

# Εχινοκανδίνες



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# Ανακάλυψη

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- Η ανάπτυξη φαρμάκων ικανών να αναστέλλουν τη σύνθεση της γλυκάνης, που είναι απαραίτητο συστατικό του κυτταρικού τοιχώματος των μυκήτων, αποτέλεσε ένα ορόσημο στην αντιμυκητιακή θεραπεία.
- **Φυσικά προϊόντα**

# Ανακάλυψη

| Εχινοκανδίνη         | Προϊόν ζύμωσης              | Μύκητας                     |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Κασποφουγκίνη (1985) | pneumocandin B <sub>0</sub> | <i>Glarea lozoyensis</i>    |
| Μικαφουγκίνη         | hexapeptide FR901370        | <i>Coleophoma empedra</i>   |
| Ανιντουλαφουγκίνη    | echinocandin B <sub>0</sub> | <i>Aspergillus nidulans</i> |



Ο μύκητας *Glarea lozoyensis* απομονώθηκε από τα νερά του ποταμού Lozoya κοντά στη Μαδρίτη

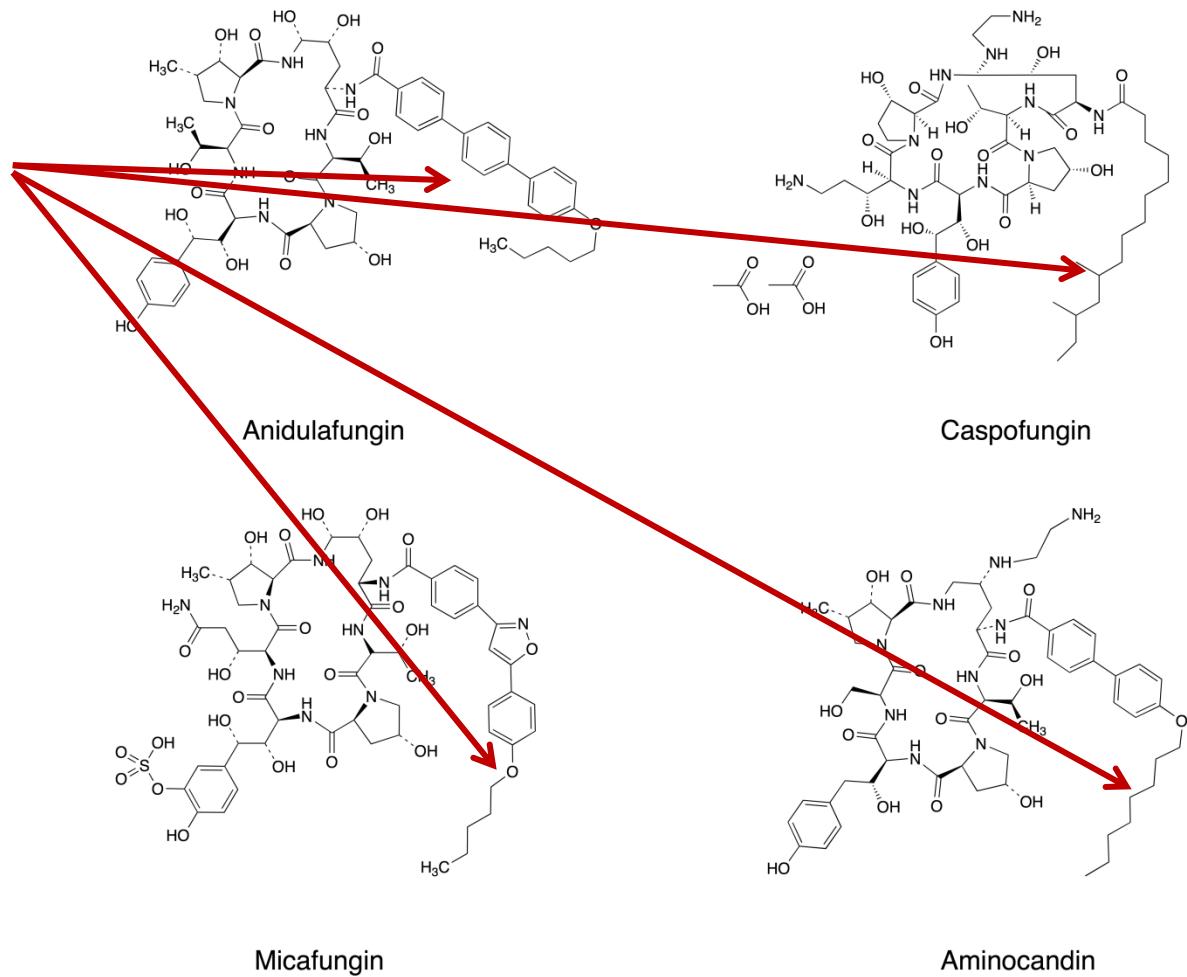
# Ανακάλυψη

- **The first echinocandin**
  - **cilofungin**
- **Toxicity associated with a polyethylene glycol vehicle required to solubilize the drug for an intravenous administration**
- **The current group of echinocandins are semi-synthetic analogues**
  - **caspofungin**
  - **micafungin**
  - **anidulafungin**

Debono and Gordee, 1994; Hector, 1993.

# Χημική Δομή

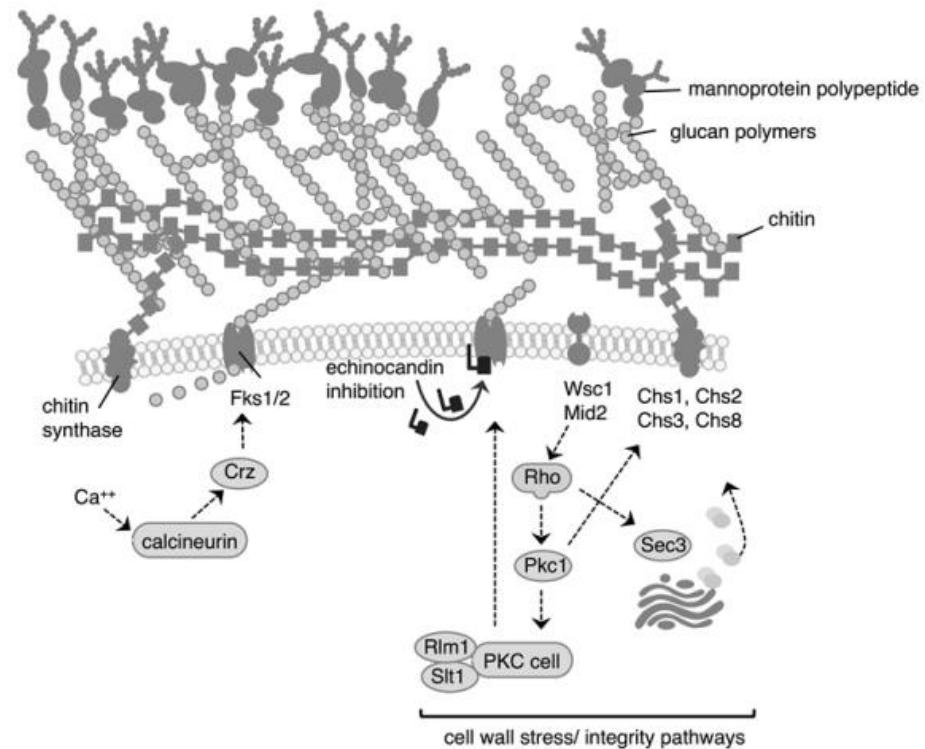
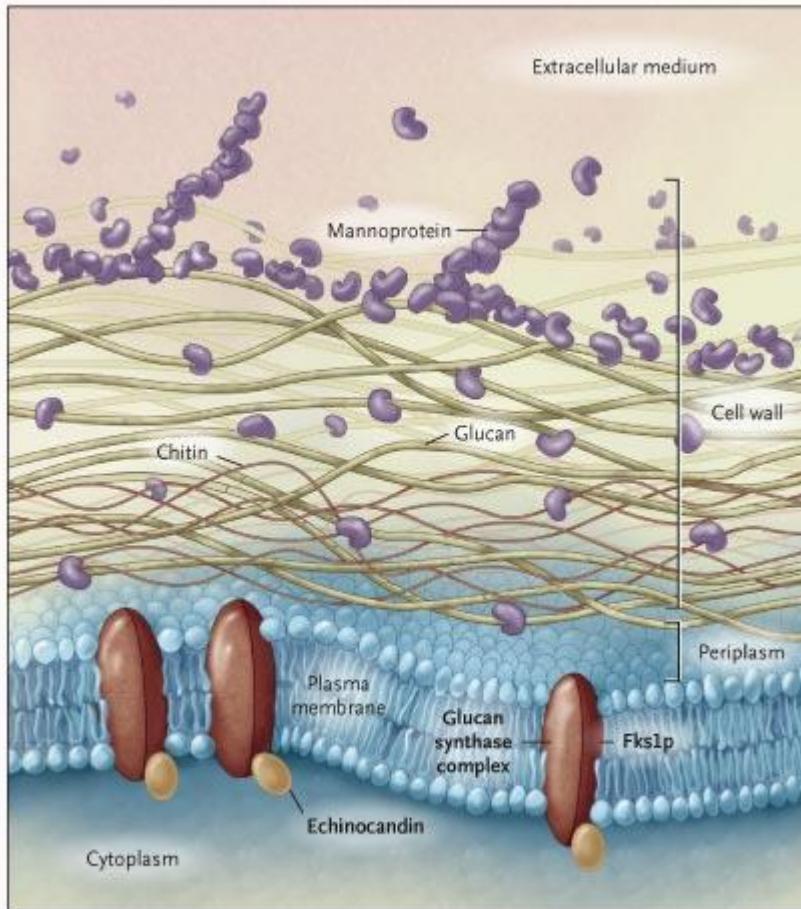
- Κυκλικά εξαπεπτίδια
- **N-linked acyl lipid πλευρικές αλυσίδες**
- επιτρέπουν την προσκόλληση του φαρμάκου στα φωσφολιπίδια της κυτταρικής μεμβράνης των μυκήτων



# Τρόπος Δράσης

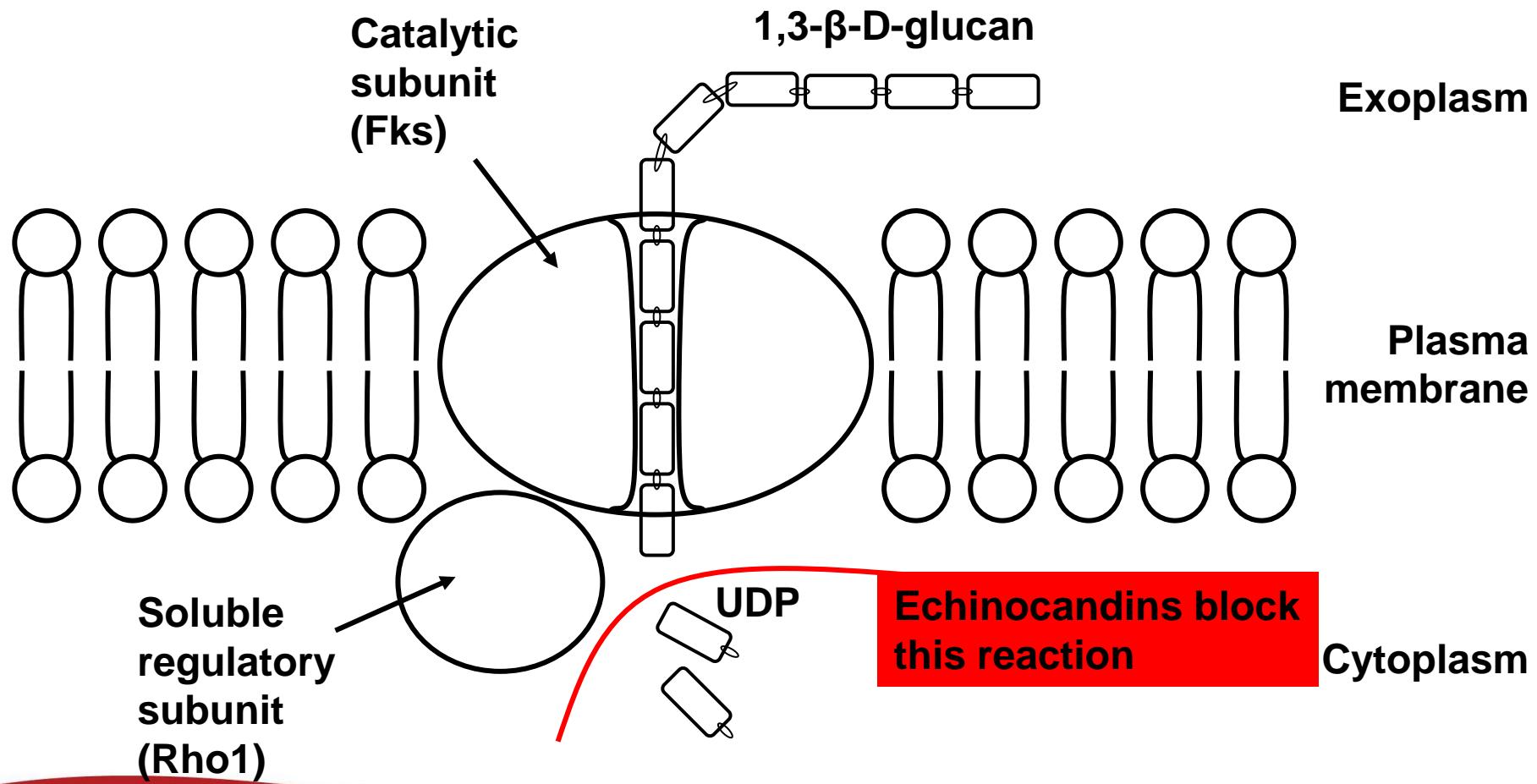
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# Αναστολή της συνθετάσης της γλυκάνης Ανοσοτροποποιητική Δράση



Bennett J. N Engl J Med 2006;355:1154-1159

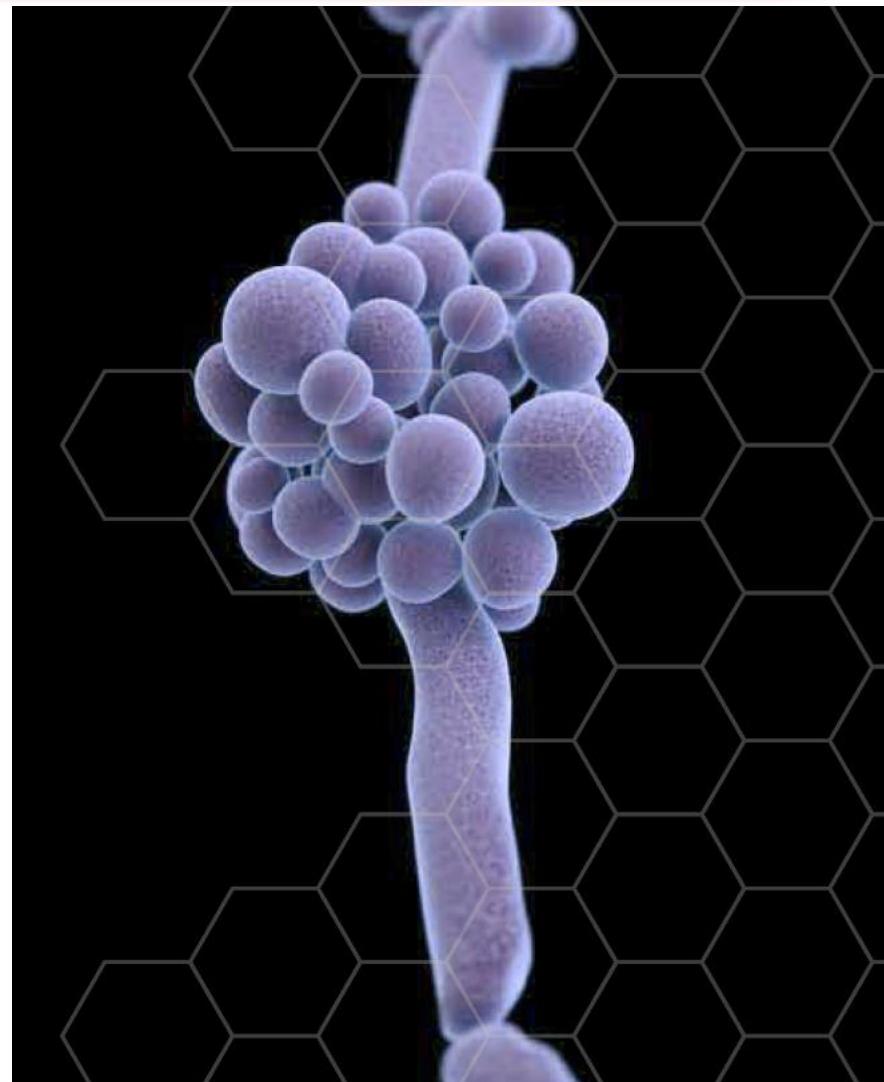
# Structure of the 1,3- $\beta$ -D-glucan synthase enzyme, revealing the site of action of micafungin



UDP = uridine diphosphate

# Ζυμομύκητες (Κάντιντα)

- Οι γλυκάνες αποτελούν το 30-60% της μάζας του τοιχώματος
- Επομένως, η αναστολή της  $\beta$ -1,3-D-glucan συνθετάσης είναι θανατηφόρος για την κάντιντα, γιατί το κυτταρικό τοίχωμα χωρίς γλυκάνη δεν αντέχει στην αυξημένη ωσμωτική πίεση κατά την κυτταρική ανάπτυξη.



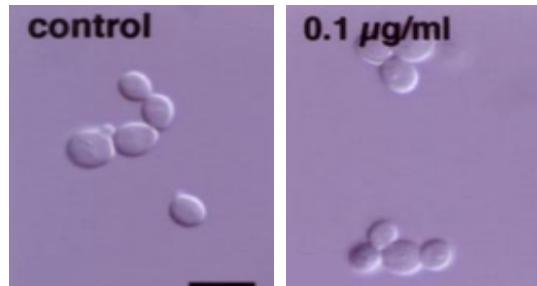
# Τρόπος Δράσης

- **Νηματοειδείς μύκητες (*Aspergillus fumigatus*)**
  - Η μεγάλη ποσότητα της γλυκάνης βρίσκεται στις κορυφές της υφής και στα σημεία των διακλαδώσεων.
  - Επομένως, η λύση αφορά μόνο αυτά τα σημεία και προκύπτουν δυσμορφικές, οιδηματώδης υφές που διατηρούν όμως εν ζωή τα υπόλοιπα τμήματά τους.

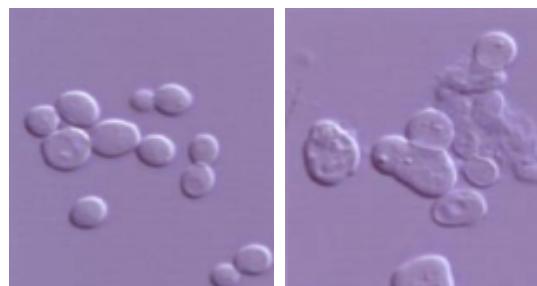
# Candida Vs. Aspergillus Species Differences In Patterns of Echinocandin Killing

*C. albicans*

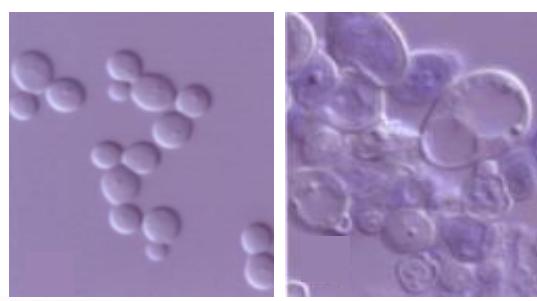
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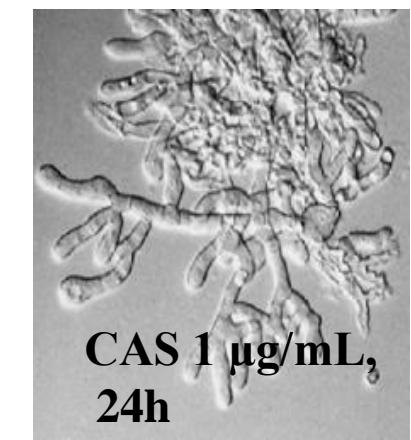
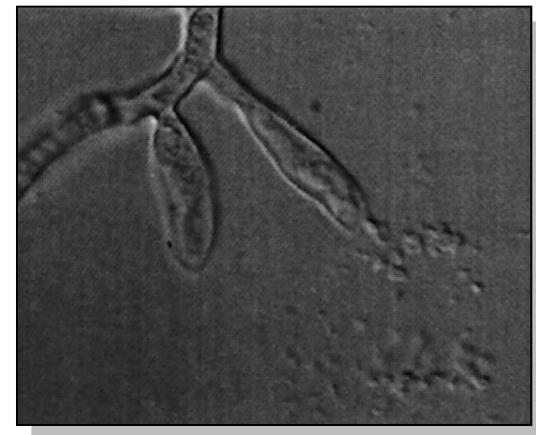
3 hours



24 hours



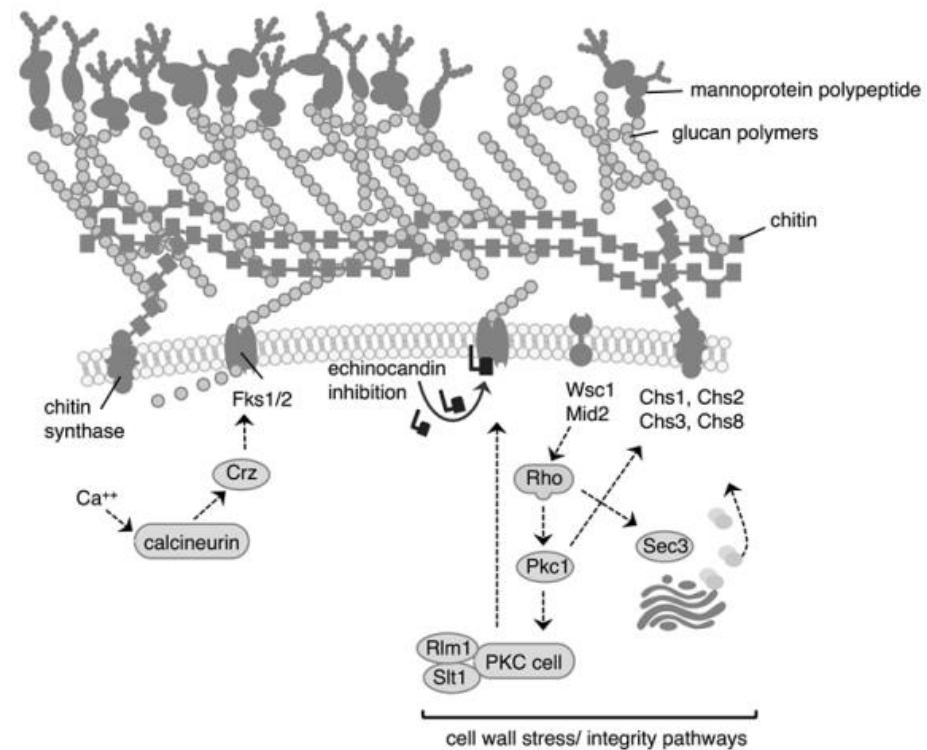
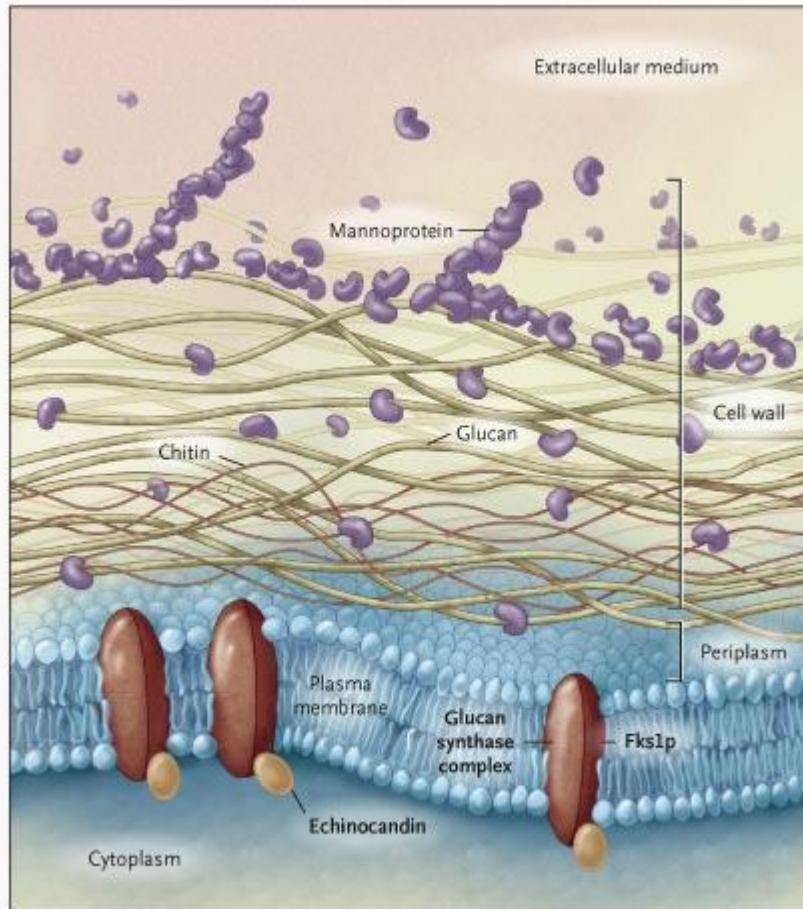
*A. fumigatus* 293



# Τρόπος Δράσης

- Echinocandins may possess an **immunomodulatory** mechanism of antifungal activity
- Under normal conditions,  $\beta$ -glucan epitopes are masked by cell constituents such as mannoproteins, rendering them less immunogenic to mammalian cells
  - Wheeler and Fink, 2006
- Exposure of *C. albicans* to sub-lethal echinocandin concentrations results in the “unmasking” of immunogenic  $\beta$ -glucan epitopes *in vitro* and *in vivo* **enhancing host inflammatory responses** against these fungi.

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# **ΔΡΑΣΤΙΚΟΤΗΤΑ ΕΝΑΝΤΙ ΤΩΝ ΜΥΚΗΤΩΝ**

**ΕΧΙΝΟΚΑΝΔΙΝΕΣ**

# Ζυμομύκητες

|                         | Aminocandin                 |                             | Anidulafungin               |                           | Caspofungin                 |                             | Micafungin                |                           |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Fungi                   | MIC <sub>50</sub><br>(mg/L) | MIC <sub>90</sub><br>(mg/L) | MIC <sub>50</sub><br>(mg/L) | MIC <sub>90</sub><br>mg/L | MIC <sub>50</sub><br>(mg/L) | MIC <sub>90</sub><br>(mg/L) | MIC <sub>50</sub><br>mg/L | MIC <sub>90</sub><br>mg/L |
| <i>C. albicans</i>      | 0.25                        | 0.25                        | 0.03                        | 0.06                      | 0.03                        | 0.06                        | 0.015                     | 0.03                      |
| <i>C. parapsilosis</i>  | 1                           | 2                           | 0.25                        | 1                         | 0.25                        | 1                           | 1                         | 2                         |
| <i>C. glabrata</i>      | 0.25                        | 0.25                        | 0.06                        | 0.12                      | 0.03                        | 0.06                        | 0.015                     | 0.015                     |
| <i>C. tropicalis</i>    | 0.25                        | 1                           | 0.03                        | 0.06                      | 0.03                        | 0.06                        | 0.03                      | 0.06                      |
| <i>C. krusei</i>        | 0.12                        | 0.5                         | 0.06                        | 0.06                      | 0.12                        | 0.25                        | 0.06                      | 0.12                      |
| <i>C. guillermondii</i> | 0.5                         | 1                           | 1                           | 2                         | 0.5                         | 1                           | 0.5                       | 1                         |
| <i>C. lusitaniae</i>    | -                           | -                           | 0.5                         | 0.5                       | 0.25                        | 0.5                         | 0.12                      | 0.25                      |
| <i>C. kefyr</i>         | -                           | -                           | 0.06                        | 0.12                      | 0.015                       | 0.015                       | 0.06                      | 0.06                      |
| <i>C. famata</i>        | -                           | -                           | 1                           | 2                         | 0.25                        | 1                           | 0.5                       | 1                         |
| <i>C. neoformans</i>    | -                           | -                           | >16                         | >16                       | >16                         | >16                         | >16                       | >16                       |

Pfaller et al., 2008

# Ενδημικοί μύκητες

|                        | Aminocandin                 |                             | Anidulafungin               |                           | Caspofungin                 |                           | Micafungin                |                           |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Fungi                  | MIC <sub>50</sub><br>(mg/L) | MIC <sub>90</sub><br>(mg/L) | MIC <sub>50</sub><br>(mg/L) | MIC <sub>90</sub><br>mg/L | MIC <sub>50</sub><br>(mg/L) | MIC <sub>90</sub><br>mg/L | MIC <sub>50</sub><br>mg/L | MIC <sub>90</sub><br>mg/L |
|                        | MIC range<br>(mg/L)         |                             | MIC range<br>(mg/L)         |                           | MIC range<br>(mg/L)         |                           | MIC range<br>(mg/L)       |                           |
| <i>H. capsulatum</i>   | -                           |                             | 1-8                         |                           | 0.5-32                      |                           | 64                        |                           |
| <i>B. dermatitidis</i> | -                           |                             | 0.5-8                       |                           | 0.5-8                       |                           | >64                       |                           |
| <i>C. immitis</i>      | -                           |                             | >64                         |                           | >64                         |                           | >64                       |                           |

Kohler et al., 2000  
 Nakai et al., 2003  
 Tawara et al., 2000

# Υφομύκητες

|                     | Aminocandin                 | Anidulafungin               | Caspofungin                 | Micafungin                |                             |                           |                           |                           |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Fungi               | MIC <sub>50</sub><br>(mg/L) | MIC <sub>90</sub><br>(mg/L) | MIC <sub>50</sub><br>(mg/L) | MIC <sub>90</sub><br>mg/L | MIC <sub>50</sub><br>(mg/L) | MIC <sub>90</sub><br>mg/L | MIC <sub>50</sub><br>mg/L | MIC <sub>90</sub><br>mg/L |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> | 0.12-0.5                    | 0.008-0.25                  | 0.06-0.12                   | 0.007-0.03                |                             |                           |                           |                           |
| <i>A. terreus</i>   | -                           | 0.03                        | 0.12-2                      | 0.004-0.007               |                             |                           |                           |                           |
| <i>A. flavus</i>    | -                           | 0.03-0.125                  | 0.03-0.12                   | 0.003-0.04                |                             |                           |                           |                           |
| <i>A. niger</i>     | -                           | 0.03-0.125                  | 0.12-2                      | 0.007-0.015               |                             |                           |                           |                           |
| <i>F. solani</i>    | 128-256                     | >16                         | >8                          | >8                        |                             |                           |                           |                           |
| <i>F. oxysporum</i> | 128-256                     | >16                         | >8                          | >8                        |                             |                           |                           |                           |
| <i>Mucorales</i>    | 4-16                        | >16                         | >8                          | >8                        |                             |                           |                           |                           |
| <i>Absidia</i>      | 4-16                        | >16                         | >8                          | >8                        |                             |                           |                           |                           |
| <i>Rhizopus</i>     | 4-16                        | >16                         | >8                          | >8                        |                             |                           |                           |                           |
| <i>Scedosporium</i> | 4-8                         | >16                         | >8                          | >8                        |                             |                           |                           |                           |

Pfaller et al., 2008

# Ελληνική εμπειρία

## ■ Εχινοκανδίνες

- Η συνολική MIC90 για τα 6 συχνότερα στελέχη *Candida* ήταν
  - 0.03 g/ml - 0.5 g/ml

## ■ Συνολικά, η MIC90 των εχινοκανδινών για την *C. parapsilosis* ήταν 2 g/ml

## ■ Συγκριτικά

- *C. albicans* (MIC range, 0.06 to 0.25 g/ml)
- *C. glabrata* (MIC range, 0.12 to 1 g/ml)
- *C. tropicalis* (MIC range, 0.12 to 0.25 g/ml)

Dimopoulos G, Velegraki A, Falagas ME. A 10-year survey of antifungal susceptibility of candidemia isolates from intensive care unit patients in Greece.  
Antimicrob Agents Chemother. 2009;53:1242-4.

# Αντοχή

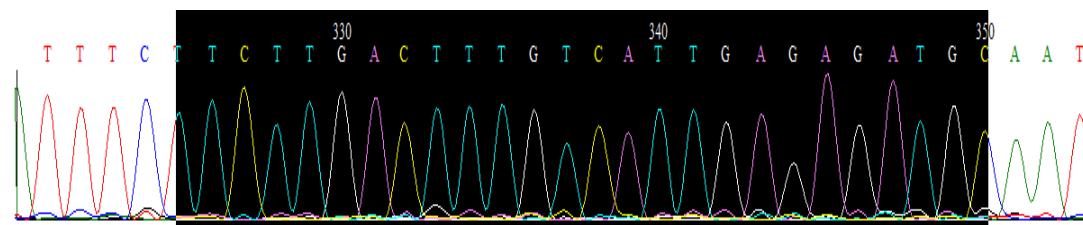
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# FKS1 sequencing of *Candida parapsilosis*

## *C. parapsilosis*

- All strains presented the expected proline to alanine natural occurring mutation on the hot spot one region of the FKS1 gene
- No mutations on the hot spot one region of the FKS2 gene

| Species                | Strain ID | FKS1 HS1                                  |           |
|------------------------|-----------|---|-----------|
| <i>C. parapsilosis</i> |           | TTCTTGACTTGTCA <sup>330</sup> TGAGAGATGCT | FLTLSLRDA |

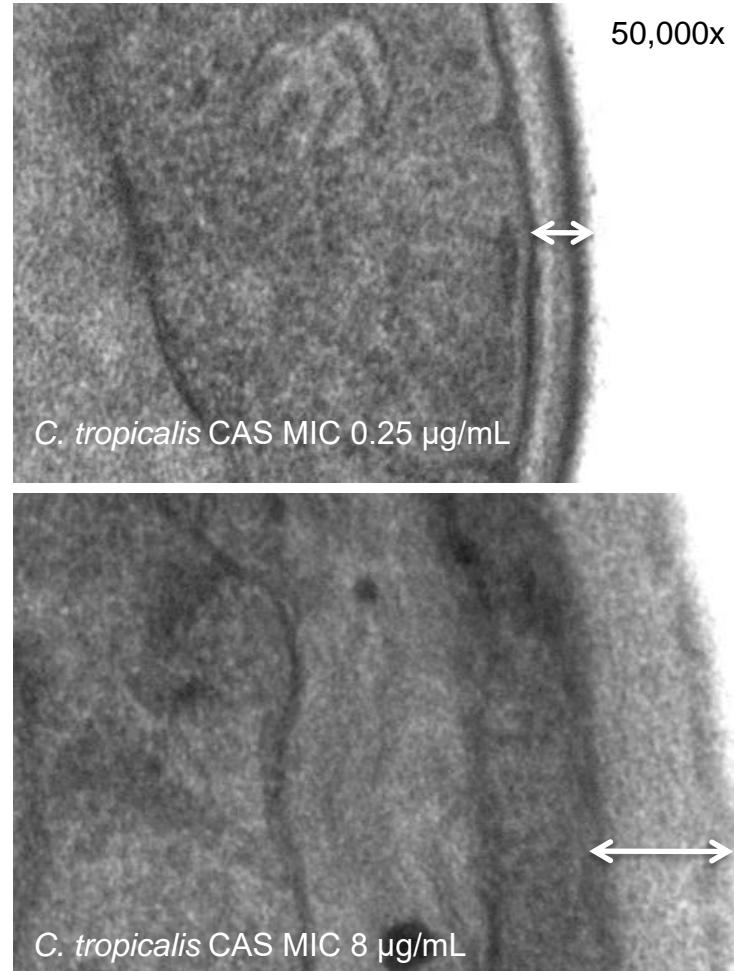


Gamaletsou MN, et al. ESCMID 2013, Berlin

# Mechanisms of Resistance: Echinocandins

- Point mutations in *FKS1> FKS2* gene
- *FKS1* mutants require higher doses for efficacy in animals
- Decreased sensitivity of enzyme complex *in vitro*
- *FKS1* mutants exhibit elevated MICs (4-8 µg/mL) for all 3 echinocandins

Cell wall remodeling with *FKS1* mutations



*C. tropicalis* CAS MIC 0.25 µg/mL

*C. tropicalis* CAS MIC 8 µg/mL

Park et al. *Antimicrob Agents Chemother*. 2005;49:3264-3273.  
Perlin. *Drug Resist Updat*. 2007;10:121-130.

# Example of acquired echinocandin resistance in *C.albicans* isolates recovered from a single patient

| Isolate | Species            | Fks1 Change | MIC<br>(mg/L) | Glucan<br>synthesis  | Mouse Model<br>(Burden)  |
|---------|--------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
|         |                    |             |               | $IC_{50}$<br>(ng/mL) | $ED_{90}$<br>(mg/kg/day) |
| #1      | <i>C. albicans</i> | None        | 0.5           | 0.56                 | < 0.06                   |
| #2      | <i>C. albicans</i> | None        | 0.25          | 0.91                 | 0.01                     |
| #3      | <i>C. albicans</i> | S645F       | > 8           | 162                  | 1.09                     |
| #4      | <i>C. albicans</i> |             | > 8           | 1997                 | 9.98                     |

Park et al., JAC 2005

# Επιδημιολογία στο MDACC

| Candida species              | No. of patients (%) |                    |                    |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                              | 1988–1992<br>n=230  | 1993–2002<br>n=281 | 2001-2007<br>n=173 |
| <i>C. albicans</i>           | 79 (34)             | 38 (13)            | 41 (24)            |
| Non- <i>albicans</i> species | 139 (60)            | 227 (81)           | 129 (75)           |
| <i>C. glabrata</i>           | 28 (12)             | 86 (31)            | 8 (5)              |
| <i>C. krusei</i>             | 17 (7)              | 68 (24)            | 30 (17)            |
| <i>C. parapsilosis</i>       | 33 (14)             | 39 (14)            | 42 (24)            |
| <i>C. tropicalis</i>         | 53 (23)             | 27 (10)            | 37 (21)            |

Sipsas NV et al. Cancer 2009

## Prior Caspofungin Exposure in Patients with Hematological Malignancies Is a Risk Factor for Subsequent Fungemia Due to Decreased Susceptibility in *Candida* spp.: a Case-Control Study in Paris, France<sup>▼</sup>

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| Characteristic or parameter   | No. (%) among<br>case group<br>(n = 51) or<br>values for<br>group | No. (%) among<br>control group<br>(n = 102) or<br>values for<br>group | Univariate analysis |            |       | Multivariate analysis |            |       |
|---|---|---|---------------------|------------|-------|-----------------------|------------|-------|
|   |   |   | OR                  | 95% CI     | P     | OR                    | 95% CI     | P     |
| <b>Sex</b>  |   |   |                     |            |       |                       |            |       |
| Male  | 34 (66.7)   | 54 (52.9)   | 1.71                | 0.87–3.36  | 0.12  |                       |            |       |
| Female  | 17 (33.3)   | 48 (47.1)   |                     |            |       |                       |            |       |
| <b>Age at fungemia</b>  |   |   |                     |            |       |                       |            |       |
| ≤65 years   | 45 (88.2)   | 66 (64.7)   | 3.81                | 1.51–9.57  | 0.005 | 3.27                  | 1.26–8.50  | 0.015 |
| >65 years   | 6 (11.8)  | 36 (35.3)   | 1                   |            |       | 1                     |            |       |
| Median length (days) of stay <sup>b</sup> (IQR) in treatment center |   |   |                     |            |       |                       |            |       |
|   | 15 (28.0)   | 14 (25.1)   | 1.01                | 0.98–1.03  | 0.51  |                       |            |       |
| Prior exposure to caspofungin (within 30 days)                      |   |   |                     |            |       |                       |            |       |
|   | 14 (27.5)   | 6 (5.9)   | 6.31                | 2.06–19.33 | 0.001 | 5.25                  | 1.68–16.35 | 0.004 |
| Prior exposure to azole antifungal agent (within 30 days)           |   |   |                     |            |       |                       |            |       |
|   | 5 (9.8)   | 12 (7.9)  | 0.81                | 0.27–2.46  | 0.71  |                       |            |       |
| Presence of hematological disease(s):                               |   |   |                     |            |       |                       |            |       |
| Acute leukemia  | 24 (47.1)   | 35 (34.3)   | 2.62                | 1.06–6.46  | 0.09  |                       |            |       |
| Lymphoma  | 17 (33.3)   | 31 (30.4)   | 2.10                | 0.79–5.59  |       |                       |            |       |
| Other(s)  | 10 (19.6)   | 36 (35.3)   | 1                   |            |       |                       |            |       |
| Presence of cancer  |   |   |                     |            |       |                       |            |       |
|   | 1 (2.0)   | 5 (4.9)   | 0.36                | 0.04–3.36  | 0.36  |                       |            |       |
| History of:   |   |   |                     |            |       |                       |            |       |
| Previous surgery (<30 days)   | 2 (3.9)   | 11 (10.8)   | 0.36                | 0.08–1.64  | 0.19  |                       |            |       |
| Allogeneic HSCT   | 10 (19.6)   | 12 (11.8)   | 1.87                | 0.74–4.75  | 0.19  |                       |            |       |
| Autologous HSCT   | 4 (7.8)   | 4 (3.9)   | 2.00                | 0.50–8.00  | 0.33  |                       |            |       |
| GVHD  | 6 (11.8)  | 6 (5.9)   | 2.50                | 0.67–9.31  | 0.17  |                       |            |       |
| Use of or exposure to:  |   |   |                     |            |       |                       |            |       |
| Immunosuppressive agents (including corticosteroids)                | 14 (27.5)   | 28 (27.5)   | 0.86                | 0.40–1.85  | 0.69  |                       |            |       |
| Broad-spectrum antimicrobial agents                                 | 25 (49.0)   | 56 (54.9)   | 0.72                | 0.32–1.60  | 0.42  |                       |            |       |
| Central venous catheter   | 46 (90.2)   | 87 (85.3)   | 1.60                | 0.54–4.72  | 0.39  |                       |            |       |
| Indwelling venous catheter  | 11 (21.6)   | 28 (27.5)   | 0.70                | 0.30–1.63  | 0.41  |                       |            |       |
| Arterial catheter   | 3 (5.9)   | 11 (10.8)   | 0.55                | 0.15–1.96  | 0.35  |                       |            |       |
| Urinary probe   | 5 (9.8)   | 12 (11.8)   | 0.81                | 0.27–2.46  | 0.71  |                       |            |       |
| Other foreign material  | 3 (5.9)   | 7 (6.9)   | 0.86                | 0.22–3.32  | 0.82  |                       |            |       |
| Death before day 30   | 15 (29.4)   | 40 (39.2)   |                     |            |       |                       |            |       |

<sup>a</sup> HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation; GVHD, graft-versus-host disease. Values in boldface indicate statistical significance.

<sup>b</sup> Values are available for 18 patients in the case group and 41 patients in the control group admitted for inpatient treatment.

# Eagle-effect

- A paradoxical tolerance to echinocandin activity in *Candida* species may be seen at higher drug concentrations
  - Hector, 1993
- The phenomena is usually evident *in vitro* by normal susceptibility patterns at low MICs , but then paradoxically at high levels of growth at higher drug concentrations (> 16 mg/L)
- More common with caspofungin
  - Chamilos et al., 2007; Perlin, 2007
- Paradoxical growth is not related to FKS1 mutations
  - Stevens et al., 2005

# EAGLE EFFECT



# Eagle-effect

- This paradoxical phenotype *in vitro* has been difficult to document *in vivo*
  - Clemons et al., 2006
- Therefore, the clinical significance of this tolerance effect outside laboratory testing remains unknown.

# N<sub>E</sub>α breakpoints

**Table 1. Interpretive Guidelines for *In Vitro* Susceptibility Testing of *Candida* spp. and Echinocandins<sup>1</sup>**

| Antifungal Agent           | Species                  | MIC Range ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ) |                |            |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------|
|                            |                          | S                              | I <sup>a</sup> | R          |
| Anidulafungin <sup>b</sup> | <i>C. albicans</i>       | $\leq 0.25$                    | 0.5            | $\geq 1$   |
|                            | <i>C. glabrata</i>       | $\leq 0.12$                    | 0.25           | $\geq 0.5$ |
|                            | <i>C. tropicalis</i>     | $\leq 0.25$                    | 0.5            | $\geq 1$   |
|                            | <i>C. krusei</i>         | $\leq 0.25$                    | 0.5            | $\geq 1$   |
|                            | <i>C. parapsilosis</i>   | $\leq 2$                       | 4              | $\geq 8$   |
|                            | <i>C. guilliermondii</i> | $\leq 2$                       | 4              | $\geq 8$   |

Pfaller MA, et al. CLSI Subcommittee for Antifungal Testing. **Clinical breakpoints for the echinocandins and *Candida* revisited**: integration of molecular, clinical, and microbiological data to arrive at species-specific interpretive criteria. Drug Resist Update 2011;14:164-176.

# **Ποια είναι η κλινική σημασία των MICs και των Breakpoints**

Μικρή σε ουδετεροπενικούς ασθενείς με αιματολογικές κακοήθειες

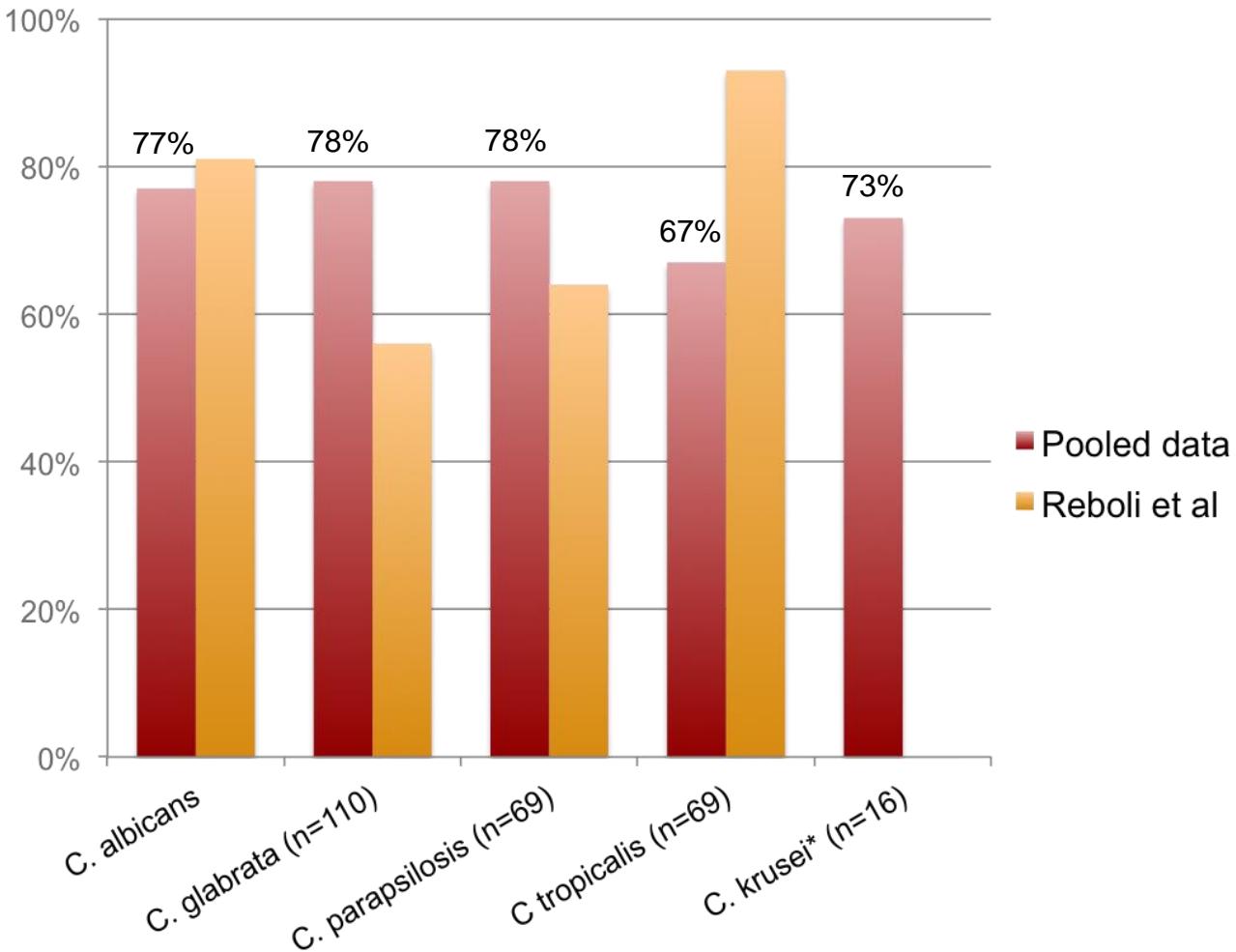
# MLC/MIC ratios of seven *C. parapsilosis* isolates with MICs ≤ 1 µg/ml to all echinocandins.

| Patient # | Antifungal at the time of<br>BTC | MLC / MIC   |                |            |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
|           |                                  | Caspofungin | Anindulafungin | Micafungin |
| 3         | Amphotericin B                   | 2           | 2              | 2          |
| 5         | Amphotericin B - Voriconazole    | 8           | 8              | 8          |
| 9         | Posaconazole                     | 2           | 2              | 2          |
| 10        | Fluconazole                      | 16          | 16             | 2          |
| 11        | Posaconazole                     | 4           | 1              | 1          |
| 14        | Posaconazole                     | 1           | 2              | 2          |
| 18        | Amphotericin B                   | 8           | 8              | 2          |

Gamaletsou MN, et al. ESCMID 2013, Berlin

# Efficacy of Anidulafungin in 504 Patients with Invasive Candidiasis Response by pathogen (EOivT)

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| C. albicans     | 256 |
| C. glabrata     | 110 |
| C. parapsilosis | 69  |
| C. tropicalis   | 69  |
| C. krusei       | 16  |



Kullberg et al., ICAAC, Sep 11, 2012  
Reboli et al., N Engl J Med 2007

\*C. krusei infections were excluded from the anidulafungin vs. fluconazole trial

# **Δράση στα βιοϋμένια Biofilms**

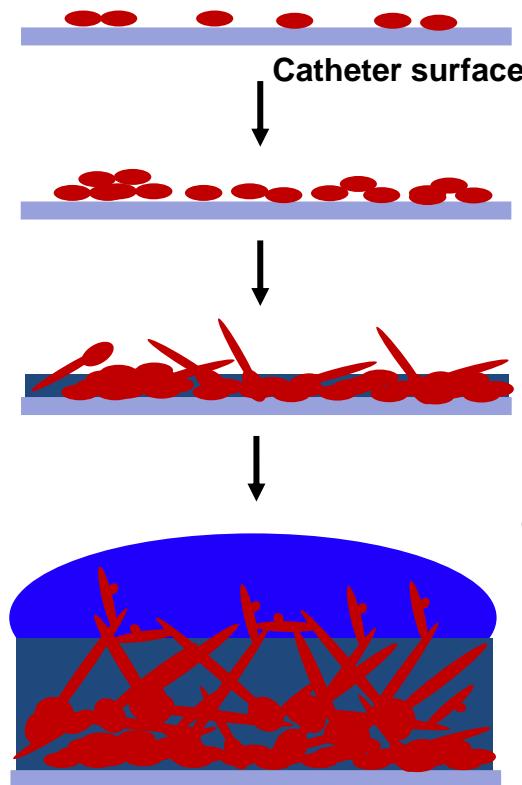
Εχινοκανδίνες

# Δράση στα βιούμενια

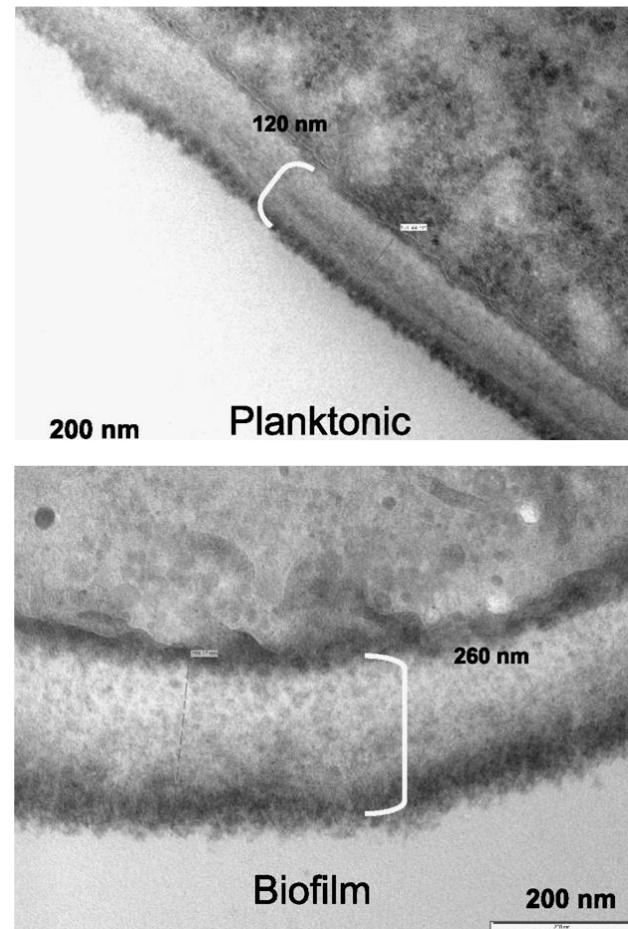
- Echinocandins are unique among currently-available systemic antifungal agents in their capacity to retain activity against biofilm-embedded *Candida* species.
- Under biofilm-like conditions, the MIC values for amphotericin B and fluconazole may increase by 10 to 1000-fold
  - Kuhn et al., 2002; Ramage et al., 2002.
- MIC values for the echinocandins, with inoculum reductions of >99% for biofilm-embedded *C. albicans*
  - Kuhn et al., 2002; Ramage et al., 2002.

# Antifungal Resistance in Biofilms Is Associated with Increased $\beta$ -Glucan

## Mechanism of Biofilm formation

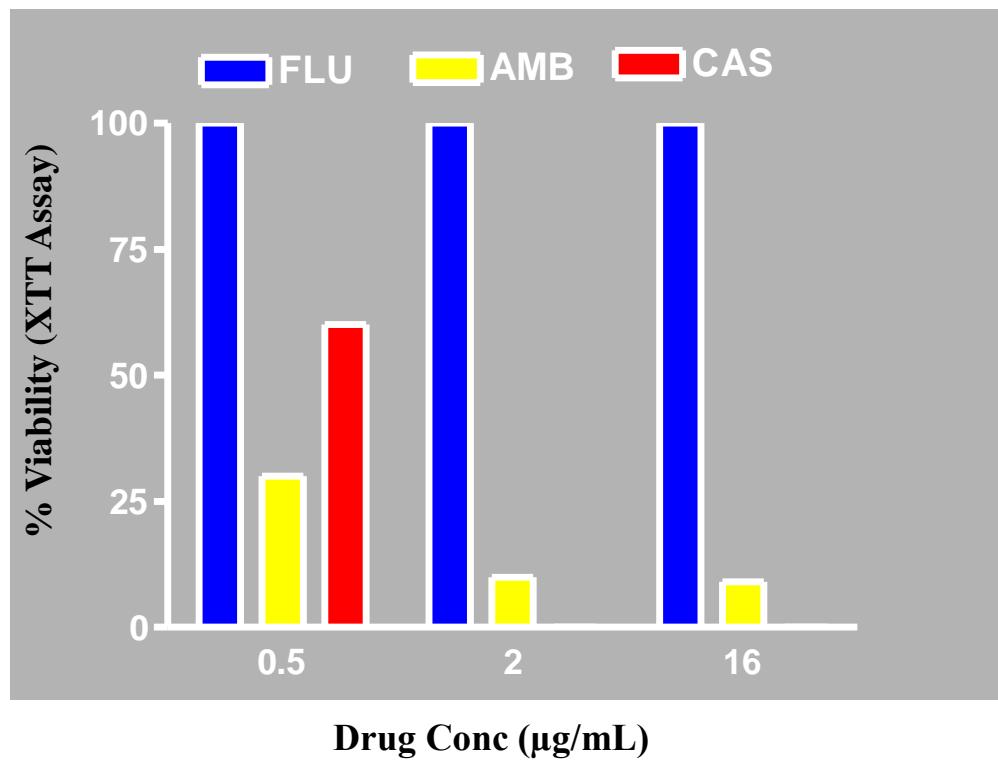


↑  $\beta$ -glucan in cell wall  
and biofilm milieu directly  
inhibits fluconazole activity

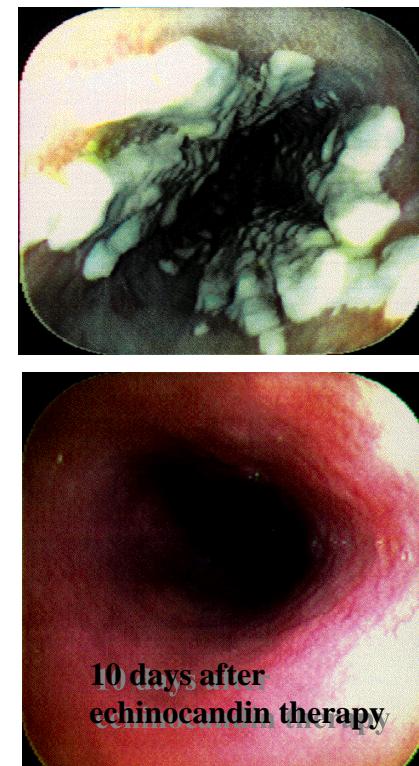


# Echinocandin Activity vs. Biofilm-Embedded *Candida*

Antifungal Killing vs. Biofilm-Embedded  
*Candida* spp.

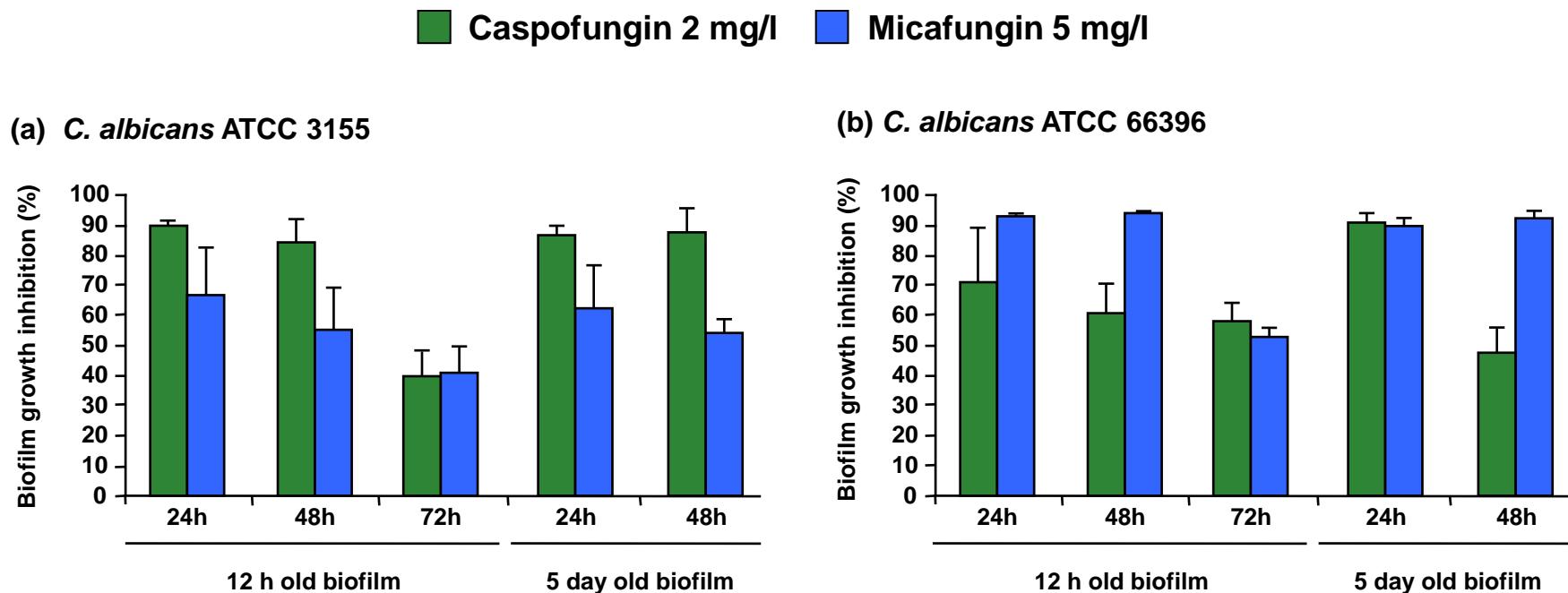


Echinocandin response in azole-refractory esophagitis

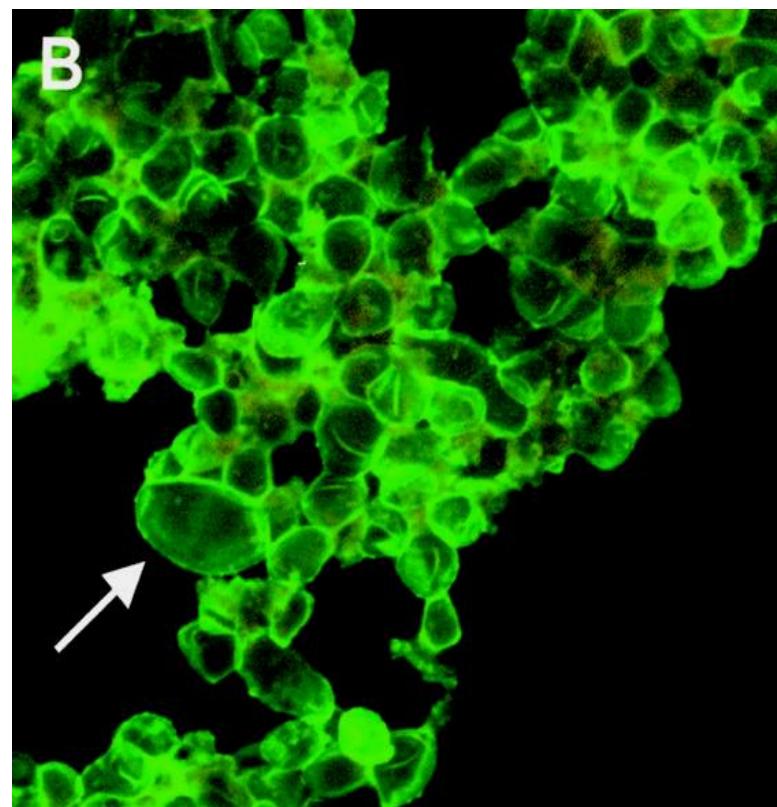
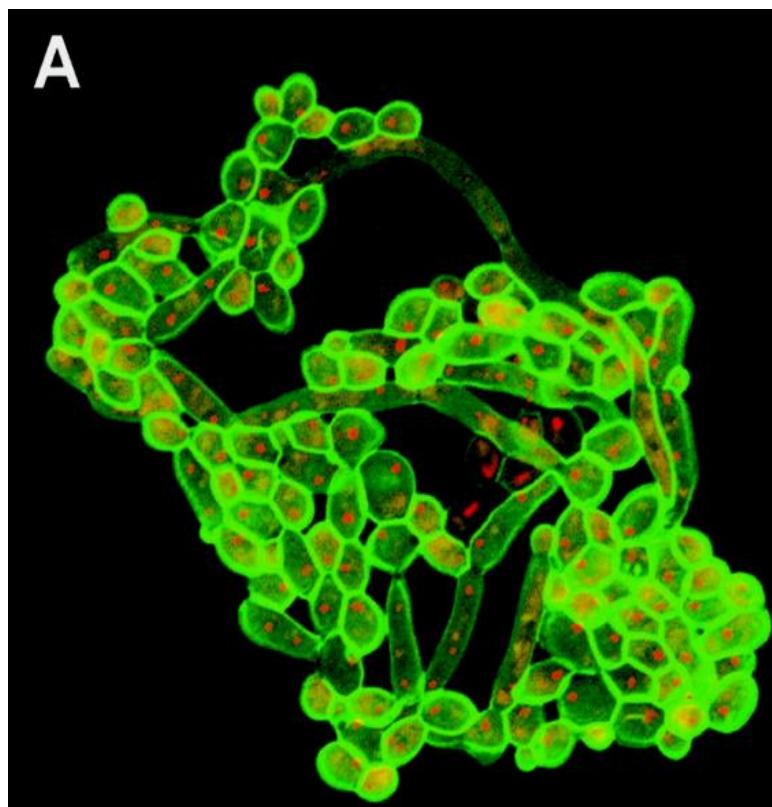


# Echinocandin activity against biofilms

- Echinocandins showed excellent activity against both intermediate- and mature-phase biofilms of two separate *Candida albicans* strains:
  - ATCC 3153
  - ATCC 66396



# Echinocandins Are Fungicidal Versus *Candida* Species And Exhibit Activity Against Biofilm-embedded Organisms



# Hallmark characteristic of biofilms: resistance to antifungal agents

- Azoles were not active against biofilms<sup>1</sup>
- Lipid amphotericin B formulations and echinocandins exhibited activity against biofilms<sup>1,2</sup>

| Drug                         | Planktonic MIC <sub>50</sub> (µg/mL) | Biofilm MIC <sub>50</sub> (µg/mL) |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Amphotericin B               | 0.25                                 | 4                                 |
| Nystatin                     | 1                                    | 16                                |
| Chlorhexidine                | 8                                    | 8                                 |
| Terbinafine                  | 32                                   | 128                               |
| Fluconazole                  | 0.25                                 | >256                              |
| Voriconazole                 | 8                                    | >256                              |
| Liposomal amphotericin B     | 0.06                                 | 0.25                              |
| Lipid complex nystatin       | 0.06                                 | 16                                |
| Amphotericin B lipid complex | 0.06                                 | 0.25                              |
| Caspofungin                  | 0.125                                | 0.5                               |
| Micafungin                   | 0.001                                | 0.5                               |
| Anidulafungin*               | ≤0.03                                | ≤0.03                             |

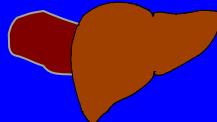
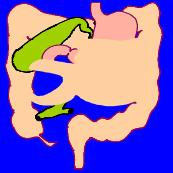
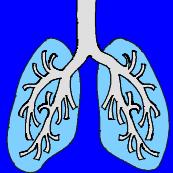
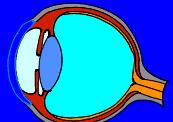
MIC<sub>50</sub>, minimum drug concentration causing 50% growth inhibition compared to control

1. Kuhn DM, et al. Antimicrob Agents Chemother 2002;46:1773–80;  
2. Jacobson MJ, et al. Antimicrob Agents Chemother 2008;52:2242–3\*

# **Φαρμακοκινητική / φαρμακοδυναμική**

Αλληλεπιδράσεις

# Φαρμακοκινητική των ΑΜ: Κατανομή του φαρμάκου

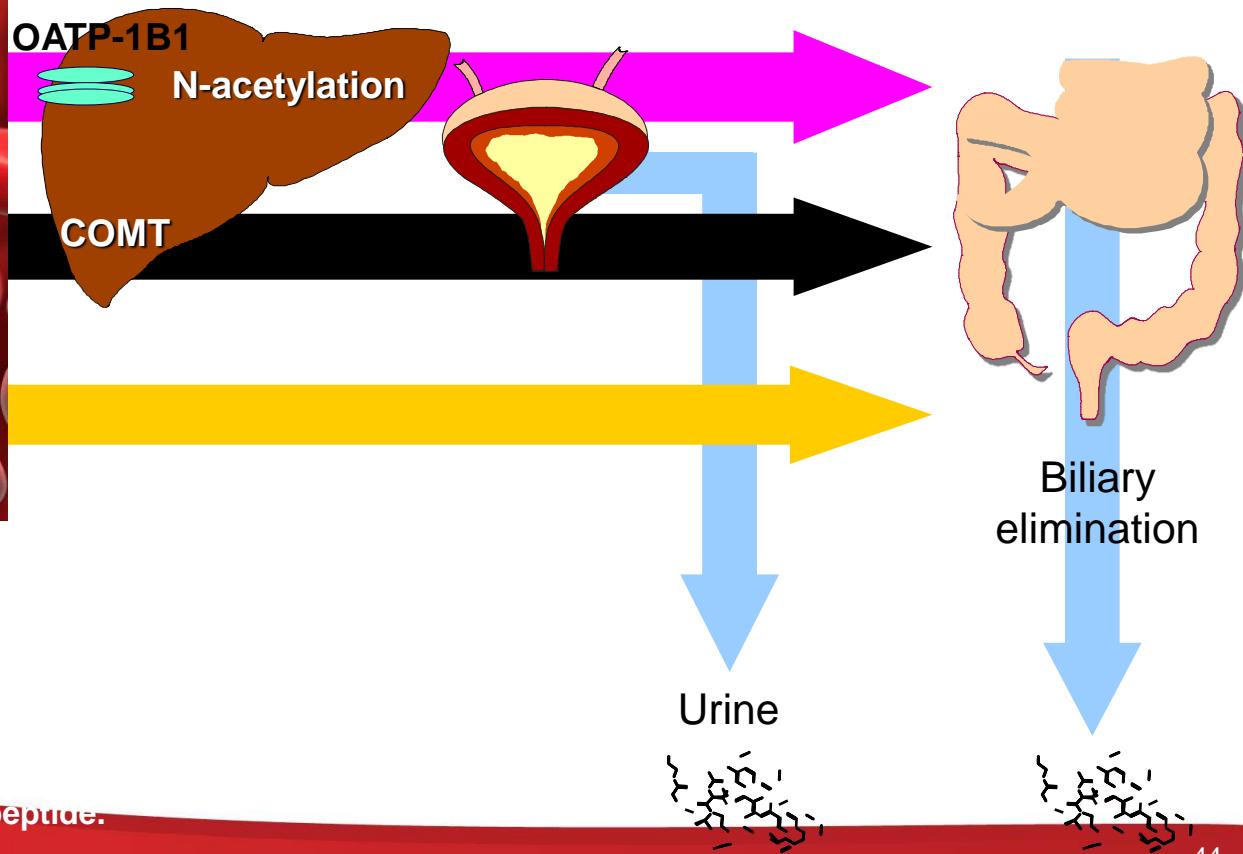
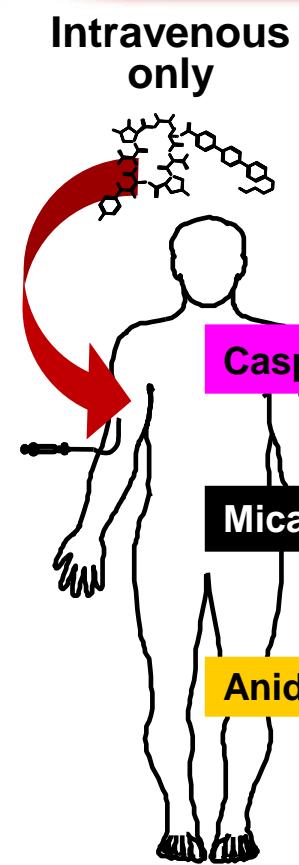
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|--------|--|--|---|---|---|--|--|
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| AmB    | +  | +  | +   | +   | -   | -  | -  |
| 5FC    | +  | +  | +   | +   | +   | +  | +  |
| FLU    | +  | +  | +   | +   | +   | +  | +  |
| ITR    | +  | +  | +   | +   | -   | -  | -  |
| VOR    | +  | +  | +   | +   | +   | +  | -  |
| POS    | +  | +  | +   | +   | -   | -  | -  |
| Echino | +  | +  | +   | +   | -   | -  | -  |

+ ≥50% of serum concentrations  
- <10% of serum concentrations

# Φαρμακοκινητική / φαρμακοδυναμική

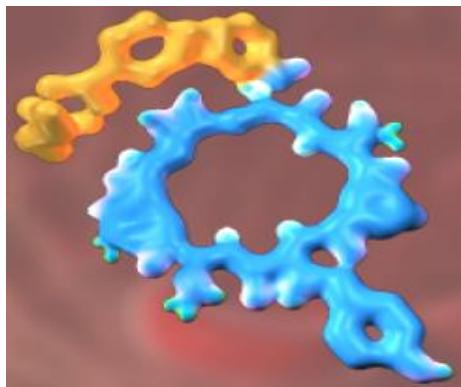
| Variable                      | Anidulafungin <sup>a</sup><br>200/100  | Caspofungin <sup>b</sup><br>70/50   | Micafungin <sup>c</sup><br>100   |
|-------------------------------|--|---|--|
| C <sub>max</sub> (50 mg dose) | 8.6  | 14.03   | 10.1   |
| Bioavailability               | 2-7%   | minimal   | minimal  |
| t <sub>1/2β</sub> (hours)     | 24-26  | 9-11  | 11-17  |
| Vd (L/kg)                     | 0.50   | 0.14  | 0.22-0.24  |
| AUC (mg•h/L)                  | 11.8   | 87.9-114.8  | 111.30   |
| Protein binding (%)           | 84   | 96-97   | 99.8   |
| Metabolism                    | Not metabolized; undergoes slow chemical degradation to inactive metabolites | Slow peptide hydrolysis and N-acetylation, with some spontaneous degradation to peptide product | Metabolized by catechol-O-methytransferase and to a lesser extent, CYP1A2, 2B6, 2C and 3A4 |
| Cl (total) (ml/min/kg)        | 0.26   | 0.15  | 0.19   |
| Fraction urine excretion      | <1%  | 1.40%   | 0.70%  |
| CSF penetration (% of plasma) | < 0.1%   | < 0.1%  | < 0.1%   |

# Μεταβολισμός και απέκκριση

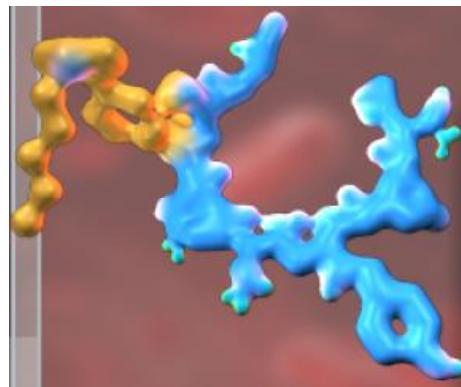


OATP=Organic anion-transporting polypeptide.  
COMT=Catechol-O-methyltransferase.

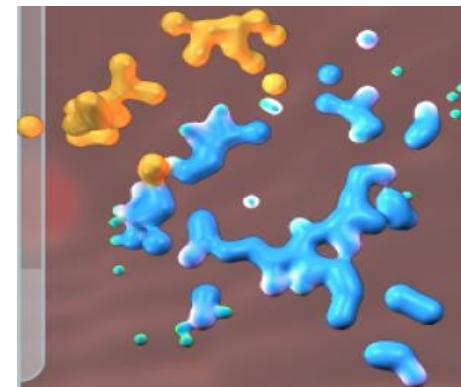
# Η Ανιντουλαφουγκίνη υφίσταται βραδεία χημική αποδόμηση σε φυσιολογικές συνθήκες



Ενεργό Μόριο

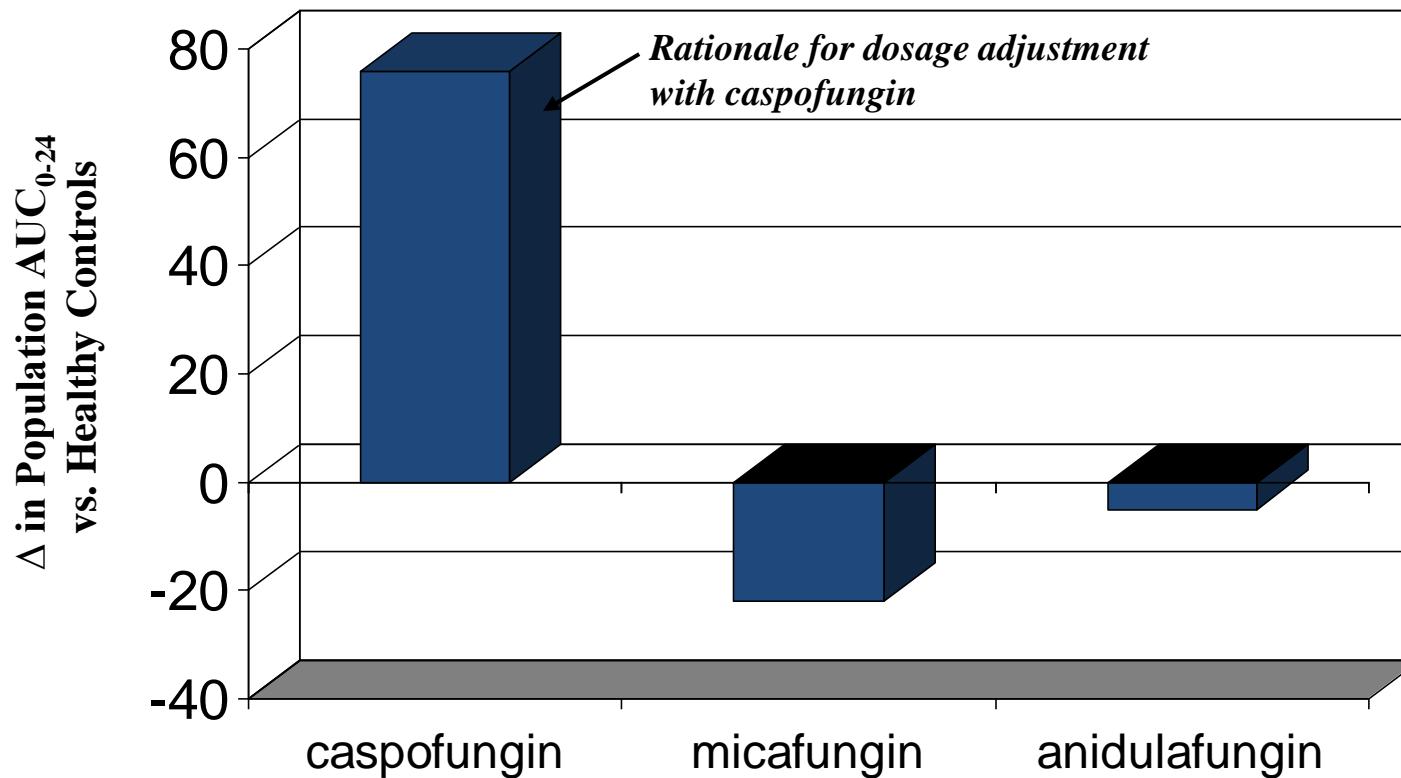


Η αλυσίδα ανοίγει φυσιολογικά  $37^{\circ}\text{C}$  και  $\text{pH } 7.4$



Το ανενεργό ανοικτό πεπτίδιο διασπάται σε πεπτιδικά προϊόντα αποδόμησης που αποβάλλονται με τα κόπρανα

# Echinocandin Pharmacokinetics In Hepatic Dysfunction (Child-pugh Score 7-9): Clinical Significance?



Stone et al. *Antimicrobial Agents Chemother* 2002; 46:739.  
Hebart et al. *J Clin Pharmacokinet* 2005;45:1145-52.  
[www.FDA.gov](http://www.FDA.gov) accessed 5-15-06

# Προσαρμογή δόσης

| Variable                                   | Anidulafungin<br>200/100 | Caspofungin<br>70/50   | Micafungin<br>100  |
|--|--------------------------|--|--|
| Dosage adjustment in renal insufficiency   | No adjustment necessary  | No adjustment necessary  | No adjustment necessary  |
| Dosage adjustment in hepatic insufficiency | No adjustment necessary  | Child-Pugh 5-6:<br>none;<br>Child-Pugh 7-9,<br>significant increases in AUC, consider reducing maintenance dose to 35 mg/day;<br>Child Pugh >9:<br>no data | Child-Pugh 7-9,<br>$C_{max}$ and Cl not significantly altered but AUC decreased compared to healthy subjects |

# Φαρμακευτικές αλληλεπιδράσεις των εχινοκανδινών

| Anidulafungin<br>200/100                         | Caspofungin<br>70/50   | Micafungin<br>100  |
|--|--|--|
| Anidulafungin AUC decreased ~ 20% by cyclosporin | Concomitant cyclosporin increases caspofungin AUC by 35%<br><br>Enzyme inducers (rifampin, efavirenz, nevirapine, phenytoin, dexamethasone, carbamazepine) reduce caspofungin AUC by 15-30%<br><br>Caspofungin reduces tacrolimus AUC by 20% | Micafungin increases the AUC of sirolimus and decreases the clearance of cyclosporin by 16%<br><br>Micafungin increases the AUC of nifedipine by 18% |

# Κλινική Πράξη

Κάντιντα

# Κλινικές μελέτες εχινοκανδινών στην καντινταιμία

| Study                   | Design  | Success rate<br>(cured + improved)                   |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| Mora-Duarte et al, 2002 | Caspofungin vs.<br>amphotericin B             | 73% vs. 62%<br><br>* p = ns                          |
| Betts et al, 2006       | Micafungin vs.<br>caspofungin                 | 74% (100 mg)<br>70% (150 mg) vs. 71%<br><br>* p = ns |
| Kuse et al, 2007        | Micafungin vs.<br>liposomal<br>amphotericin B | 74% vs. 70%<br><br>* p = ns                          |
| Reboli et al, 2005      | Anidulafungin vs.<br>fluconazole              | 76% vs. 60%<br><br>** p < 0.05                       |

Mora-Duarte J et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2002;347:2020-2029.

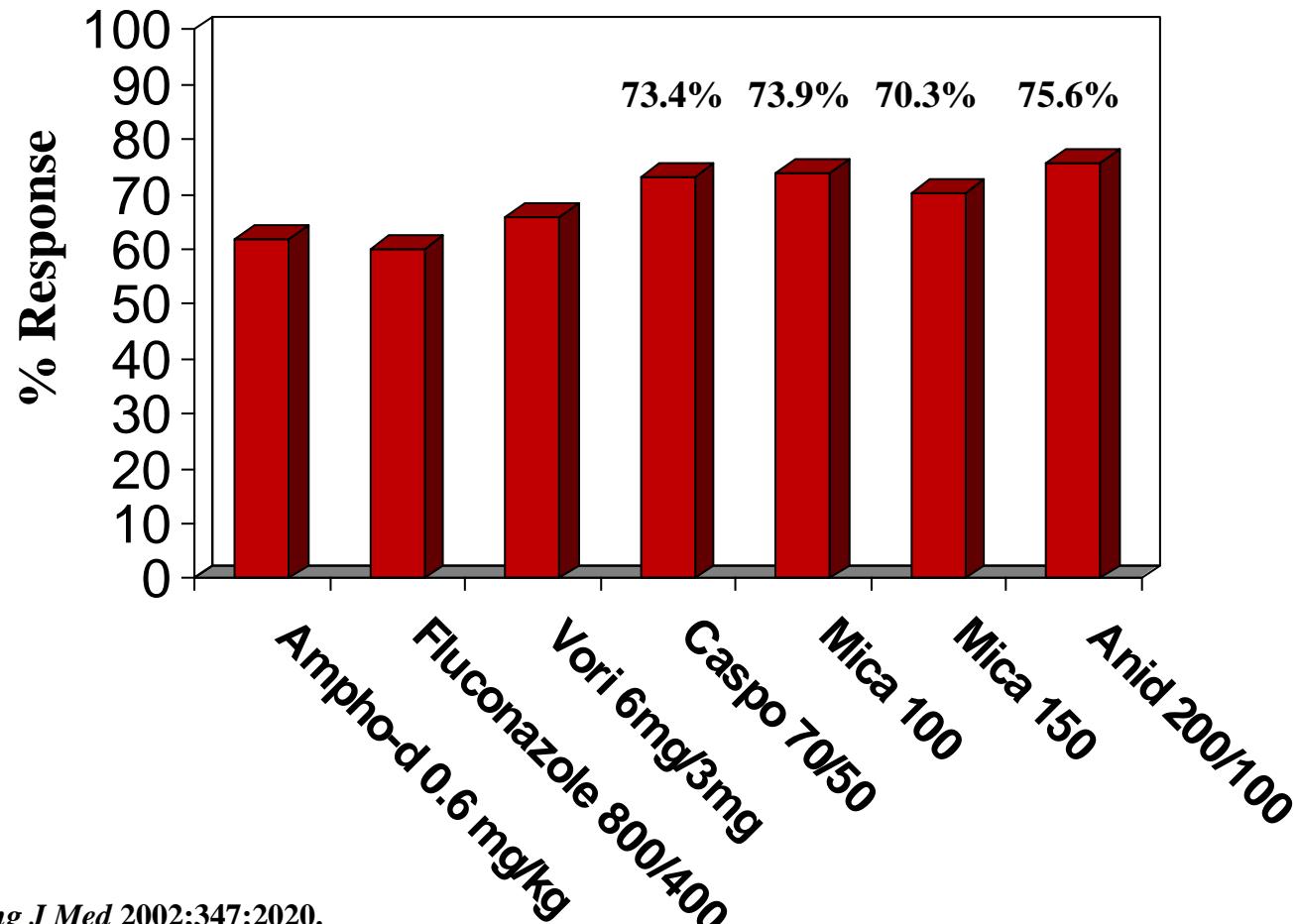
Betts RF et al. 2006.

Kuse E-R et al. *Lancet.* 2007;369:1519-1527.

Reboli AC et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2007;356:2472-2482.

# Treatment Success in Invasive Candidiasis

## End of IV Therapy (ITT/MITT Analysis)



Mora-Duarte et al. *N Eng J Med* 2002;347:2020.

Kullberg et al. *Lancet* 2005;366:1435.

Reboli et al. ICAAC 2005; LB Abstract M-718.

Betts et al. ICAAC 2006; LB Abstract M-1308a

# Κλινική Πράξη

Ασπέργιλλος

# Current first-line Treatment Guidelines: IA

| <b>Drugs</b>       | <b>IDSA<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>UK<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>ECIL<sup>3</sup></b> | <b>DGHO<sup>4</sup></b> | <b>Australia<sup>5</sup></b> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| AmB DC             | D                       | D                     | D                       | EII                     | Alternative                  |
| AmB-LS             | AI                      | AI                    | BI                      | All                     | Alternative                  |
| ABLC               |                         |                       | BII                     |                         |                              |
| ABCD               |                         |                       | D                       |                         |                              |
| Itraconazole       |                         |                       | CIII                    |                         |                              |
| Posaconazole       |                         |                       |                         |                         |                              |
| Voriconazole       | AI                      | AI                    | AI                      | AI                      | Recommended                  |
| <b>Caspofungin</b> |                         |                       | <b>CII</b>              |                         |                              |
| Micafungin         |                         |                       |                         |                         |                              |
| <b>Combination</b> | Not recommended         | Discouraged           | Discouraged             | CIII                    | No supportive evidence       |

- Walsh TJ, et al. Clin Infect Dis 2008;46:327–60.
- Prentice AG, et al. [http://www.bcshguidelines.com/documents/fungal\\_infection\\_bcsh\\_2008.pdf](http://www.bcshguidelines.com/documents/fungal_infection_bcsh_2008.pdf)
- Maertens J et al. Bone Marrow Transplantation 2011; 46:709–18
- Bohme A et al. Ann Hematol 2009;88:97–110
- Thursky KA, et al. Intern Med J 2008;38:496–520

# Invasive pulmonary aspergillosis

## Combination therapy

### ■ First line

- Not recommended D-III

### ■ Salvage

- Caspofungin + Lipid AMB C-II
- Caspofungin + Voriconazole C-II
- AMB (any formulation) and –azole no data

ECIL 3, 2009



# VORICONAZOLE ALONE OR IN COMBINATION WITH ANIDULAFUNGIN AGAINST ASPERGILLOSIS

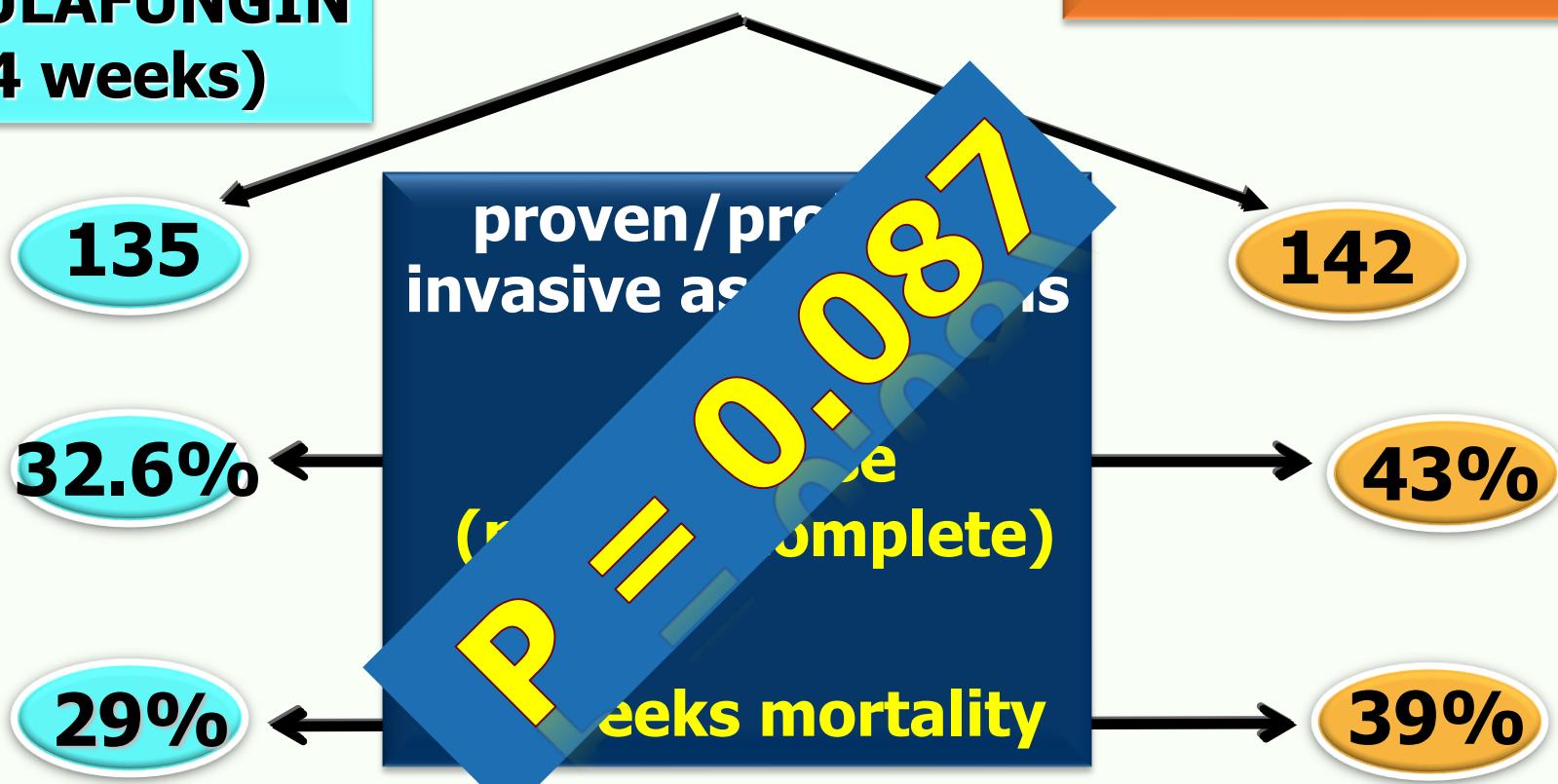
*Marr et al. ECCMID 2012; Abstr #LB2812 2012*

**454 IA suspected  
hematologic patients**

**VORICONAZOLE  
PLUS  
ANIDULAFUNGIN  
(2-4 weeks)**

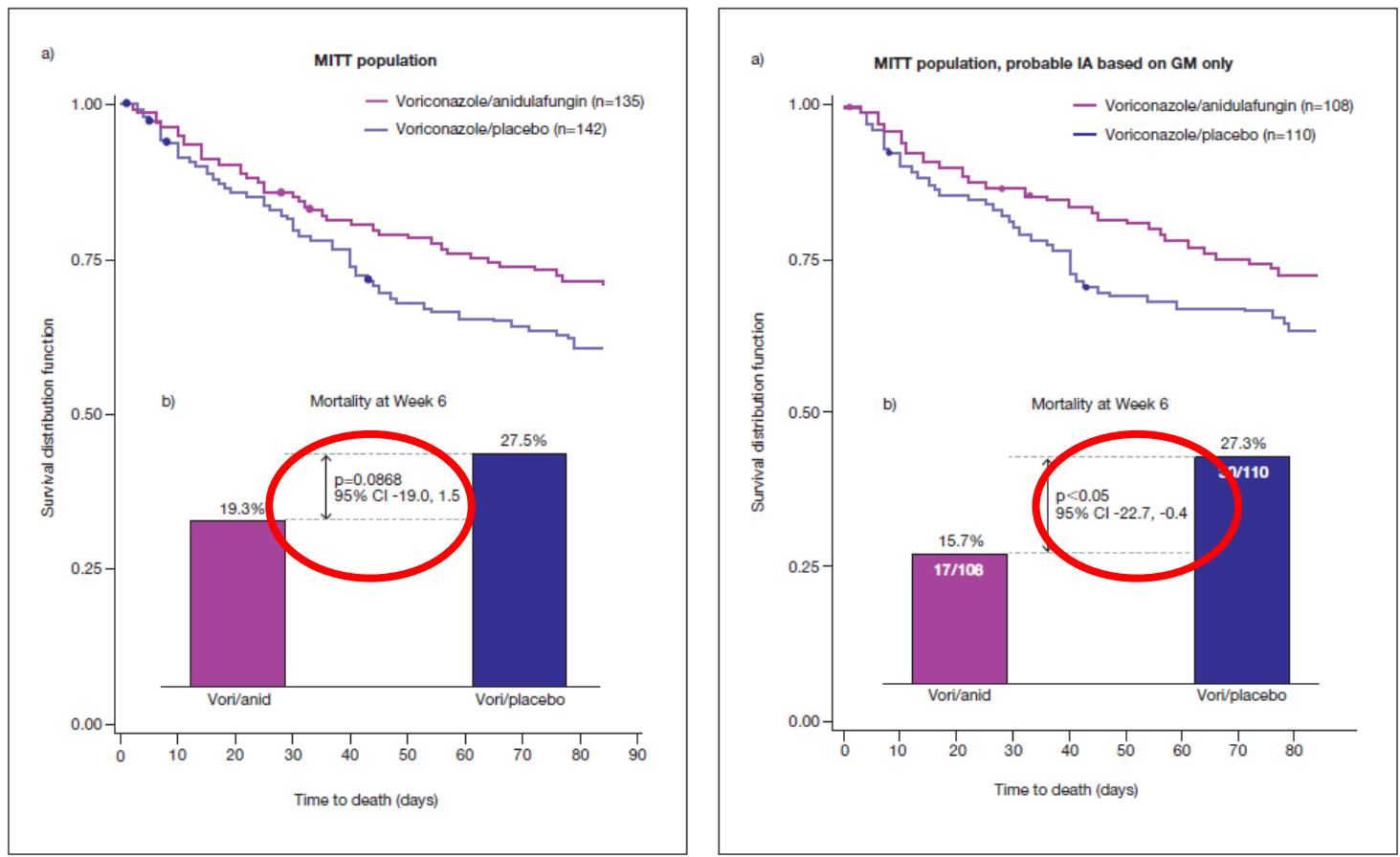
**VORICONAZOLE  
ALONE**

**double-blind**



# A randomised, double-blind study of combination antifungal therapy with voriconazole and anidulafungin versus voriconazole monotherapy for primary treatment of invasive aspergillosis

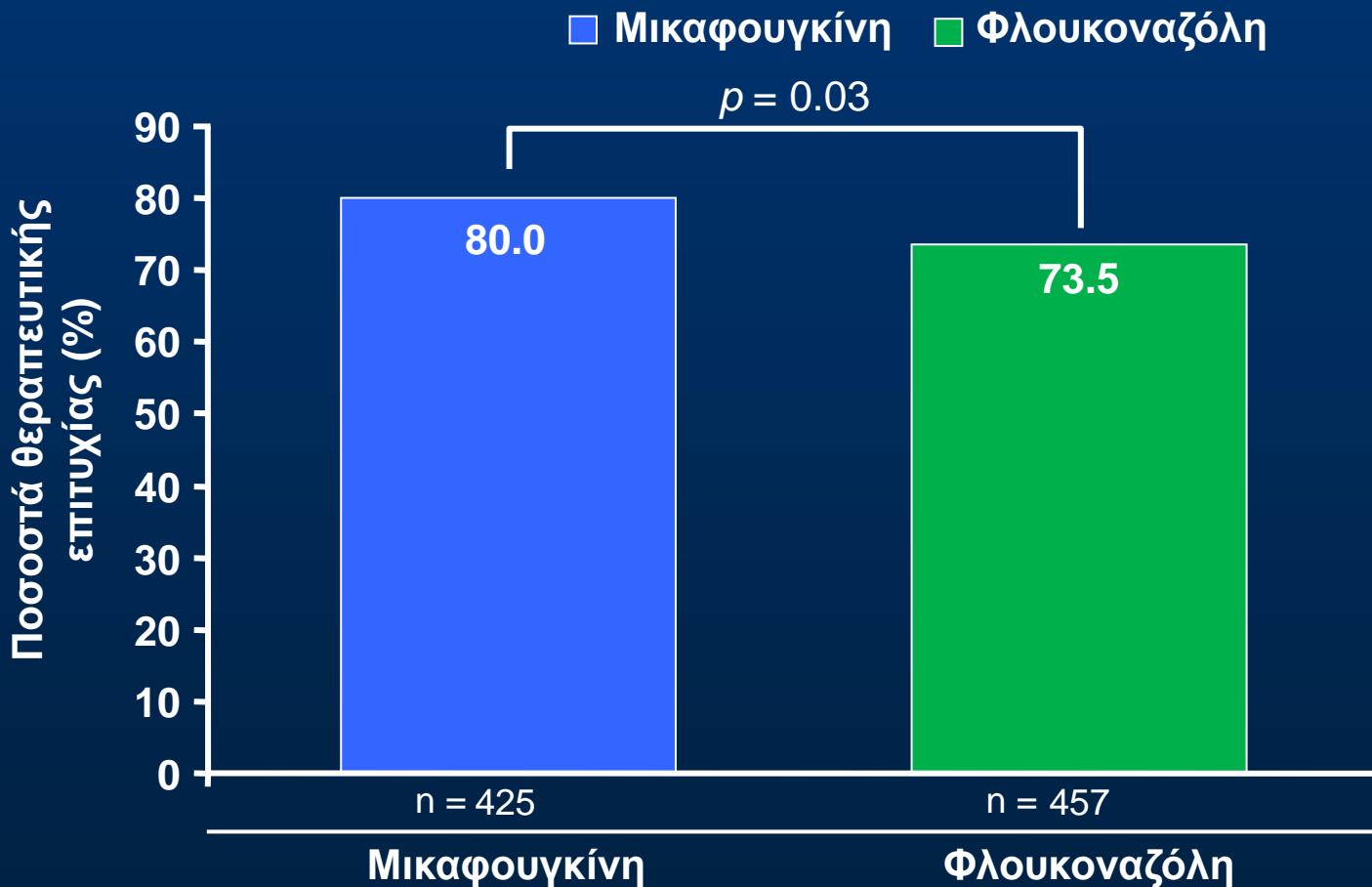
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# **Κλινική Πράξη**

**Προφύλαξη σε αιματολογικούς ασθενείς  
υψηλού κινδύνου**

# Μικαφουγκίνη vs. φλουκοναζόλη σε αλλογενείς και αυτόλογους HSCT ασθενείς: Συνολικά ποσοστά θεραπευτικής επιτυχίας



# IDSA 2011

|   | Ποιοί  | Ποιο ΑΜ  | Σχόλια |
|---|--|--|--------|
| Προφύλαξη<br>έναντι<br>διηθητικής<br>καντιντίασης | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• allogeneic HSCT recipients</li><li>• intensive remission-induction or salvage-induction chemotherapy for acute leukemia</li><li>• (A-I).</li></ul> | Fluconazole,<br>itraconazole,<br>voriconazole,<br>posaconazole,<br><b>micafungin</b> ,<br><b>caspofungin</b> |        |

Clinical Infectious Diseases 2011;52:427–431

# IDSA 2011

|  | Ποιοί  | Ποιο ΑΜ                                       | Εναλλακτικά   |
|--|--|---|---|
| Προφύλαξη<br>έναντι<br>διηθητικής<br>ασπεργίλλωσης | Ασθενείς με<br>ΟΜΛ και MDS<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> induction)<br><br>HSCT<br>(GVHD και<br>ουδετεροπενία) | • <b>Ποσακοναζόλη</b><br>(200 mg κάθε 8 ώρες) | • <b>Ιτρακοναζόλη</b><br>(200 mg κάθε 12<br>ώρες IV για 2<br>μέρες, ακολούθως<br>200 mg κάθε 24<br>ώρες IV) ή<br>ιτρακοναζόλη (200<br>mg PO κάθε 12<br>ώρες);<br>• <b>Μικαφουγκίνη</b><br>(50 mg/ημέρα) |

Clinical Infectious Diseases 2011;52:427–431

# Incidence Density of Invasive Fungal Infections during Primary Antifungal Prophylaxis in Newly Diagnosed Acute Myeloid Leukemia in a Tertiary Cancer Center, 2009 - 2011

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| Outcome   | Echinocandin PAP<br>(per 1000 prophylaxis-days,<br>[95% CI]) | Anti- <i>Aspergillus</i> azole PAP<br>(per 1000 prophylaxis-days,<br>[95% CI]) | <i>P</i> -value |
|---|--|--|-----------------|
| During 120-day study period   |  |  |                 |
| Overall IFIs  | 8.1 (4.64–13.20)   | 2.3 (1.21–3.90)  | <0.001          |
| Documented IFIs   | 7.1 (3.88–11.93)   | 1.1 (0.3–2.29)   | <0.0001         |
| Mold documented IFIs  | 4.6 (2.08–8.67)  | 1.1 (0.38–2.29)  | <0.01           |
| Yeast IFIs  | 2.0 (0.54–5.20)  | 0  | <0.01           |
| Definite IFIs   | 4.1 (1.75–8.01)  | 0.18 (0.02–9.78)   | <0.001          |
| Probable “invasive aspergillosis”   | 3.0 (1.11–6.63)  | 0.7 (0.19–1.80)  | 0.045           |
| Presumed IFIs   | 1.0 (0.11–3.67)  | 1.2 (0.49–2.53)  | 0.61            |
| EATs  | 4.1 (1.75–8.0)   | 2.8 (1.60–4.56)  | 0.39            |
| During 42-day study period  |  |  |                 |
| Documented IFI  | 8.6 (4.28–15.37)   | 2.4 (0.77–5.60)  | 0.03            |
| IFIs, invasive fungal infections; EATs, empirical antifungal therapies; PAP, primary antifungal prophylaxis |  |  |                 |

152 patients with AML received AF prophylaxis during remission-induction chemotherapy

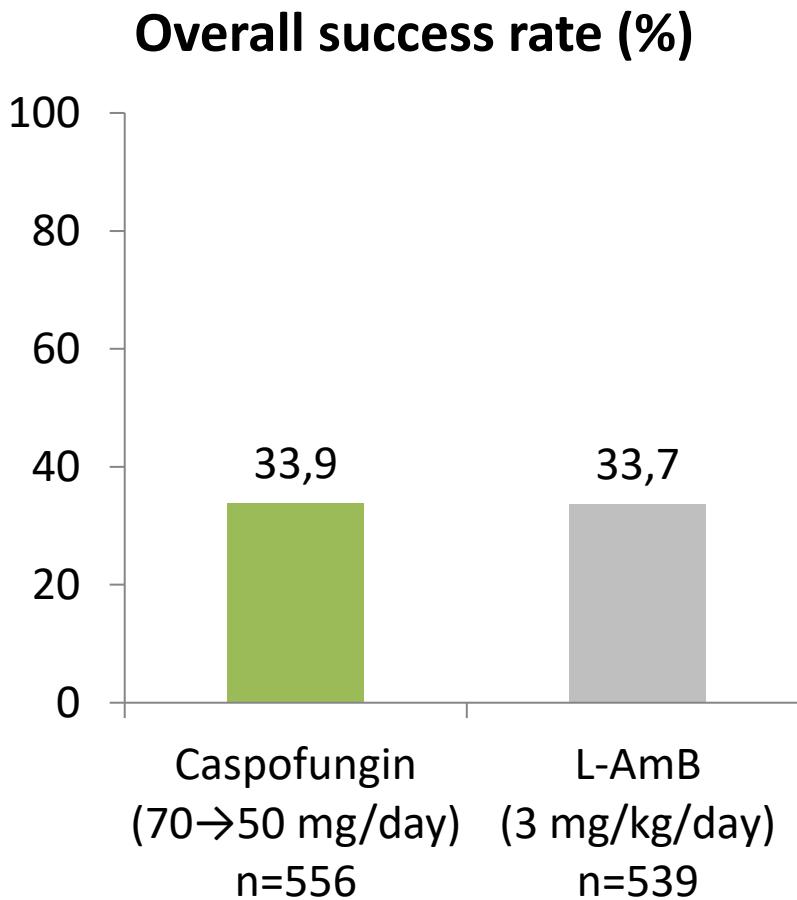
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# **Κλινική Πράξη**

**Εμπειρική αγωγή σε ουδετεροπενικούς  
ασθενείς**

# Εμπειρική αγωγή – Κασποφουγκίνη

- 1,095 patients in primary efficacy analysis (MITT population)
- Components of composite endpoint: (caspofungin vs L-AmB)
  - Treatment of baseline fungal infection  
51.9% vs 25.9% ( $p=0.04$ )
  - No breakthrough fungal infections  
94.8% vs 95.5% ( $p=ns$ )
  - Survival for 7 days after EOT  
92.6% vs 89.2% ( $p=0.05$ )
  - Resolution of fever during the period of neutropenia  
41.2% vs 41.4% ( $p=ns$ )
  - Premature discontinuations  
10.3% vs 14.5% ( $p=0.03$ )



# Εμπειρική αγωγή – Μικαφουγκίνη

| Study          | Patient s | Initial micafungin dose | Micafungin dose escalation allowed? (max dose) | Success rate |
|----------------|-----------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Yanada 2006    | 18        | 50 mg/day               | Yes (300 mg/day)                               | 77.8%        |
| Toubai 2007    | 23        | 50–300 mg/day           | No   | 73.9%        |
| Tamura 2009    | 51        | 50–150 mg/day           | Yes (300 mg/day)                               | 86.3%        |
| Kubiak 2010    | 174       | 100 mg/day              | No   | 81.0%        |
| Park 2010      | 47        | 100 mg/day              | No   | 61.7%        |
| Goto 2010      | 53        | 150 mg/day              | Yes (300 mg/day)                               | 69.8%        |
| Yamaguchi 2011 | 119       | 50–300 mg/day           | Yes (not specified)                            | 79.0%/39.5%* |
| Yoshida 2012   | 388       | 50–150 mg/day           | Yes (300 mg/day)                               | 65.3%        |
| Ráčil 2013     | 73        | 100 mg/day              | No   | 84.5%/64.8%* |
| Kobayashi 2013 | 25        | 1–3 mg/kg/day           | Yes (6 mg/kg/day)                              | 56.7%        |
| Mizuno 2013    | 78        | 150 mg/day              | No   | 60.3%        |

# IDSA 2008

|   | Πρωταρχικώς  | Εναλλακτικώς | Σχόλια   |
|---|--|--------------|--|
| «Empirical» και «preemptive» αντιμυκητιασική θεραπεία | L-AMB<br>(3 mg/kg/ημέρα ενδοφλεβίως),<br>caspofungin<br>itraconazole<br>voriconazole<br><br>AI |              | «Preemptive» θεραπεία σε υψηλού κινδύνου ασθενείς με απόδειξη ΣΜ (π.χ., διήθηση πνεύμονα ή θετικό αποτέλεσμα γαλακτομανάνης) |

*Clin Inf Dis 2008; 46: 327–60.*

# **ECIL-4 guidelines**

## ***Empirical antifungal therapy***

| Antifungal agent         | Daily dose           | Level of recommendation |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Liposomal AmB            | 3 mg/kg              | A-I                     |
| Caspofungin              | 50 mg                | A-I                     |
| AmB colloidal dispersion | 4 mg/kg              | B-I                     |
| AmB lipid complex        | 5 mg/kg <sup>±</sup> | B-I                     |
| Itraconazole             | 200 mg IV            | B-I                     |
| Voriconazole             | 2 × 3 mg/kg IV       | B-I                     |
| Micafungin               | 100 mg               | B-II                    |
| AmB deoxycholate         | 0.5–1 mg/kg          | B-I/D-I                 |
| Fluconazole              | 400 mg IV            | C-I                     |

Maertens J, et al. Bone Marrow Transplant 2011;46:709–18

# Εγκεκριμένες ενδείξεις και δόσεις

|             | Caspofungin  | Micafungin   | Anidulafungin  |
|-------------|--|--|--|
| Indications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Invasive candidiasis</li><li>Esophageal candidiasis</li><li>empiric therapy in febrile neutropenic patients</li><li>Refractory aspergillosis</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Esophageal candidiasis</li><li>Invasive candidiasis</li><li>Prophylaxis of <i>Candida</i> infections in HSCT</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Esophageal candidiasis</li><li>Candidemia <b>in non-neutropenic patients</b></li></ul> |
| Dosing      | 70 mg day#1,<br>then 50 mg/day thereafter<br><br>Increase to 70 mg daily for sub-optimal clinical response   | Esophageal candidiasis:<br>150 mg/day<br><br>HSCT prophylaxis:<br>50 mg/day<br><br>Candidemia:<br>100 mg/day: <i>C. albicans</i>                             | Candidemia<br>200 mg day#1<br>then 100 mg/day  |

# Pediatric patients

- Caspofungin is approved in pediatric patients **12 months to 17 years** of age. The safety and efficacy of caspofungin have not been sufficiently studied in clinical trials involving neonates and infants <12 months of age. Caution is advised when treating this age group.
- Micafungin is indicated in children **of all ages** for the treatment of invasive candidiasis and prophylaxis of Candida infection in patients undergoing allogeneic HSCT or patients who are expected to have neutropenia (ANC <500/ $\mu$ L) for  $\geq 10$  days

# Pediatric dosing

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- Dosing studies completed to date for all three of the echinocandins in the pediatric population,
  - Caspofungin: 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup> rather than 1 mg/kg
  - Micafungin: dosage adjustment needed at ≤ 8 years
  - Anidulafungin: no dosage adjustment needed

# Εγκυμοσύνη

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- There are no adequate well-controlled studies of anidulafungin, caspofungin, or micafungin in pregnant women
- It is not known whether anidulafungin, caspofungin, or micafungin are excreted in human breast milk.

# Intravitreal treatment

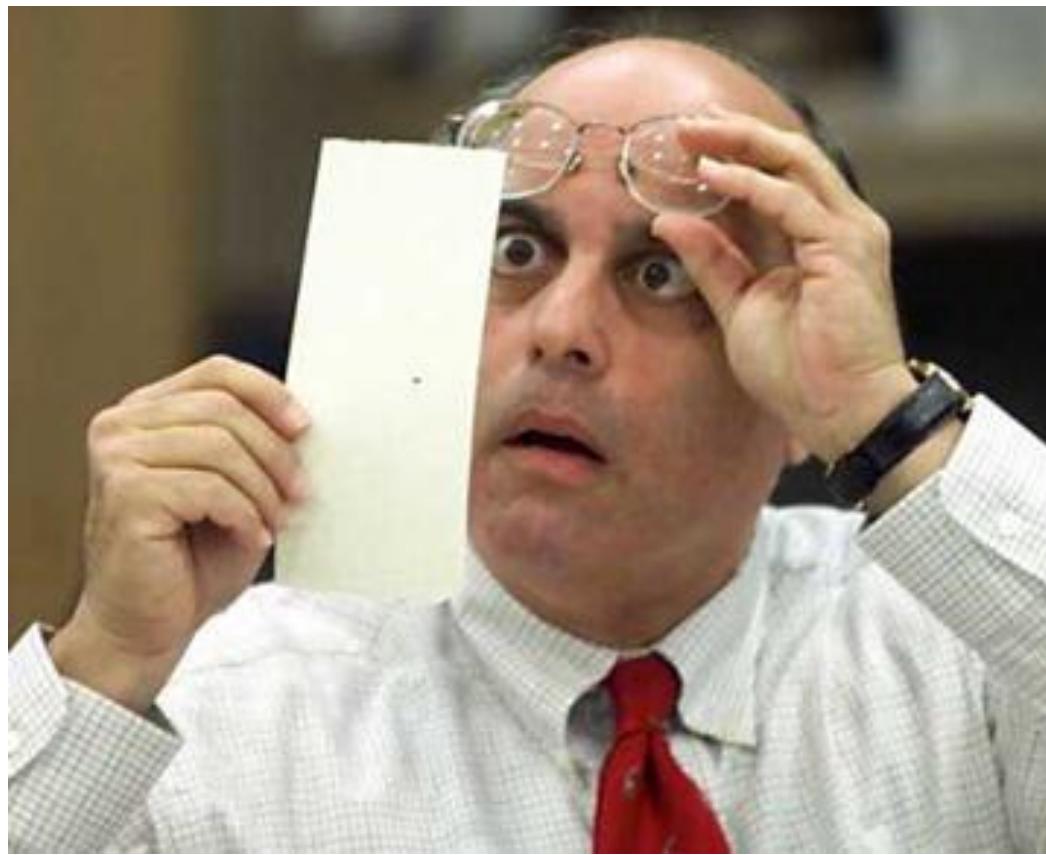
- **Intravitreal caspofungin (100 µg/ 0.1 mL)**
  - Kusbeci et al., 2007
- **Intravitreal micafungin (15 µg/ 0.06 mL)**
  - Harrison et al., 2005
- **effective and safe in rabbit models of Candida and Aspergillus endophthalmitis.**
- **Anidulafungin may be a less ideal echinocandin due to the alcohol vehicle required for solubilization**
- **Sufficient clinical experience is lacking**
  - Khan et al., 2007

# Ποια εχινοκανδίνη;

- Αποτελεσματικότητα
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- Κλινικές μελέτες

# Κόστος

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# Echinocandins-Ideal Antifungals For Canidiasis?

## Advantages

- Excellent *in vivo* *Candida* efficacy
- No cross resistance among azole-resistant *Candida* species
- Predictable pharmacokinetic profile
- Excellent safety at efficacious doses
- Low theoretical risk of drug interactions or antagonism of other antifungals

## Disadvantages

- Notable holes in spectrum for other yeasts (e.g., *Trichosporon*, *Cryptococcus*)
- No oral formulation
- Not distributed in anatomically privileged sites (e.g., CNS, eye)

