this variant H3N2 virus. Our findings emphasize the importance of continued molecular surveillance for characterizing emerging influenza drift variants.

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cephalosporin

[sef′ə-lo-spor′in]

Any of a class of broad-spectrum, relatively penicillinase-resistant, β-lactam antimicrobial drugs originally derived from species of the fungus *Acremonium* (formerly called *Cephalosporium*). Italian scientist Giuseppe Brotzu first isolated the parent compound cephalosporin C from a sewer in Sardinia in 1948. Cephalosporins available for medical use today are semisynthetic derivatives of this natural antimicrobial compound.

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