 (Mean=3020)	Computed on the base of the 50 kg body weight
Corn inferred commodities	Germany	10.4	Users >14 years
Corn inferred commodities	Italy	185.6	Italian users
Corn inferred commodities	Italy	24.6	All people in Italy
Corn inferred commodities	Norway	0.24	Adult male and female population
Corn inferred commodities	Norway	0.50	Adult male and female users
Corn powder	Argentina	79 to 198	For samples during 1996/1997 and January 1998
Corn pieces	Germany	69.8	Users >14 years
Corn pieces	Italy	283.6	Italian users
Corn pieces	Italy	15.9	All people in Italy
Rice	France	12.1	All children in france
Rice	France	5.6	All female adults in france
Rice	France	5.6	All male adults in france
Rice	France	5.7	All people in france
Rice	Germany	0.6	Users >14 years
Wheat commodities	France	345.1	All children in france
Wheat commodities	France	230.8	All female adults in france
Wheat commodities	France	256	All male adults in france

Wheat commodities	France	240.08	All people in France
Wheat commodities	Italy	62.1	Italian users
Wheat commodities	Italy	10.6	All people in Italy
Food and feeds	Germany	bad case scenario: 21,000 mean case scenario: 1,100	German users

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7. MAXIMUM LIMITATION

There are different variables that may affect the foundation of tolerances for specific mycotoxins, such as the delivery of mycotoxins through products, regulations of trade contact in different countries, availability data of toxicological or dietary exposure, and the accessibility of techniques for analysis [120].

Deadline level for fumonisins in maize and other cereals, at the moment change from 5 to 100000 µg/kg. Present laws of fumonisins in feeds and foods set by nations from America, Africa, Europe, and Asia and described by [121]; [122] and denoted in Table 5.

Table 5. Maximum limits for Fumonisins in feeds and foods in different countries [138]; [139]

Country	Maximum (µg/kg)	limit	Commodity
Bulgaria (FB1, FB2)	1000		Maize and processed products thereof
Cuba (FB1)	1000		Maize, rice
France (FB1)	3000		Cereals & cereal products
Iran (FB1, FB2)	1000		Maize
Singapore (FB1, FB2)	Not given		Corn & corn products
Switzerland (FB1, FB2)	1000		Maize
Taiwan (FB1)	Based on the result of risk evaluation		Maize commodities
USA (FB1, FB2, FB3)	2000		Disinfected dry milled corn commodities (e.g. corn grits, flaking grits, corn meal, corn flour with fat content of <2.25%, dry weight basis)
	3000		purified corn purpose of popcorn
	4000		Total of partially disinfected dry milled corn commodities (e.g. corn grits, flaking grits, corn meal, corn flour with fat content of <2.25%, dry weight basis); dehydrated milled corn bran; purified corn purpose of masa production
	5000		
	20000		
	30000		Corn and corn derived purpose of rabbits and equids
			Corn and corn derived purpose of catfish and swine
	60000		Corn and corn derived purpose of breeding mink, breeding poultry, and breeding ruminants (contains hens laying eggs and lactating dairy cattle for human use)
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10000		Mink upbringing for pelt output and Ruminants >3 months old upbringing for slaughter	

			Poultry upbringing for slaughter
			Pet animals and all other species or classes of livestock
European Union	2000		Unprocessed maize
fumonisin	1000		Maize products for human
European Union	50		Animal feeds except Equines
(FB1, FB2)	5		Feeds of Equines
Food and Drug Administration	30		Animal feeds except Equines
(FB1, FB2, FB3)	5		Feed of Equines

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