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## HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use MICAFUNGIN FOR INJECTION safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for MICAFUNGIN FOR INJECTION.

## MICAFUNGIN for Injection, for intravenous use Initial U.S. Approval: 2005

RECENT MAJOR CHANGES	
Indications and Usage (1)	12/2019
Dosage and Administration, Dosage for Pediatric Patients	
Younger than 4 Months of Age (2.3)	12/2019
Warnings and Precautions, Infusion and Injection Site Reactions (5.5)	12/2019

## INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Micafungin for Injection is an echinocandin indicated in adult and pediatric patients for (1):

- Treatment of Candidemia, Acute Disseminated Candidiasis, *Candida* Peritonitis and Abscesses in adult and pediatric patients 4 months of age and older.
- Treatment of Candidemia, Acute Disseminated Candidiasis, *Candida* Peritonitis and Abscesses **without** meningoenophthalitis and/or ocular dissemination in pediatric patients younger than 4 months of age.
- Treatment of Esophageal Candidiasis in adult and pediatric patients 4 months of age and older.
- Prophylaxis of *Candida* Infections in adult and pediatric patients 4 months of age and older undergoing Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT).

## Limitations of Use

- The safety and effectiveness of Micafungin for Injection have not been established for the treatment of candidemia **with** meningoenophthalitis and/or ocular dissemination in pediatric patients younger than 4 months of age as a higher dose may be needed. (1, 2.3, 8.4)
- Micafungin for Injection has not been adequately studied in patients with endocarditis, osteomyelitis or meningoenophthalitis due to *Candida*. (1)
- The efficacy of Micafungin for Injection against infections caused by fungi other than *Candida* has not been established. (1)

## DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

### Recommended Dosage Administered by Indication, Weight and Age (2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 8.4)

Adult	Pediatric Patients 4 Months and Older, 30 kg or less	Pediatric Patients 4 Months and Older greater than 30 kg	Pediatric Patients Younger than 4 Months of Age
Treatment of Candidemia, Acute Disseminated Candidiasis, <i>Candida</i> Peritonitis and Abscesses			
100 mg daily	2 mg/kg/day (maximum 100 mg daily)		See below
Treatment of Candidemia, Acute Disseminated Candidiasis, <i>Candida</i> Peritonitis and Abscesses <b>without</b> Meningoenophthalitis and/or Ocular Dissemination			
See above	See above		4 mg/kg/day
Treatment of Esophageal Candidiasis			
150 mg daily	3 mg/kg/day	2.5 mg/kg/day (maximum 150 mg daily)	Not approved
Prophylaxis of <i>Candida</i> Infections in HSCT Recipients			
50 mg daily	1 mg/kg/day (maximum 50 mg daily)		Not approved

- Infuse over 1 hour. (2.5)
- See Full Prescribing Information for intravenous (IV) preparation and administration instructions. (2)

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## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Micafungin for Injection is indicated for:

- Treatment of Candidemia, Acute Disseminated Candidiasis, *Candida* Peritonitis and Abscesses in adult and pediatric patients 4 months of age and older [see *Clinical Studies* (14.1) and *Use in Specific Populations* (8.4)].
- Treatment of Candidemia, Acute Disseminated Candidiasis, *Candida* Peritonitis and Abscesses **without** meningoenophthalitis and/or ocular dissemination in pediatric patients younger than 4 months of age [see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.4)].
- Treatment of Esophageal Candidiasis in adult and pediatric patients 4 months of age and older [see *Clinical Studies* (14.2)].
- Prophylaxis of *Candida* Infections in adult and pediatric patients 4 months of age and older undergoing hemato-poietic stem cell transplantation [see *Clinical Studies* (14.3)].

#### Limitations of Use

- The safety and effectiveness of Micafungin for Injection have **not** been established for the treatment of candidemia **with** meningoenophthalitis and/or ocular dissemination in pediatric patients younger than 4 months of age as a higher dose may be needed [see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.4)].
- Micafungin for Injection has not been adequately studied in patients with endocarditis, osteomyelitis and meningoenophthalitis due to *Candida*.
- The efficacy of Micafungin for injection against infections caused by fungi other than *Candida* has not been established.

### 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### 2.1 Dosage for Adults

The recommended dosage for adult patients based on indications are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Micafungin for Injection Dosage in Adult Patients

Indication	Recommended Reconstituted Dose Once Daily
Treatment of Candidemia, Acute Disseminated Candidiasis, <i>Candida</i> Peritonitis and Abscesses*	100 mg
Treatment of Esophageal Candidiasis*	150 mg
Prophylaxis of <i>Candida</i> Infections in HSCT Recipients*	50 mg

\*In patients treated successfully for candidemia and other *Candida* infections, the mean duration of treatment was 15 days (range 10 to 47 days).

\*In patients treated successfully for esophageal candidiasis, the mean duration of treatment was 15 days (range 10 to 30 days).

\*In hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) recipients who experienced success of prophylactic therapy, the mean duration of prophylaxis was 19 days (range 6 to 51 days).

#### 2.2 Dosage for Pediatric Patients 4 Months and Older

The recommended dosage for pediatric patients 4 months of age and older based on indication and weight are shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Micafungin for Injection Dosage in Pediatric Patients (4 Months of Age and Older)

Indication	Dosage for Pediatric Patients 4 Months of Age and Older	
	30 kg or less	Greater than 30 kg
Treatment of Candidemia, Acute Disseminated Candidiasis, <i>Candida</i> Peritonitis and Abscesses	2 mg/kg once daily (maximum daily dose 100 mg)	
Treatment of Esophageal Candidiasis	3 mg/kg once daily	2.5 mg/kg once daily (maximum daily dose 150 mg)
Prophylaxis of <i>Candida</i> Infections in HSCT Recipients	1 mg/kg once daily (maximum daily dose 50 mg)	

#### 2.3 Dosage for Pediatric Patients Younger than 4 Months of Age

Treatment of Candidemia, Acute Disseminated Candidiasis, *Candida* Peritonitis and Abscesses **without** meningoenophthalitis and/or ocular dissemination

The recommended dosage is 4 mg/kg once daily.

The safety and effectiveness of Micafungin for Injection have **not** been established for the treatment of candidemia **with** meningoenophthalitis and/or ocular dissemination in pediatric patients younger than 4 months of age as a higher dose may be needed [see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.4), *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3) and *Microbiology* (12.4)].

#### 2.4 Directions for Reconstitution, Dilution, and Preparation

Do not mix or co-infuse Micafungin for Injection with other medications. Micafungin for Injection has been shown to precipitate when mixed directly with a number of other commonly used medications. Please read this entire section carefully before beginning reconstitution.

##### Reconstitution

Reconstitute Micafungin for Injection vials by aseptically adding 5 mL of one of the following compatible solutions:

- 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP (without a bacteriostatic agent).
- 5% Dextrose Injection, USP

To minimize excessive foaming, gently dissolve the Micafungin for Injection powder by swirling the vial. *Do not vigorously shake the vial.* Visually inspect the vial for particulate matter.

Micafungin for Injection 50 mg vial: after reconstitution each mL contains 10 mg of micafungin.

Micafungin for Injection 100 mg vial: after reconstitution each mL contains 20 mg of micafungin.

Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration, whenever solution and container permit. Do not use if there is any evidence of precipitation or foreign matter. Aseptic technique must be strictly observed in all handling since no preservative or bacteriostatic agent is present in Micafungin for Injection or in the materials specified for reconstitution and dilution.

The reconstituted product should be protected from light and may be stored in the original vial for up to 24 hours at room temperature, 25°C (77°F).

##### Dilution and Preparation

The diluted solution should be protected from light. It is not necessary to cover the infusion drip chamber or the tubing.

##### Adult Patients:

1. Add the appropriate volume of reconstituted Micafungin for Injection into 100 mL of 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP or 100 mL of 5% Dextrose Injection, USP.
2. Appropriately label the bag.

##### Pediatric Patients:

1. Calculate the total Micafungin for Injection dose in milligrams (mg) by multiplying the recommended pediatric dose (mg/kg) for a given indication (see Table 2) and the weight of the patient in kilograms (kg).
2. To calculate the volume (mL) of drug needed, divide the calculated dose (mg) from step 1 by the final concentration of the selected reconstituted vial(s) (either 10 mg/mL for the 50 mg vial or 20 mg/mL for the 100 mg vial), see example below:

Using 50 mg vials:

Divide the calculated mg dose (from step 1) by 10 mg/mL to determine the volume (mL) needed.

OR

Using 100 mg vials:

Divide the calculated mg dose (from step 1) by 20 mg/mL to determine the volume (mL) needed.

3. Withdraw the calculated volume (mL) of drug needed from the selected concentration and size of reconstituted Micafungin for Injection vial(s) used in Step 2 (ensure the selected concentration and vial size used to calculate the dose is also used to prepare the infusion).

4. Add the withdrawal volume of drug (step 3) to a 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP or 5% Dextrose Injection, USP intravenous infusion bag or syringe. Ensure that the final concentration of the solution is between 0.5 mg/mL to 4 mg/mL.

To decrease the risk of infusion reactions, concentrations above 1.5 mg/mL should be administered via central catheter [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.5)].

5. Appropriately label the infusion bag or syringe. For concentrations above 1.5 mg/mL, if required, label to specifically warn to administer the solution via central catheter.

The diluted infusion bag should be protected from light and may be stored for up to 24 hours at room temperature, 25°C (77°F).

Micafungin for Injection is preservative-free. Discard partially used vials.

#### 2.5 Infusion Volume and Duration

Administer Micafungin for Injection by intravenous infusion only. Infuse over one hour. More rapid infusions may result in more frequent histamine-mediated reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.5)].

Flush an existing intravenous line with 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP, prior to infusion of Micafungin for Injection.

##### Pediatric Patients

Micafungin for Injection should be infused over one hour. To decrease the risk of infusion reactions, concentrations above 1.5 mg/mL should be administered via central catheter [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.5)].

### 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- 50 mg single-dose vial
- 100 mg single-dose vial

### 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Micafungin for Injection is contraindicated in persons with known hypersensitivity to micafungin, any component of Micafungin for Injection, or other echinocandins.

### 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

#### 5.1 Hypersensitivity Reactions

Isolated cases of serious hypersensitivity (anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid) reactions (including shock) have been reported in patients receiving micafungin. If these reactions occur, micafungin infusion should be discontinued and appropriate treatment administered.

#### 5.2 Hematological Effects

Acute intravascular hemolysis and hemoglobinuria was seen in a healthy volunteer during infusion of micafungin (200 mg) and oral prednisolone (20 mg). Cases of significant hemolysis and hemolytic anemia have also been reported in patients treated with micafungin. Patients who develop clinical or laboratory evidence of hemolysis or hemolytic anemia during micafungin therapy should be monitored closely for evidence of worsening of these conditions and evaluated for the risk/benefit of continuing micafungin therapy.

#### 5.3 Hepatic Effects

Laboratory abnormalities in liver function tests have been seen in healthy volunteers and patients treated with micafungin. In some patients with serious underlying conditions who were receiving micafungin along with multiple concomitant medications, clinical hepatic abnormalities have occurred, and isolated cases of significant hepatic impairment, hepatitis, and hepatic failure have been reported. Patients who develop abnormal liver function tests during micafungin therapy should be monitored for evidence of worsening hepatic function and evaluated for the risk/benefit of continuing micafungin therapy.

#### 5.4 Renal Effects

Elevations in BUN and creatinine, and isolated cases of significant renal impairment or acute renal failure have been reported in patients who received micafungin. In fluconazole-controlled trials, the incidence of drug-related renal adverse reactions was 0.4% for micafungin-treated patients and 0.5% for fluconazole-treated patients. Patients who develop abnormal renal function tests during micafungin therapy should be monitored for evidence of worsening renal function.

#### 5.5 Infusion and Injection Site Reactions

Possible histamine-mediated symptoms have been reported with micafungin, including rash, pruritus, facial swelling, and vasodilatation. Slow the infusion rate if infusion reaction occurs [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.3)].

Injection site reactions, including phlebitis and thrombophlebitis have been reported, at micafungin doses of 50 to 150 mg/day. These reactions tended to occur more often in patients receiving micafungin via peripheral intravenous administration [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.3) and *Adverse Reactions* (6.1)].

### 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following clinically significant adverse reactions are described elsewhere in the labeling:

- Hypersensitivity Reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1)]
- Hematological Effects [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.2)]
- Hepatic Effects [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.3)]
- Renal Effects [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.4)]
- Infusion and Injection Site Reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.5)]

## DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- For injection: 50 mg single-dose vial. (3)
- For injection: 100 mg single-dose vial. (3)

## CONTRAINDICATIONS

Micafungin for Injection is contraindicated in persons with known hypersensitivity to micafungin, any component of Micafungin for Injection, or other echinocandins. (4)

## WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Hypersensitivity Reactions: Anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions (including shock) have been observed. Discontinue micafungin and administer appropriate treatment. (5.1)
- Hematological Effects: Isolated cases of acute intravascular hemolysis, hemolytic anemia and hemoglobinuria have been reported. Monitor rate of hemolysis. Discontinue if severe. (5.2)
- Hepatic Effects: Abnormalities in liver tests; isolated cases of hepatic impairment, hepatitis, and hepatic failure have been observed. Monitor hepatic function. Discontinue if severe dysfunction occurs. (5.3)
- Renal Effects: Elevations in BUN and creatinine; isolated cases of renal impairment or acute renal failure have been reported. Monitor renal function. (5.4)
- Infusion and Injection Site Reactions can occur including rash, pruritus, facial swelling, and vasodilatation. Monitor infusion closely, slow infusion rate if necessary. (2.5, 5.5)

## ADVERSE REACTIONS

- Most common adverse reactions across adult and pediatric clinical trials for all indications include diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, pyrexia, thrombocytopenia, neutropenia, and headache. (6.1)
- In pediatric patients younger than 4 months of age, the following additional common adverse reactions were reported at an incidence rate of  $\geq 15\%$ : sepsis, acidosis, anemia, oxygen saturation decreased and hypokalemia. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Fresenius Kabi USA, LLC at 1-800-551-7176 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

## DRUG INTERACTIONS

Monitor for sirolimus, itraconazole or nifedipine toxicity, and dosage of sirolimus, itraconazole or nifedipine should be reduced, if necessary. (7)

## USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

Pregnancy – Based on animal data, Micafungin may cause fetal harm. Advise pregnant women of the risk to the fetus. (8.1)

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION.

## 6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in clinical trials of micafungin cannot be directly compared to rates in clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

The overall safety of micafungin was assessed in 520 healthy volunteers and 3417 adult and pediatric patients who received single or multiple doses of micafungin across 50 clinical trials, including the invasive candidiasis, esophageal candidiasis and prophylaxis trials. The doses of micafungin administered included doses above and below the recommended doses [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.1, 2.2)] and ranged from 0.75 mg/kg to 15 mg/kg in pediatric patients and 12.5 mg to 150 mg/day or greater in adults.

#### Clinical Trials Experience in Adults

In clinical trials with micafungin, 2,497/2,748 (91%) adult patients experienced at least one adverse reaction.

#### *Candidemia and Other Candida Infections*

In a randomized, double-blind trial for the treatment of candidemia and other *Candida* infections, adverse reactions occurred in 183/200 (92%) and 171/193 (89%) patients in the micafungin 100 mg/day, and caspofungin (70 mg loading dose followed by 50 mg/day dose) treatment groups, respectively. Selected adverse reactions occurring in 5% or more of the patients and more frequently in the micafungin treatment group, are shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Selected\* Adverse Reactions in Adult Patients with Candidemia and Other *Candida* Infections

Adverse Reaction by System Organ Class <sup>1</sup>	Micafungin 100 mg n (%)	Caspofungin <sup>1</sup> n (%)
<b>Number of Patients</b>	200	193
<b>Gastrointestinal Disorders</b>	<b>81 (41)</b>	<b>76 (39)</b>
Diarrhea	15 (8)	14 (7)
Vomiting	18 (9)	16 (8)
<b>Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders</b>	<b>77 (39)</b>	<b>73 (38)</b>
Hypoglycemia	12 (6)	9 (5)
Hyperkalemia	10 (5)	5 (3)
<b>General Disorders/Administration Site Conditions</b>	<b>59 (30)</b>	<b>51 (26)</b>
<b>Investigations</b>	<b>36 (18)</b>	<b>37 (19)</b>
Blood Alkaline Phosphatase Increased	11 (6)	8 (4)
<b>Cardiac Disorders</b>	<b>35 (18)</b>	<b>36 (19)</b>
Atrial Fibrillation	5 (3)	0

Patient base: all randomized patients who received at least 1 dose of trial drug.

\* During treatment + 3 days.

<sup>1</sup> Within a system organ class, patients may experience more than 1 adverse reaction.

<sup>2</sup> 70 mg loading dose on day 1 followed by 50 mg/day thereafter (caspofungin).

In a second, supportive, randomized, double-blind trial for the treatment of candidemia and other *Candida* infections, adverse reactions occurred in 245/264 (93%) and 250/256 (94%) adult and pediatric patients in the micafungin (100 mg/day) and amphotericin B liposome (3 mg/kg/day) treatment groups, respectively. In this trial, the following adverse reactions were reported in patients at least 16 years of age in the micafungin and amphotericin B liposome treatment groups, respectively: nausea (10% vs. 8%), diarrhea (11% vs. 11%), vomiting (13% vs. 9%), abnormal liver function tests (4% vs. 3%), increased aspartate aminotransferase (3% vs. 2%), and increased blood alkaline phosphatase (3% vs. 2%).

#### Esophageal Candidiasis

In a randomized, double-blind study for treatment of esophageal candidiasis, a total of 202/260 (78%) patients who received micafungin 50 mg/day and 186/258 (72%) patients who received intravenous fluconazole 200 mg/day experienced an adverse reaction. Adverse reactions resulting in discontinuation were reported in 17 (7%) micafungin-treated patients; and in 12 (5%) fluconazole-treated patients. Selected treatment-emergent adverse reactions occurring in 5% or more of the patients and more frequently in the micafungin group, are shown in Table 4.

Table 4. Selected\* Adverse Reactions in Adult Patients with Esophageal Candidiasis

Adverse Reaction by System Organ Class <sup>1</sup>	Micafungin 150 mg/day n (%)	Fluconazole 200 mg/day n (%)
<b>Number of Patients</b>	260	258
<b>Gastrointestinal Disorders</b>	<b>84 (32)</b>	<b>93 (36)</b>
Diarrhea	27 (10)	29 (11)
Nausea	20 (8)	23 (9)
Vomiting	17 (7)	17 (7)
<b>General Disorders/Administration Site Conditions</b>	<b>52 (20)</b>	<b>45 (17)</b>
Pyrexia	34 (13)	21 (8)
<b>Nervous System Disorders</b>	<b>42 (16)</b>	<b>40 (16)</b>
Headache	22 (9)	20 (8)
<b>Vascular Disorders</b>	<b>54 (21)</b>	<b>21 (8)</b>
Phlebitis	49 (19)	13 (5)
<b>Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders</b>	<b>36 (14)</b>	<b>26 (10)</b>
Rash	14 (5)	6 (2)

Patient base: all randomized patients who received at least 1 dose of trial drug.

\* During treatment + 3 days.

<sup>1</sup> Within a system organ class, patients may experience more than 1 adverse reaction.

#### *Prophylaxis of Candida Infections in Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Recipients*

A double-blind trial was conducted in a total of 882 patients scheduled to undergo an autologous or allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant. The median duration of treatment was 18 days (range 1 to 51 days) in both treatment arms.

All adult patients who received micafungin (382) or fluconazole (409) experienced at least one adverse reaction during the study. Treatment-emergent adverse reactions resulting in micafungin discontinuation were reported in 15 (4%) adult patients; while those resulting in fluconazole discontinuation were reported in 32 (8%). Selected adverse reactions reported in 15% or more of adult patients and more frequently in the micafungin treatment arm, are shown in Table 5.

Table 5. Selected Adverse Reactions in Adult Patients during Prophylaxis of *Candida* Infection in Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Recipients

System Organ Class	Micafungin 50 mg/day n (%)	Fluconazole 400 mg/day n (%)
<b>Number of Patients</b>	382	409
<b>Gastrointestinal Disorders</b>	<b>377 (99)</b>	<b>404 (9</b>



**Data**  
**Animal Data**  
In an embryo-fetal toxicity study in pregnant rabbits, intravenous administration of micafungin sodium during organogenesis (days 6 to 18 of gestation) resulted in fetal visceral abnormalities and abortion at 32 mg/kg, a dose equivalent to four times the recommended human dose based on body surface area comparisons. Visceral abnormalities included abnormal lobation of the lung, levocardia, retrocaud ureter, anomalous right subclavian artery, and dilatation of the ureter.

**8.2 Lactation**  
**Risk Summary**  
There are no data on the presence of micafungin in human milk, the effects on the breast-fed infant or the effects on milk production. Micafungin was present in the milk of lactating rats following intravenous administration. When a drug is present in animal milk, it is likely that the drug will be present in human milk. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for micafungin, and any potential adverse effects on the breast-fed child from micafungin, or from the underlying maternal condition.

**8.4 Pediatric Use**  
**Pediatric Patients 4 Months of Age and Older**  
The safety and effectiveness of micafungin for the treatment of esophageal candidiasis, candidemia, acute disseminated candidiasis, *Candida* peritonitis and abscesses, esophageal candidiasis, and for prophylaxis of *Candida* infections in patients undergoing HSCT have been established in pediatric patients 4 months of age and older. Use of micafungin for these indications and in this age group is supported by evidence from adequate and well-controlled studies in adult and pediatric patients with additional pharmacokinetic and safety data in pediatric patients 4 months of age and older [see *Indications and Usage* (1), *Adverse Reactions* (6.1), *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3), and *Clinical Studies* (14)].

**Pediatric Patients Younger than 4 Months of Age**  
**Treatment of Candidemia, Acute Disseminated Candidiasis, Candida Peritonitis and Abscesses *Without* Meningoencephalitis and/or Ocular Dissemination in Pediatric Patients Younger Than 4 Months of Age**  
The safety and effectiveness of micafungin for the treatment of candidemia, acute disseminated candidiasis, *Candida* peritonitis and abscesses *without* meningoencephalitis and/or ocular dissemination at a dosage of 4 mg/kg once daily have been established in pediatric patients younger than 4 months of age. This use and dosage of micafungin are supported by evidence from adequate and well-controlled studies in adult and pediatric patients 4 months of age and older with additional pharmacokinetic and safety data in pediatric patients younger than 4 months of age [see *Adverse Reactions* (6.1) and *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3)].

**Treatment of Candidemia, Acute Disseminated Candidiasis, Candida Peritonitis and Abscesses *With* Meningoencephalitis and/or Ocular Dissemination in Pediatric Patients Younger Than 4 Months of Age**  
The safety and effectiveness of micafungin have **not** been established for the treatment of candidemia *with* meningoencephalitis and/or ocular dissemination in pediatric patients younger than 4 months of age.

In a rabbit model of hematogenous *Candida* meningoencephalitis (HCOME) with *Candida albicans* (minimum inhibitory concentration of 0.125 mcg/mL), a decrease in mean fungal burden in central nervous system (CNS) compartment assessed as the average of combined fungal burden in the cerebrum, cerebellum, and spinal cord relative to untreated controls, was observed with increasing micafungin dosages administered once daily for 7 days. Data from the rabbit model suggest that a micafungin dose regimen of 4 mg/kg once daily is inadequate to treat meningoencephalitis and that a dose regimen of approximately 10 to 25 mg/kg once daily may be necessary to lower fungal burden in the CNS in pediatric patients younger than 4 months of age [see *Microbiology* (12.4)]. In this rabbit model, micafungin concentrations could not be reliably detected in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF). Due to limitations of the study design, the clinical significance of a decreased CNS fungal burden in the rabbit HCOME model is uncertain. A randomized controlled trial evaluated a micafungin dose regimen of 10 mg/kg once daily in pediatric patients younger than 4 months of age with suspected or proven *Candida* meningoencephalitis. Fungal-free survival at 1 week after end of therapy was observed in 60% of micafungin-treated vs. 70% of amphotericin B-treated patients, and all- cause mortality was 15% vs. 10%, respectively. However, because this study was terminated early and enrolled only 30 pediatric patients younger than 4 months of age (20 treated with micafungin and 10 treated with amphotericin B) which was 13% of the planned enrollment for the study, no conclusions can be drawn regarding efficacy of micafungin at this dose regimen.

In six uncontrolled, open-label studies, and a neonatal intensive care unit (ICU) medical records database, pediatric patients younger than 4 months of age with suspected *Candida* meningoencephalitis or disseminated candidemia received micafungin at dose regimens ranging from 5 to 15 mg/kg once daily. Across the entire micafungin development program, only 6 pediatric patients with proven *Candida* meningoencephalitis were treated with dosages of 2 mg/kg, 8 mg/kg and 10 mg/kg once daily. Micafungin was detected in the CSF of pediatric patients with suspected *Candida* meningoencephalitis. No conclusions regarding the efficacy of a particular dosage of micafungin or the penetration of micafungin into the CSF can be drawn due to limitations of the data, including but not limited to, multiple confounding factors, variable study designs, and limited numbers of patients. No new safety signals were observed with the use of micafungin at dosages of 5 to 15 mg/kg once daily in pediatric patients younger than 4 months of age, and there was no discernible dose-response for adverse events.

Although the dosage for the treatment of candidemia with meningoencephalitis has not been established, antifungal activity in various CNS compartments in the rabbit HCOME model and limited clinical trial data suggest that in patients younger than 4 months of age, dose regimens 10 mg/kg once daily or higher may be necessary for the treatment of candidemia with meningoencephalitis. Safety data from clinical studies for micafungin at dose regimens of 10 to 15 mg/kg once daily in pediatric patients younger than 4 months of age did not reveal new safety signals.

**Treatment of Esophageal Candidiasis and Prophylaxis of Candida Infections in Patients Undergoing Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation in Pediatric Patients Younger Than 4 Months of Age**

The safety and effectiveness of micafungin in pediatric patients younger than 4 months of age have **not** been established for the:

- Treatment of esophageal candidiasis
- Prophylaxis of *Candida* infections in patients undergoing hematopoietic stem cell transplantation

**8.5 Geriatric Use**  
A total of 16 subjects in clinical studies of micafungin were 65 years of age and older, and 124 subjects were 75 years of age and older. No overall differences in safety and effectiveness were observed between these subjects and younger subjects. Other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between the elderly and younger patients, but greater sensitivity of some older individuals cannot be ruled out.

The exposure and disposition of a 50 mg micafungin dose administered as a single 1-hour infusion to 10 healthy subjects aged 66 to 78 years were not significantly different from those in 10 healthy subjects aged 20 to 24 years. No dose adjustment is necessary for the elderly.

**8.6 Use in Patients with Renal Impairment**  
Micafungin does not require dose adjustment in patients with renal impairment. Supplementary dosing should not be required following hemodialysis [see *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3)].

**8.7 Use in Patients with Hepatic Impairment**  
Dose adjustment of micafungin is not required in patients with mild, moderate, or severe hepatic impairment [see *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3)].

**8.8 Race and Gender**  
No dose adjustment of micafungin is required based on gender or race. After 14 daily doses of 150 mg to healthy subjects, micafungin AUC in women was greater by approximately 23% compared with men, due to smaller body weight. No notable differences among white, black, and Hispanic subjects were seen. The micafungin AUC was greater by 19% in Japanese subjects compared to blacks, due to smaller body weight.

**9 DRUG ABUSE AND DEPENDENCE**  
There has been no evidence of either psychological or physical dependence or withdrawal or rebound effects with micafungin.

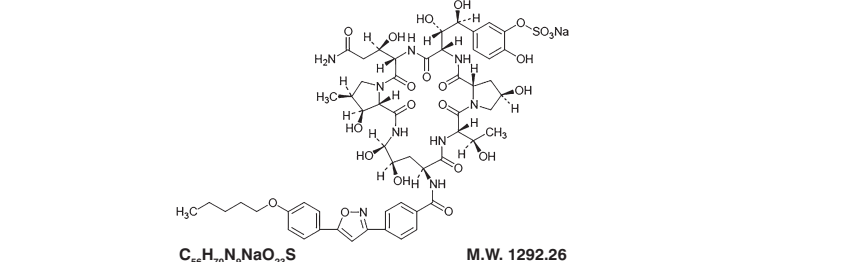
**10 OVERDOSAGE**  
Micafungin is highly protein bound and, therefore, is not dialyzable. No cases of micafungin overdosage have been reported. Repeated daily doses up to 8 mg/kg (maximum total dose of 896 mg) in adult patients, up to 6 mg/kg in pediatric patients 4 months of age and older, and up to 15 mg/kg in pediatric patients younger than 4 months of age have been administered in clinical trials with no reported dose-limiting toxicity [see *Adverse Reactions* (6.1) and *Use in Specific Populations* (8.4)].

**11 DESCRIPTION**  
Micafungin for Injection is a sterile, lyophilized product for intravenous (IV) infusion that contains micafungin sodium. Micafungin sodium is a semisynthetic lipopeptide (echinocandin) synthesized by a chemical modification of a fermentation product of *Coleophoma ampetri* F-11899. Micafungin inhibits the synthesis of 1, 3-beta-D-glucan, an integral component of the fungal cell wall.

Each single dose vial contains 50 mg micafungin (equivalent to 50.86 mg micafungin sodium) or 100 mg micafungin (equivalent to 101.73 mg micafungin sodium), 200 mg lactose, with citric acid and/or sodium hydroxide (used for pH adjustment). Micafungin for Injection must be diluted with 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP, or 5% Dextrose Injection, USP [see *Dosage and Administration* (2)]. Following reconstitution with 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP the resulting pH of the solution is between 5-7. Micafungin sodium is chemically designated as:

Neomucanoid A0-1-[(4R,5R)-4,5-dihydroxy-N<sup>2</sup>-[4-[5-[4-(pentyloxy)phenyl]-3-isoxazolyl]benzoyl]-L-ornithine]-4-[(4S)-4-hydroxy-4-[4-hydroxy-3-(sulfooxy)phenyl]-L-threonine]-, monosodium salt.

The chemical structure of micafungin sodium is:



Micafungin sodium is a light-sensitive, hygroscopic white powder that is freely soluble in water, isotonic sodium chloride solution, N,N-dimethylformamide and dimethylsulfoxide, slightly soluble in methyl alcohol, and practically insoluble in acetonitrile, ethyl alcohol (95%), acetone, diethyl ether and n-hexane.

**12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**  
**12.1 Mechanism of Action**  
Micafungin is a member of the echinocandin class of antifungal agents [see *Microbiology* (12.4)].

**12.2 Pharmacodynamics**  
The pharmacodynamics of micafungin related to hematogenous *Candida* meningoencephalitis are described in other sections of the prescribing information [see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.4) and *Microbiology* (12.4)].

**12.3 Pharmacokinetics**  
**Adults**  
The pharmacokinetics of micafungin were determined in healthy subjects, hematopoietic stem cell transplant recipients, and patients with esophageal candidiasis up to a maximum daily dose of 8 mg/kg body weight. The relationship of area under the concentration-time curve (AUC) to micafungin dose was linear over the daily dose range of 50 mg to 150 mg and 3 mg/kg body weight. Typically, 85% of the steady-state concentration is achieved after three daily micafungin doses.

Steady-state pharmacokinetic parameters in relevant patient populations after repeated daily administration are presented in Table 7.

Table 7. Pharmacokinetic Parameters of Micafungin in Adult Patients					
Population	n	Dose (mg)	Pharmacokinetic Parameters (Mean ± Standard Deviation)		
			C <sub>0</sub> (mcg/mL)	AUC <sub>0-24</sub> (mcg·h/mL)	Cl (mL/min/kg)
Patients with IC <sup>a</sup> [Day 1]	20	100	5.7 ± 2.2	83 ± 51	14.5 ± 7.0
[Steady State]	20	100	10.1 ± 4.4	97 ± 29	13.4 ± 2.0
HIV <sup>+</sup> Positive Patients with EC <sup>b</sup> [Day 1]	20	50	4.1 ± 1.4	38 ± 9	14.9 ± 4.3
	20	100	29.2 ± 9.3	318 ± 91	0.327 ± 0.093
	14	150	11.6 ± 3.1	151 ± 45	14.1 ± 2.6
[Day 14 or 21]	20	50	5.1 ± 1.0	54 ± 13	15.8 ± 2.8
	20	100	10.1 ± 2.6	115 ± 25	16.9 ± 4.4
	14	150	16.4 ± 6.5	167 ± 40	15.2 ± 2.2
HSCT <sup>c</sup> Recipients [Day 7]	8	per kg	21.1 ± 2.84	234 ± 34	14 ± 1.4
	3	3	29.2 ± 6.2	339 ± 72	14.2 ± 3.2
	10	6	38.4 ± 6.9	479 ± 157	14.9 ± 2.6
	8	8	60.8 ± 26.9	663 ± 212	17.2 ± 2.3

<sup>a</sup> AUC<sub>0-24h</sub> is presented for day 1; AUC<sub>0-24</sub> is presented for steady state.  
<sup>b</sup> candidemia or other *Candida* Infections  
<sup>c</sup> human immunodeficiency virus  
<sup>d</sup> esophageal candidiasis  
<sup>e</sup> hematopoietic stem cell transplant

**Pediatric Patients 4 Months of Age and Older**  
Micafungin pharmacokinetics in 229 pediatric patients 4 months through 16 years of age were characterized using population pharmacokinetics. Micafungin exposure was dose proportional across the dose and age range studied.

Table 8. Summary (Mean +/- Standard Deviation) of Micafungin Pharmacokinetics in Pediatric Patients 4 Months of Age and Older (Steady-State)					
Body weight group	N	Dose <sup>a</sup> mg/kg	C <sub>0,mean</sub> <sup>b</sup> (mcg/mL)	AUC <sub>0-24</sub> <sup>c</sup> (mcg·h/mL)	Cl <sup>d</sup> (mL/min/kg)
30 kg or less	149	1.0	7.1 +/- 4.7	55 +/- 16	0.328 +/- 0.091
		2.0	14.2 +/- 9.3	109 +/- 31	
		3.0	21.3 +/- 14	164 +/- 47	
Greater than 30 kg	80	1.0	8.7 +/- 5.6	67 +/- 17	0.241 +/- 0.061
		2.0	17.5 +/- 11.2	134 +/- 33	
		2.5	23 +/- 14.5	176 +/- 42	

<sup>a</sup> Or the equivalent if receiving the adult dose (50, 100, or 150 mg)  
<sup>b</sup> Derived from simulations from the population PK model.  
<sup>c</sup> Derived from the population PK model

**Pediatric Patients Younger than 4 Months of Age**  
Micafungin pharmacokinetic data in 103 pediatric patients less than 4 months of age were assessed using population pharmacokinetics. Micafungin exposure was dose proportional across the dose regimens and age ranges studied. The body weight-normalized micafungin clearance in pediatric patients less than 4 months of age is higher than the body weight-normalized micafungin clearance in older pediatric patients greater than 4 months of age and adults.

Administration of 4 mg/kg once daily micafungin to pediatric patients less than 4 months of age produces a mean (SD) steady-state AUC of 131 (50) mcg·h/mL, which is comparable to the steady-state AUC in pediatric patients 4 months of age and older administered micafungin 2 mg/kg/day and adults administered 100 mg once daily.

**Specific Populations**  
**Adult Patients with Renal Impairment**  
Micafungin does not require dose adjustment in patients with renal impairment. A single 1-hour infusion of 100 mg micafungin was administered to 9 adult subjects with severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance less than 30 mL/min) and to 9 age-, gender-, and weight-matched subjects with normal renal function (creatinine clearance greater than 80 mL/min). The maximum concentration (C<sub>max</sub>) and AUC were not significantly altered by severe renal impairment. Since micafungin is highly protein bound, it is not dialyzable. Supplementary dosing should not be required following hemodialysis.

**Adult Patients with Hepatic Impairment**  
• A single 1-hour infusion of 100 mg micafungin was administered to 8 adult subjects with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh score 7 to 9) and 8 age-, gender-, and weight-matched subjects with normal hepatic function. The C<sub>max</sub> and AUC values of micafungin were lower by approximately 22% in subjects with moderate hepatic impairment compared to normal subjects. This difference in micafungin exposure does not require dose adjustment of micafungin in patients with moderate hepatic impairment.  
• A single 1-hour infusion of 100 mg micafungin was administered to 8 adult subjects with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh score 10 to 12) and 8 age-, gender-, ethnic- and weight-matched subjects with normal hepatic function. The mean C<sub>max</sub> and AUC values of micafungin were lower by approximately 30% in subjects with severe hepatic impairment compared to normal subjects. The mean C<sub>max</sub> and AUC values of M-5 metabolite were approximately 2.3-fold higher in subjects with severe hepatic impairment compared to normal subjects; however, this exposure (parent and metabolite) was comparable to that in patients with systemic *Candida* infection. Therefore, no micafungin dose adjustment is necessary in patients with severe hepatic impairment.

**Distribution**  
The mean ± standard deviation volume of distribution of micafungin at terminal phase was 0.39 ± 0.11 L/kg body weight when administered in adult patients with esophageal candidiasis at the dose range of 50 mg to 150 mg. Micafungin is highly (greater than 99%) protein bound *in vitro*, independent of plasma concentrations over the range of 10 to 100 mcg/mL. The primary binding protein is albumin; however, micafungin, at therapeutically relevant concentrations, does not competitively displace bilirubin binding to albumin. Micafungin also binds to a lesser extent to α1-acid-glycoprotein.

Micafungin is neither a substrate nor an inhibitor of P-glycoprotein.  
**Metabolism**  
Micafungin is metabolized to M-1 (catechol form) by arylsulfatase, with further metabolism to M-2 (methoxy form) by catechol-O-methyltransferase. M-5 is formed by hydroxylation at the side chain (ω-1 position) of micafungin catalyzed by cytochrome P450 (CYP) enzymes. Even though micafungin is a substrate for and a weak inhibitor of CYP3A *in vitro*, hydroxylation by CYP3A is not a major pathway for micafungin metabolism *in vivo*. Micafungin is neither a P-glycoprotein substrate nor inhibitor *in vitro*.

In four healthy volunteer studies, the ratio of metabolite to parent exposure (AUC) at a dose of 150 mg/day was 6% for M-1, 1% for M-2, and 6% for M-5. In patients with esophageal candidiasis, the ratio of metabolite to parent exposure (AUC) at a dose of 150 mg/day was 11% for M-1, 2% for M-2, and 12% for M-5.

**Excretion**  
The excretion of radioactivity following a single intravenous dose of <sup>14</sup>C-micafungin sodium for injection (25 mg) was evaluated in healthy volunteers. At 28 days post-injection, the total radioactivity excreted in urine and feces accounted for 82.5% (76.4% to 87.9%) of the administered dose. Fecal excretion is the major route of elimination (total radioactivity at 28 days was 71% of the administered dose).

**12.4 Microbiology**  
**Mechanism of Action**  
Micafungin inhibits the synthesis of 1, 3-beta-D-glucan, an essential component of fungal cell walls, which is not present in mammalian cells.

**Activity in Animal Models of Candidiasis**  
Activity of micafungin has been demonstrated in both mucosal and disseminated murine and rabbit models of candidiasis. Micafungin administered intravenously to immunocompetent or immunosuppressed mice or rabbits with disseminated candidiasis prolonged survival (mice) and/or decreased the fungal burden in different organs including brain in a dose-dependent manner (mice and rabbits). Overall, antifungal activity of micafungin was demonstrated in the brain and eye tissues of nonneutropenic rabbits with HCOME infected with a micafungin-sensitive strain of *C. albicans*;

however, the activity varied in different central nervous system and ocular compartments. In the cerebrum, culture negativity was achieved at a micafungin dose regimen of 32 mg/kg once daily for 7 days; and in the spinal cord, vitreous humor, and choroid, culture negativity was achieved at micafungin dose regimens of 24 to 32 mg/kg once daily. Compared to untreated animals, micafungin dose regimens between 8 and 24 mg/kg once daily reduced fungal burden in the cerebrum and cerebellum. When cerebrum, cerebellum and spinal cord data were combined, a decrease in fungal burden relative to untreated controls was evident at micafungin dose regimens between 16 and 32 mg/kg once daily [see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.4)].

**Resistance**  
There have been reports of clinical failures in patients receiving micafungin therapy due to the development of drug resistance. Some of these have identified specific mutations in the FKS1 protein component of the glucan synthase enzyme that are associated with higher MICs and breakthrough infection.

**Antimicrobial Activity**  
Micafungin has been shown to be active against most isolates of the following *Candida* species, both *in vitro* and in clinical infections [see *Indications and Usage* (1)]:

*Candida albicans*  
*Candida glabrata*  
*Candida guilliermondii*  
*Candida krusei*  
*Candida parapsilosis*  
*Candida tropicalis*

**Susceptibility Testing**  
For specific information regarding susceptibility test interpretive criteria and associated test methods and quality control standards recognized by FDA for this drug, please see: <https://www.fda.gov/STIC>.

**13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY**  
**13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility**  
Hepatic carcinomas and adenomas were observed in a 6-month intravenous toxicology study with an 18-month recovery period of micafungin sodium in rats designed to assess the reversibility of hepatocellular lesions.

Rats administered micafungin sodium for 3 months at 32 mg/kg/day (corresponding to 8 times the highest recommended human dose [150 mg/day], based on AUC comparisons), exhibited colored patches/zones, multi-nucleated hepatocytes and altered hepatocellular foci after 1 or 3-month recovery periods, and adenomas were observed after a 21-month recovery period. Rats administered micafungin sodium at the same dose for 6 months exhibited adenomas after a 12-month recovery period; after an 18-month recovery period, an increased incidence of adenomas was observed, and additionally, carcinomas were detected. A lower dose of micafungin sodium (equivalent to 5 times the human AUC) in the 6-month rat study resulted in a lower incidence of adenomas and carcinomas following 18 months recovery. The duration of micafungin dosing in these rat studies (3 or 6 months) exceeds the usual duration of micafungin dosing in patients, which is typically less than 1 month for treatment of esophageal candidiasis, but dosing may exceed 1 month for *Candida* prophylaxis.

Although the increase in carcinomas in the 6-month rat study did not reach statistical significance, the persistence of altered hepatocellular foci subsequent to micafungin dosing, and the presence of adenomas and carcinomas in the recovery periods suggest a causal relationship between micafungin sodium, altered hepatocellular foci, and hepatic neoplasms. Whole-life carcinogenicity studies of micafungin in animals have not been conducted, and it is not known whether the hepatic neoplasms observed in treated rats also occur in other species, or if there is a dose threshold for this effect.

Micafungin sodium was not mutagenic or clastogenic when evaluated in a standard battery of *in vitro* and *in vivo* tests (i.e., bacterial reversion – *S. typhimurium*, *E. coli*; chromosomal aberration; intravenous mouse micronucleus).

Male rats treated intravenously with micafungin sodium for 9 weeks showed vacuolation of the epididymal ductal epithelial cells at or above 10 mg/kg (about 0.6 times the recommended clinical dose for esophageal candidiasis, based on body surface area comparisons). Higher doses (about twice the recommended clinical dose, based on body surface area comparisons) resulted in higher epididymis weights and reduced numbers of sperm cells. In a 39-week intravenous study in dogs, seminiferous tubular atrophy and decreased sperm in the epididymis were observed at 10 and 32 mg/kg, doses equal to about 2 and 7 times the recommended clinical dose, based on body surface area comparisons. There was no impairment of fertility in animal studies with micafungin sodium.

**13.2 Animal Toxicology and/or Pharmacology**  
High doses of micafungin sodium (5 to 8 times the highest recommended human dose, based on AUC comparisons) have been associated with irreversible changes in the liver when administered for 3 or 6 months, and these changes may be indicative of pre-malignant processes [see *Nonclinical Toxicology* (13.1)].

**14 CLINICAL STUDIES**

**14.1 Treatment of Candidemia and Other Candida Infections in Adult and Pediatric Patients 4 Months of Age and Older**  
Two dose levels of micafungin were evaluated in a randomized, double-blind study to determine the efficacy and safety versus caspofungin in patients with invasive candidiasis and candidemia. Patients were randomized to receive once daily intravenous infusions (IV) of micafungin, either 100 mg/day or 150 mg/day or caspofungin (70 mg loading dose followed by 50 mg maintenance dose). Patients in both study arms were permitted to switch to intravenous caspofungin after at least 10 days of intravenous micafungin if they were non-neutropenic and had improvement or resolution of clinical signs and symptoms, had a *Candida* isolate which was susceptible to fluconazole, and had documentation of 2 negative cultures drawn at least 24 hours apart. Patients were stratified by APACHE II score (20 or less or greater than 20) and by geographic region. Patients with *Candida* endocarditis were excluded from this analysis. Outcome was assessed by overall treatment success based on clinical (complete resolution or improvement in attributable signs and symptoms and radiographic abnormalities of the *Candida* infection and no additional antifungal therapy) and mycological (eradication or presumed eradication) response at the end of IV therapy. Deaths that occurred during IV study drug therapy were treated as failures.

In this study, 111/578 (19.2%) of the patients had baseline APACHE II scores of greater than 20, and 50/578 (8.7%) were neutropenic at baseline (absolute neutrophil count less than 500 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>). Outcome, relapse and mortality data are shown for the recommended dose of micafungin (100 mg/day) and caspofungin in Table 9.

Table 9. Efficacy Analysis: Treatment Success in Patients in Study 03-0-192 with Candidemia and other Candida Infections		
	Micafungin 100 mg/day n (%) % treatment difference (95% CI)	Caspofungin 70/50 mg/day <sup>a</sup> n (%)
<b>Treatment Success at End of IV Therapy<sup>b</sup></b>	135/191 (70.7) 7.4 (-2.0, 16.3)	119/188 (63.3)
<b>Success in Patients with Neutropenia at Baseline</b>	14/22 (63.6)	5/11 (45.5)
<b>Success by Site of Infection</b>		
<b>Candidemia</b>	116/163 (71.2)	103/161 (64)
<b>Abscess</b>	4/5 (80)	5/9 (55.6)
<b>Acute disseminated<sup>c</sup></b>	6/13 (46.2)	5/9 (55.6)
<b>Endophthalmitis<sup>d</sup></b>	1/1	1/1
<b>Chorioretinitis</b>	0/3	0
<b>Skin</b>	1/1	1/1
<b>Kidney</b>	2/2	0
<b>Pancreas</b>	1/1	0
<b>Peritoneum</b>	1/1	0
<b>Lung/Spleen</b>	0/1	0
<b>Liver</b>	0/1	0/2
<b>Intraabdominal abscess</b>	0	3/5
<b>Chronic Disseminated</b>	0/1	0
<b>Peritonitis</b>	4/6 (66.7)	2/5 (40)
<b>Success by Organism<sup>e</sup></b>		
<b>C. albicans</b>	57/81 (70.4)	45/73 (61.6)
<b>C. glabrata</b>	16/23 (69.6)	19/31 (61.3)
<b>C. tropicalis</b>	17/27 (63)	22/29 (75.9)
<b>C. parapsilosis</b>	21/28 (75)	22/39 (56.4)
<b>C. krusei</b>	5/8 (62.5)	2/3 (66.7)
<b>C. guilliermondii</b>	1/2	0/1
<b>C. lusitanae</b>	2/3 (66.7)	2/2
<b>Relapse through 6 Weeks<sup>f</sup></b>		
<b>Overall</b>	49/135 (36.3)	44/119 (37)
<b>Culture confirmed relapse</b>	5	5
<b>Required systemic antifungal therapy</b>	11	5
<b> Died/23% follow-up</b>	17	17
<b>Not assessed</b>	16	19
<b>Overall study mortality</b>	58/200 (29)	51/193 (26.4)
<b>Mortality during IV therapy</b>	28/200 (14)	27/193 (14)

<sup>a</sup> 70 mg loading dose on day 1 followed by 50 mg/day thereafter (caspofungin)  
<sup>b</sup> All patients who received at least one dose of study medication and had documented invasive candidiasis or candidemia.  
<sup>c</sup> Patients with *Candida* endocarditis, *Candida* peritonitis, *Candida* abscesses, and *Candida* disseminated infections.  
<sup>d</sup> A patient may have had greater than 1 organ of dissemination  
<sup>e</sup> A patient may have had greater than 1 baseline infection species  
<sup>f</sup> All patients who had a culture confirmed relapse or required systemic antifungal therapy in the post treatment period for a suspected or proven *Candida* infection. Also includes patients who died or were not assessed in follow-up.

In two cases of ophthalmic involvement assessed as failures in the above table due to missing evaluation at the end of IV treatment with micafungin, therapeutic success was documented during protocol-defined oral fluconazole therapy.

**14.2 Treatment of Esophageal Candidiasis in Adult and Pediatric Patients 4 Months of Age and Older**  
In two concurrent, randomized, double-blind studies, 445 adults with endoscopically-proven candidiasis received micafungin, and 318 received fluconazole for a median duration of 14 days (range 1 to 33 days). Micafungin was evaluated in a randomized, double-blind study which compared micafungin 150 mg/day (n = 260) to intravenous fluconazole 200 mg/day (n = 258) in adults with endoscopically-proven esophageal candidiasis. Most patients in this study had HIV infection, with CD4 cell counts less than 100 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>. Outcome was assessed by endoscopy and by clinical response at the end of treatment. Endoscopic cure was defined as endoscopic grade 0, based on a scale of 0 to 3. Clinical cure was defined as complete resolution in clinical symptoms of esophageal candidiasis (dysphagia, odynophagia, and retrosternal pain). Overall therapeutic cure was defined as both clinical and endoscopic cure. Mycological eradication was determined by culture, and by histological or cytological evaluation of esophageal biopsy or brushings obtained endoscopically at the end of treatment. As shown in Table 10, endoscopic cure, clinical cure, overall therapeutic cure, and mycological eradication were comparable for patients in the micafungin and fluconazole treatment groups.

Table 10. Endoscopic, Clinical, and Mycological Outcomes for Esophageal Candidiasis at End-of-Treatment
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