

- *Bacillus anthracis* (the bacterium which causes anthrax) was the subject of ten publications.
- *Clostridium botulinum* (the source of botulinum neurotoxin which causes botulism) was not the subject of any publications over the period 1970-92. Only a single paper on botulism was found from Iran in the research publications from 1970 to 1992. This paper dealt with a large outbreak of botulism type E poisoning. There was none on botulinum toxin itself.
- During the period 1970-1992, 3 publications dealt with tetanus toxin. There is an apparent lack of publications in the area of neurotoxins in general.
- Fungal toxins appear to pose a health problem in stored foods in Iran. Of the 25 publications from Iran dealing with mycotoxins and aflatoxins, 22 were published between 1975 and 1982. In the past 10 years, there have been only 3 publications on fungal toxins. Iran has not published any research on mycotoxins since 1989.