



# Emerging echinocandin resistance in *Candida*



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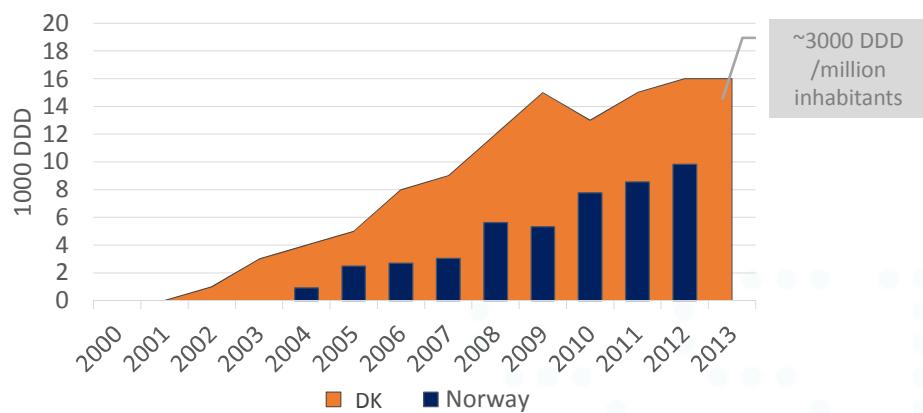
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## Echinocandin-use: DK vs. Norway (total DDD)



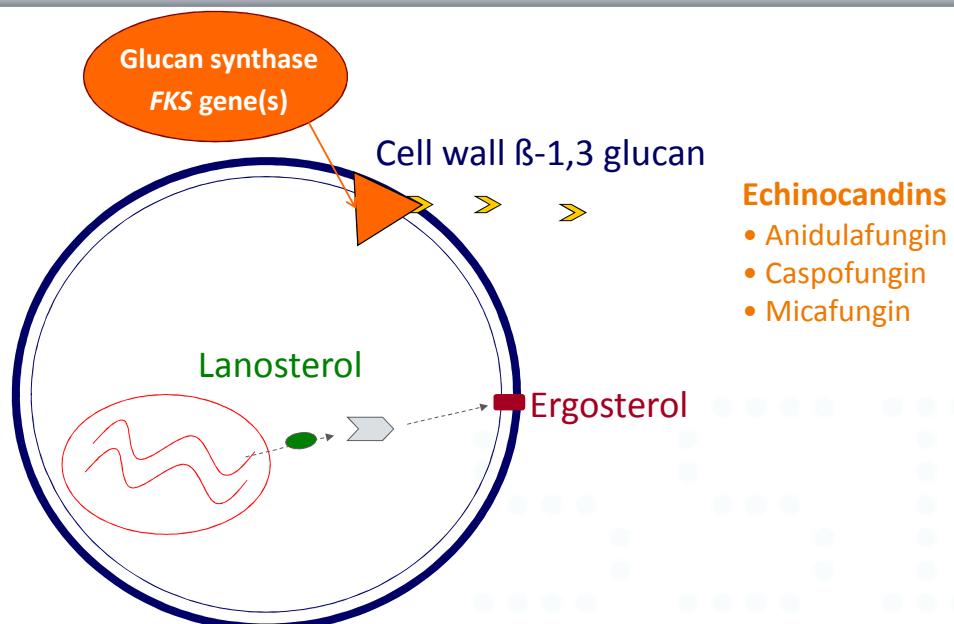
Note:

NO population is 9% smaller than the DK population

Arendrup JCM 2011, CMI 2013, [www.medstat.dk](http://www.medstat.dk) & [www.legemiddelforbruk.no/english/](http://www.legemiddelforbruk.no/english/)

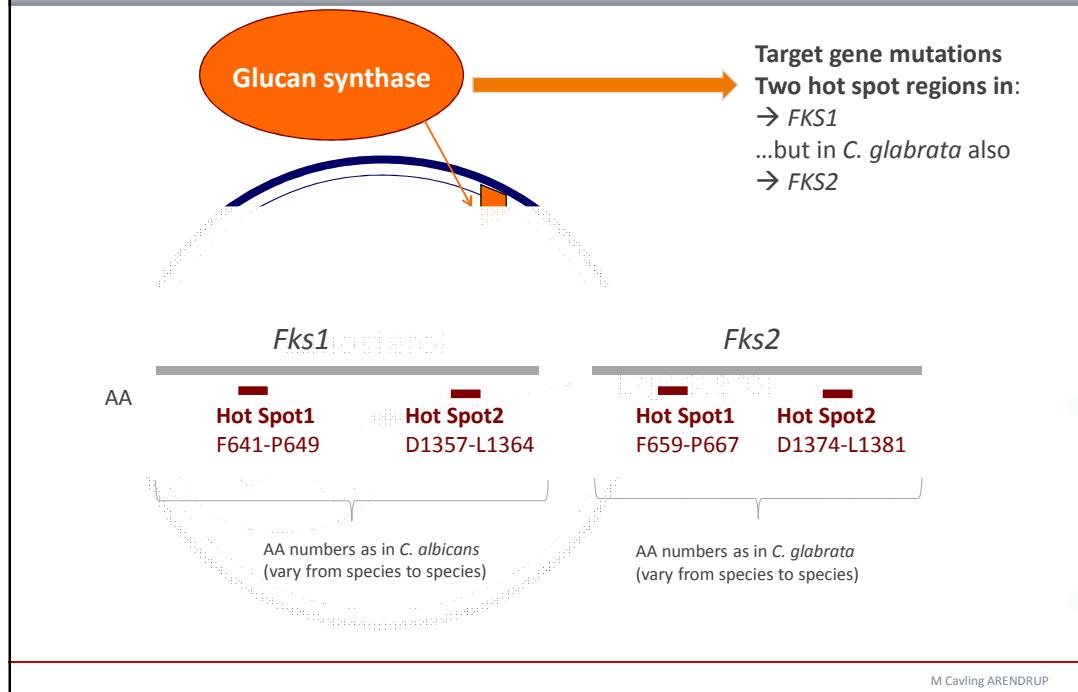
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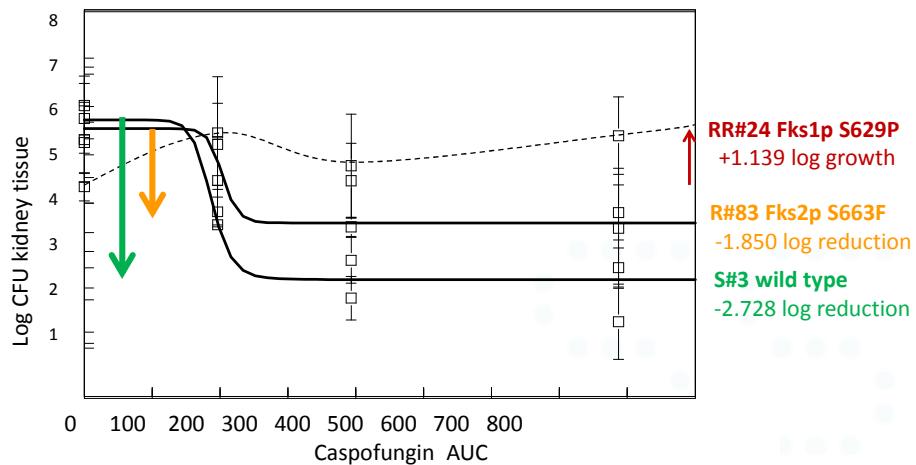
## *Candida* Echinocandin resistance: FKS

AFG EUCAST ECOFF (mg/L)	FKS1p				FKS2p			
	Hot spot 1		Hot spot 2		Hot spot 1		Hot spot 2	
	1st AA no.	AA sequence	1st AA no.	AA sequence	1st AA no.	AA sequence	1st AA no.	AA sequence
<i>C. albicans</i>	0.03	641 <b>F</b> L <b>T</b> <b>I</b> <b>L</b> R <b>D</b> P	1357 <b>D</b> W <b>I</b> <b>R</b> <b>R</b> YTL					
<i>C. dubliniensis</i>	0.03	641 <b>F</b> L <b>T</b> <b>L</b> <b>S</b> RDP	1357 DWIRRRTL					
<i>C. glabrata</i>	0.06	625 <b>F</b> L <b>I</b> <b>L</b> <b>S</b> RDP	1340 <b>D</b> W <b>V</b> <b>R</b> RYTL	659 <b>F</b> L <b>I</b> <b>L</b> <b>S</b> RDP		1374 <b>D</b> W <b>I</b> <b>R</b> <b>R</b> YTL		
<i>C. kefyr</i>	(0.03)	54* <b>F</b> L <b>T</b> <b>L</b> <b>S</b> RDP	769* DWVRRYTL					
<i>C. krusei</i>	0.06#	655 <b>F</b> L <b>T</b> <b>L</b> <b>S</b> RDP	1364 DWIRRRTL					
<i>C. lusitaniae</i>	(0.06)	634* <b>F</b> L <b>T</b> <b>L</b> <b>S</b> RDP	** DWIRRRTL					
<i>C. tropicalis</i>	0.06	76* <b>F</b> L <b>T</b> <b>L</b> <b>S</b> RDP	792* DWIRRRTL					
<i>C. parapsilosis</i>	4	652 <b>F</b> L <b>T</b> <b>L</b> <b>S</b> LRD <b>A</b>	1369 DWIRRRTL					
<i>C. metapsilosis</i>	(4)	104* <b>F</b> L <b>T</b> <b>L</b> <b>S</b> LRD <b>A</b>	821* DWIRRRTL					
<i>C. orthopsilosis</i>	(4)	39* <b>F</b> L <b>T</b> <b>L</b> <b>S</b> LRD <b>A</b>	756* DWVRRYTL					
<i>C. guilliermondii</i>	(4)	632 <b>F</b> M <b>A</b> <b>L</b> <b>S</b> LRDP	1347 DWIRRRTL					
<i>C. lipolytica</i>	NA	662 <b>F</b> L <b>I</b> <b>L</b> <b>S</b> LRDP	1387 DWIRRCVL					
<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	(1)	639 <b>F</b> L <b>V</b> <b>L</b> <b>S</b> LRDP	1353 DWVRRYTL	658 <b>F</b> L <b>I</b> <b>L</b> <b>S</b> LRDP		1372 DWVRRYTL		

X "strong R" mutation, low letters indicate the codon involves a mutation or deletion; high letters indicate the codon involves a mutation or stop codon;  
**X** "weak R" mutation;  
**X** "silent" mutation, acquired or naturally occurring;  
**X** naturally occurring mutation proven or possibly related to the intrinsic lower susceptibility;  
**X** naturally occurring mutation of unknown impact; \* Inaccurate annotation, sequencing of entire gene-sequence required;  
# Micafungin ECOFF elevated for *C. krusei* compared to *C. albicans* and *C. glabrata*, but not the anidulafungin ECOFF.

## *C. glabrata* in mice “S < I < R

Mice challenged iv with 3 strains: caspofungin MIC 0.25, MIC 1 & MIC 16  
Treated ip with caspofungin

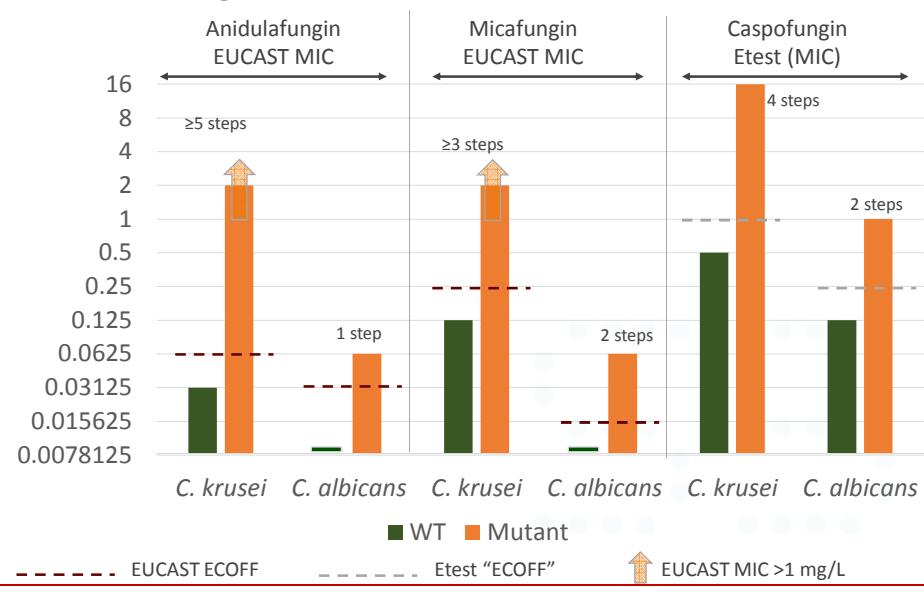


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## Same *Fks1* mutation D → Y .... different impact

- MIC elevation greater in *C. krusei* D662Y than in *C. albicans* D648Y



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## France: 20 cases 5.5 years (2004-10)

- ❖ Incidence among *C. albicans*, *C. glabrata* & *C. krusei*
  - 0.4% in the Paris area
- ❖ Caspofungin exposure
  - One naïve !
  - Median 26 days (10 days → >8 months)

2004-5: 2 isolates  
2006-10: 18 isolates
- ❖ Species involved
  - 10 *C. glabrata* – 8 w Fks2p Δ, 1 w Fks1p Δ, 1 w both
  - 8 *C. albicans* – all Fks1p; 7 hot spot 1 Δ, 1 hot spot 2 Δ
  - 2 *C. krusei* – all Fks1p hot spot 1 Δ
- ❖ 11/20 were blood isolates
  - 55% Mortality among candidaemia cases

## US cancer centre: Caspofungin $\geq 4$ mg/L

### • Incidence

- 1% (7/582 patients)

### • Caspofungin exposure preceding 3 months

- Three naïve! (but no Fks sequence data)

### • Species involved

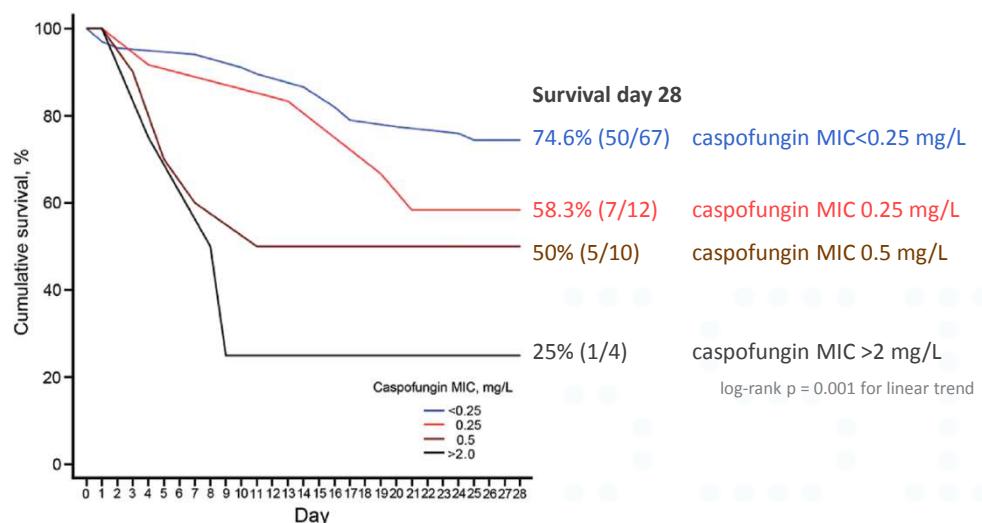
- 2 *C. glabrata*
- 2 *C. albicans*
- 3 *C. tropicalis*

### • 5/7 were blood isolates

- 1/5 died among candidaemia cases

## *C. glabrata* echinocandin MIC & outcome

### • Cancer patients w 93 blood isolates (2005-13)



## Echinocandin resistance in abdominal candidiasis



- ❖ Echinocandin resistant isolates w *fks* mutations
  - 24% (6/25) patients w intraabdominal candidiasis
- ❖ Patient characteristics
  - 25 Pts w echinocandin exposure (median 42 d, 4-438 d)
    - 100% (GI) diseases
    - 92% (23/25) GI surgery ≤ 30 days
    - 44% solid-organ transplant recipients
- ❖ Presentation
  - abdominal abscesses (13)
  - peritonitis (8)
  - abscesses & peritonitis (2)
  - cholangitis or cholangitis+peritonitis (1 each).
  - 40% (10/25) were echinocandin breakthrough infections
    - caspofungin (9)
    - micafungin (1)

## Case

- ❖ 59 year-old ♀, 5 days Abdominal pain & Fever
- ❖ X-ray: Intra-peritoneal gas
- ❖ GI surgery:
  - Perforation, faecal peritonitis, necrosis of sigmoid colon
  - Resection of sigmoid colon & small bowel
  - Salpingo-oophorectomy
  - Ileostomy and colostomy
- ❖ ICU
  - Mechanical ventilation
  - Haemodialysis
  - Broad spectrum ABs

## Case continued

- ❖ Day 4: Antifungal Prophylaxis Fluconazole 400 mg/day
- ❖ Day 8: yeast in blood culture, flu → Caspofungin
- ❖ GI surgery due to perforation
  - Day 11: Small bowel resection
  - Day 27: Small bowel resection

## Case continued

- ❖ Imaging
  - Day 31: leakage
  - Day 35: mesenteric oedema, liver abscesses, abd abscesses
- ❖ GI surgery
  - Surgical debridement, drainage of liver abscesses and rinsing. Day 41, 42 and 43
- ❖ Death due to multi-organ failure day 45

## Case cont. Mycology & Treatment

Sample day	Sample type	Result	Treatment
Day 0	Abdominal Pus:	Faecal flora	-
Day 4	Blood, trachea:	<i>C. albicans</i> S	Flu
Day 7	Blood:	<i>C. albicans</i> S	Caspo
Day 17	Trachea	<i>C. albicans</i> S	Caspo
Day 21	Urine	<i>C. albicans</i> S	Caspo
Day 22	Wound, trachea:	<i>C. albicans</i> ND + yeast	Caspo
Day 24	Trachea:	<i>C. albicans</i> S	Caspo
Day 29	Urine & pus	<i>C. albicans</i> S & ND	Caspo
Day 35	Catheter tip:	<i>C. albicans</i> Caspo R	Caspo
Day 38	Urine/Tracheal suction:	<i>C. albicans</i> Caspo R / Mould	Caspo
Day 39	Peritoneal cavity	<i>C. albicans</i> ND	Caspo
Day 40	Tracheal suction:	<i>C. albicans</i> / Mould	Caspo+Flu
Day 43	K-Urine/Tracheal suction:	<i>C. albicans</i> / Mould	Caspo+Flu
Day 45	Death		

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## Acquired Resistance

*C. albicans* Caspofungin R



CAS: >32 µg/ml

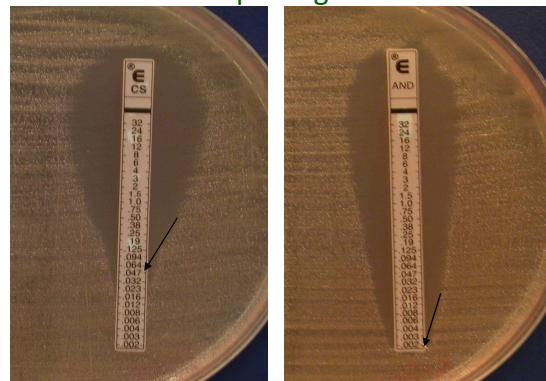
EUCAST:

CAS: 2 µg/ml

CLSI:

CAS: 1 µg/ml

*C. albicans* Caspofungin S



CAS: 0.06 µg/ml

EUCAST:

CAS: 0.25 µg/ml

CLSI:

CAS: ≤0.06 µg/ml

Anid: ≤ 0.002 µg/ml

EUCAST:

Anid: ≤ 0.03 µg/ml

CLSI:

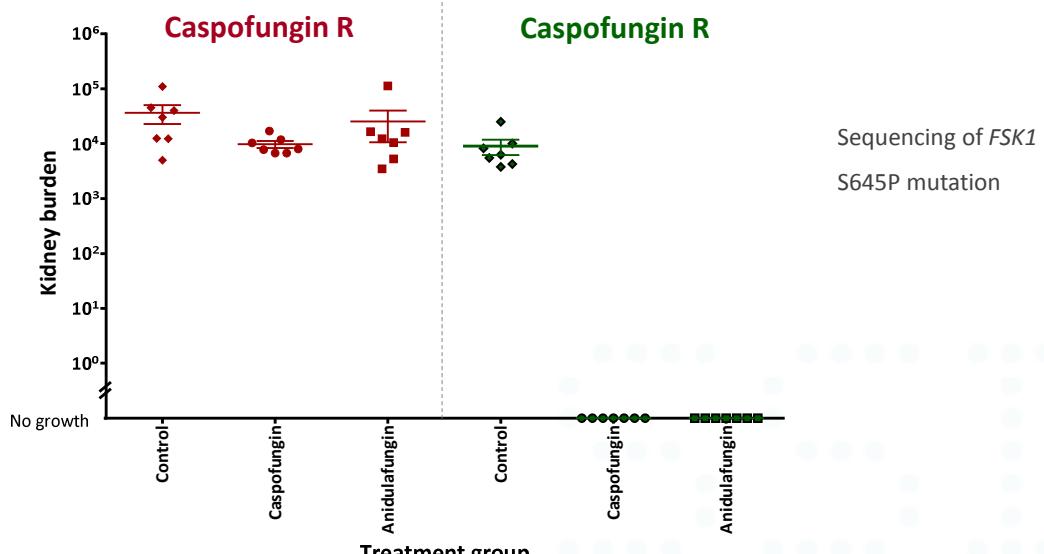
Anid: 0.015 µg/ml

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## In vivo susceptibility - IV mouse model

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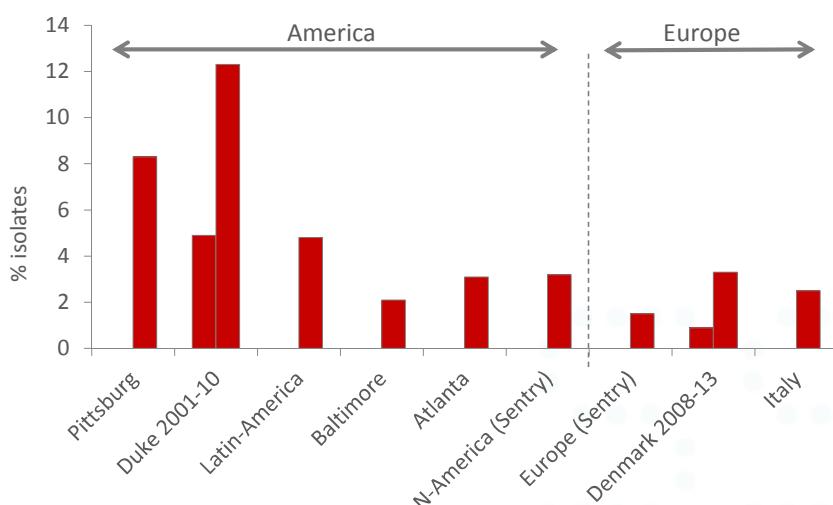


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## Echinocandin R in *C. glabrata*

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Shields AAC 2013; Alexander CID 2013; Nucci PlosOne 2013; Lockhardt JCM 2012; Pfaller JCM 2011; Arendrup ECCMID 2015; Tortorano Infection 2009.

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## Echinocandin-R *C. glabrata* Duke Hosp



- 2001-10: 274 pt; 293 episodes; 313 *C. glabrata*

Resistance to	2001-2	2009-10	Overall
Echinocandin	4.9%	12.3%	6.7%
Fluconazole	18%	30.1%	24.9%
Echinocandin res in fluconazole res isolates			14.1%

Alexander CID 2013

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## Echinocandin breakpoints for *Candida* spp

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Breakpoints (BPs): S:  $\leq X$ ; R:  $> Y$

**Revised BPs**

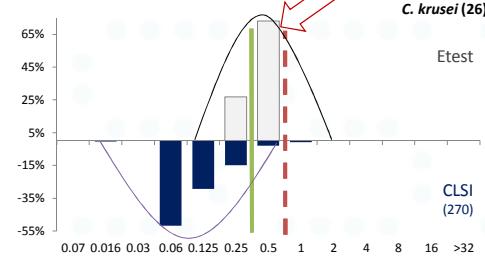
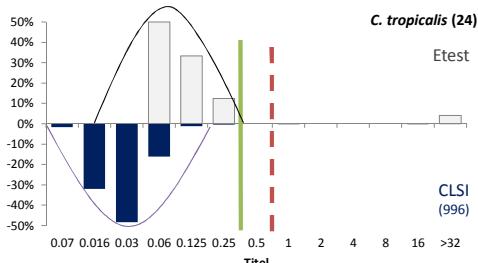
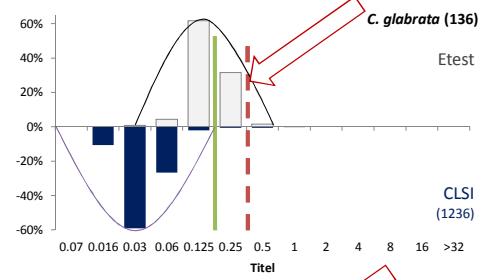
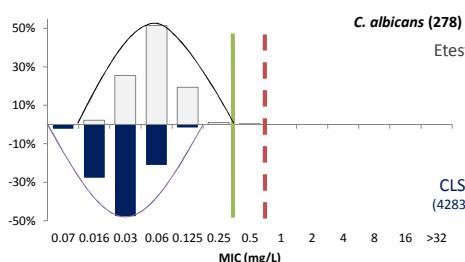
	CLSI M27-S3	CLSI Revised 2011 (M27-S4)	EUCAST
ANF	$\leq 2$	$\leq 0.25$ ; $> 0.5$ <u><math>\leq 0.125</math>; <math>&gt; 0.25</math></u>	(alb, krus, trop) (glab) $\leq 0.032$ ; $> 0.032$ $\leq 0.06$ ; $> 0.06$ $\leq 0.002$ ; $> 4$ (alb) (glab, krus, trop) (para) (guillier IE)
CSF	$\leq 2$	$\leq 2$ ; $> 4$ (para, guillier)	-
MFG	$\leq 2$	$\leq 0.25$ ; $> 0.5$ <u><math>\leq 0.06</math>; <math>&gt; 0.125</math></u> $\leq 2$ ; $> 4$	(alb, krus, trop) (glab) $\leq 0.016$ ; $> 0.016$ $\leq 0.03$ ; $> 0.03$ $\leq 0.002$ ; $> 2$ (alb) (glab, krus, trop) (para) (guillier IE)

www.eucast.org; Pfaller Drug Resist Updat. 2010 & 2011; www.cls.org

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## Etest: Caspofungin and CLSI BP

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## Echinocandin-R *C. glabrata*

Caspofungin BP  
proposal for Etest and  
*C. glabrata*

S ≤ 0.25 mg/L

Prior echinocandin exposure

Yes\*

Etest MIC > 0.25 µg/mL

Yes

Rate of clinical failure

91%  
(10/11)

Etest MIC > 0.25 µg/mL

Yes

Rate of clinical failure

33%  
(1/3)

No

30%  
(3/10)

No

19%  
(8/42)

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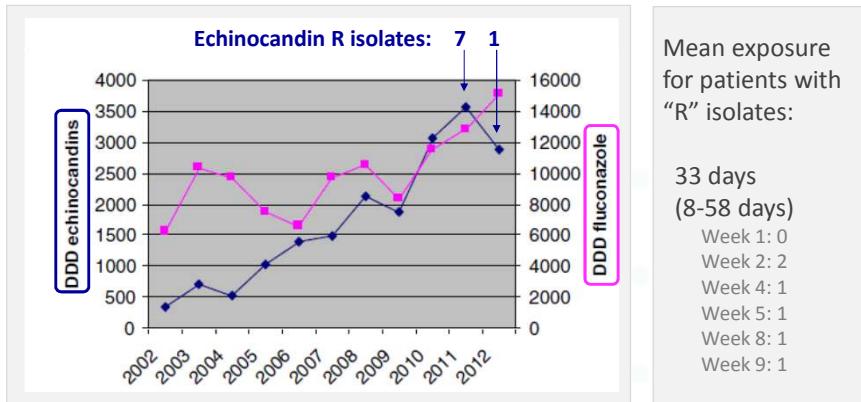
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## Echinocandin use and resistance

- Fluconazole & Echinocandin use (a Paris tertiary centre)

Year	Patients on echinocandins	DDD/patient	Breakthrough rate
2011	213	16.7	3.3%
2012	216	13.3	0.5% <span style="float: right;">P: 0.03</span>



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## Treatment choice after species ID (ESCMID guidelines)

- C. parapsilosis*
  - Change to Fluconazole
- C. glabrata, C. krusei* or another Fluconazole "I/R" strains
  - Continue echinocandin treatment
- C. albicans, C. tropicalis* and other fluconazole "S" strains
  - Consider Step down to fluconazole
    - If clinically stable and responding
    - After 10 days (ECCMID – based on the Reboli study)
    - Earlier?

But avoid >3 weeks whenever possible

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