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Notes

1. The EUCAST tables of clinical breakpoints for antifungal agents contain clinical MIC breakpoints determined over the period 2002-2011.

2. Numbered footnotes relating to MIC breakpoints are listed in a column on the right of the spreadsheet rather than below the table.

3. Highlighted names of antifungal agents link to EUCAST rationale documents. Highlighted MIC breakpoints link to EUCAST MIC distributions.

4. One version of the document is released as an unprotected Excel file to enable users to alter the list of agents to suit the range of agents tested locally and to present breakpoints in the format used locally. The content of single cells cannot be changed.
Hide lines by right-clicking on the line number and choosing "hide".
Hide columns by right-clicking on the column letter and choosing "hide".
If you wish to add the intermediate columns for MICs and/or zone diameters right-click on the column letter and choose "insert". The intermediate values are inferred from the "S" and "R" breakpoints.

5. In order to simplify the EUCAST tables, the intermediate category is not listed. It is readily interpreted as the values between the S and the R breakpoint. For example, for MIC breakpoints listed as S ≤ 1 mg/L and R > 8 mg/L, the intermediate category is 2-8 (technically >1-8) mg/L.

"-" indicates that susceptibility testing is not recommended as the species is a poor target for therapy with the drug. Isolates may be reported as R without prior testing.
"IE" indicates that there is insufficient evidence that the species in question is a good target for therapy with the drug. An MIC with a comment but without an accompanying S, I or R categorisation may be reported.
NA = Not Applicable
IP = In Preparation

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Table	Changes from version 4.0 (Changes are marked with yellow highlights)
***Candida* spp.**	"IE" replaced by Note[3] or "-" for caspofungin. New comment on caspofungin.

Table	Changes from version 3.0
All	The EUCAST breakpoint tables version 4.0 are converted from a Word table format to an Excel spreadsheet format.
***Aspergillus* spp.**	Clinical breakpoints for *Aspergillus* spp. are added.

Candida spp.

EUCAST Antifungal Clinical Breakpoint Table v. 4.1, valid from 2012-03-05

MIC method (EUCAST standardised broth microdilution method)
Medium: RPMI1640-2% glucose, MOPS buffer
Inoculum: Final $0.5x10^5$ – $2.5x10^5$ cfu/mL
Incubation: 18-24h
Reading: Spectrophotometric, full inhibition for amphotericin B but 50% growth inhibition for other compounds
Quality control: *C. parapsilosis* ATCC 22019 or *C. krusei* ATCC 6258

Antifungal agent	MIC breakpoint (mg/L)														Notes
	C. albicans		*C. glabrata*		*C. krusei*		*C. parapsilosis*		*C. tropicalis*		*C. guillermondii*		Non-species related breakpoints[1]		
	S ≤	R >	S ≤	R >	S ≤	R >	S ≤	R >	S ≤	R >	S ≤	R >	S ≤	R >	
															1. Non-species related breakpoints have been determined mainly on the basis of PK/PD data and are independent of MIC distributions of specific species. They are for use only for organisms that do not have specific breakpoints.
Amphotericin B	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	IE	IE	IE	IE	
Anidulafungin	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	-	-	0.06	0.06	IE[2]	IE[2]	IE	IE	**2.** The ECOFFs for these species are in general higher than for *C. albicans*.
Caspofungin	Note[3]	Note[3]	Note[3]	Note[3]	Note[3]	Note[3]	-	-	Note[3]	Note[3]	IE[2]	IE[2]	IE	IE	**3.** Due to significant inter-laboratory variation in MIC ranges for caspofungin, EUCAST breakpoints have not yet been established.
Fluconazole	2	4	IE[2]	IE[2]	-	-	2	4	2	4	IE[2]	IE[2]	2	4	
Itraconazole	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	
Micafungin	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	-	-	IP	IP	IE[2]	IE[2]	IP	IP	
Posaconazole	0.06	0.06	IE[2]	IE[2]	IE[2]	IE[2]	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	IE[2]	IE[2]	IE	IE	
Voriconazole	0.12^4	0.12^4	IE	IE	IE	IE	0.12^4	0.12^4	0.12^4	0.12^4	IE[2]	IE[2]	IE	IE	**4.** Strains with MIC values above the S/I breakpoint are rare or not yet reported. The identification and antimicrobial susceptibility tests on any such isolate must be repeated and if the result is confirmed the isolate sent to a reference laboratory. Until there is evidence regarding clinical response for confirmed isolates with MIC above the current resistant breakpoint (in italics) they should be reported resistant.

Aspergillus spp.

EUCAST Antifungal Clinical Breakpoint Table v. 4.1, valid from 2012-03-05

MIC method (EUCAST standardised broth microdilution method)
Medium: RPMI1640-2% glucose, MOPS as buffer
Inoculum: Final 1x10(5) – 2.5x10(5) cfu/mL
Incubation: 48h
Reading: Visual
Quality control: *A. fumigatus* ATCC 204305, *A. flavus* ATCC 204304, *A. fumigatus* F 6919, *A. flavus* CM 1813, *C. parapsilosis* ATCC 22019 (read after 18-24 h) or *C. krusei* ATCC 6258 (read after 18-24 h)

Antifungal agent	MIC breakpoint (mg/L)												Notes
	A. flavus		*A. fumigatus*		*A. nidulans*		*A. niger*		*A. terreus*		Non-species related breakpoints[1]		
	S ≤	R >	S ≤	R >	S ≤	R >	S ≤	R >	S ≤	R >	S ≤	R >	
													1. Non-species related breakpoints have been determined mainly on the basis of PK/PD data and are independent of MIC distributions of specific species. They are for use only for organisms that do not have specific breakpoints.
Amphotericin B	IE[2]	IE[2]	1	2	Note[3]	Note[3]	1	2	-	-	IE	IE	**2.** The ECOFFs for these species are in general one step higher than for *A. fumigatus.* **3.** There are too few MIC data to establish ECOFFs and hence to suggest any breakpoints.
Anidulafungin	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	
Caspofungin	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	
Fluconazole	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Itraconazole[4]	1	2	1	2	1	2	IE[2,5]	IE[2,5]	1	2	IE[5]	IE[5]	**4.** Monitoring of itraconazole trough concentrations in patients treated for fungal infection is recommended. **5.** The MIC values for isolates of *A. niger* and *A. versicolor* are in general higher than those for *A. fumigatus* . Whether this translates into a poorer clinical response is unknown.
Micafungin	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	IE	
Posaconazole	IE[2]	IE[2]	0.12[6]	0.25[6]	IE[2]	IE[2]	IE[2]	IE[2]	0.12[6]	0.25[6]	IE	IE	**6.** Provided adequate drug exposure has been confirmed using therapeutic drug monitoring (TDM). There remains some uncertainty regarding cut-off values for posaconazole concentrations that separate patients with a high probability of clinical success from those with a low probability of clinical success. In some circumstances (e.g. patients with persistent and profound neutropenia, large lesions, or those with other features associated with a poor clinical outcome) a relatively high trough concentration should be sought. Preclinical and clinical data suggest this value should be >1 mg/L at steady state. For other patient groups a lower trough concentration may be acceptable. For prophylaxis a target concentration of >0.7 mg/L has been suggested.
Voriconazole	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	IP	