

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

SCHEDULING STATUS

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1 NAME OF THE MEDICINE

MICONONIN 50 mg powder for concentrate for solution for infusion.
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2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

MICONONIN 50 mg:
Each vial contains micafungin sodium equivalent to micafungin 50 mg.
After reconstitution, each ml contains micafungin sodium equivalent to micafungin 10 mg.
Contains sugar: lactose monohydrate 47.62 mg/ml.
MICONONIN 100 mg:
Each vial contains micafungin sodium equivalent to micafungin 100 mg.
After reconstitution, each ml contains micafungin sodium equivalent to micafungin 20 mg.
Contains sugar: lactose monohydrate 47.62 mg/ml.
For full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Powder for concentrate for solution for infusion.
Lyophilized white to off-white powder.

4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

MICONONIN is indicated for:

- Adults, adolescents ≥ 16 years of age and elderly:
 - Treatment of invasive candidiasis.
 - Treatment of oesophageal candidiasis in patients for whom intravenous therapy is appropriate.
 - Prophylaxis of *Candida* infection in patients undergoing allogenic haematopoietic stem cell transplantation or patients who are expected to have neutropenia (absolute neutrophil count < 500 cells/µl) for 10 or more days.

Children (including neonates) and adolescents < 16 years of age:

- Treatment of invasive candidiasis.
- Prophylaxis of *Candida* infection in patients undergoing allogenic haematopoietic stem cell transplantation or patients who are expected to have neutropenia (absolute neutrophil count < 500 cells/µl) for 10 or more days.

Commonly susceptible species [MIC ranges in Europe, mg/l] *in vitro*

Candida albicans [0,007 – 0,25], *Candida glabrata* [0,007 – 0,12], *Candida tropicalis* [0,007 – 0,12], *Candida krusei* [0,015 – 0,12], *Candida kefyr* [0,03 – 0,06], *Candida parapsilosis* [0,12 – 2], *Candida guilliermondii* [0,5], *Candida lusitanae* [0,12 – 0,25], *Candida* spp. [0,015 – 0,5] (incl. *C. famata*, *C. dubliniensis*, *C. lipolytica*, *C. pelliculosa*, *C. rugosa*, *C. stellatoidea* and *C. zeylanoides*), *Aspergillus fumigatus*, *Aspergillus flavus*, *Aspergillus niger*, *Aspergillus terreus*, *Aspergillus nidulans*, *Aspergillus versicolor*.⁽¹⁾
The mycelial form of dimorphic fungi (e.g. *Histoplasma capsulatum*, *Blastomyces dermatitidis*, *Coccidioides immitis*).

The decision to use MICONONIN should take into account a potential risk for the development of liver tumours MICONONIN should therefore only be used if other antifungals are not appropriate (see section 4.4).

4.2 Posology and method of administration

Posology

Treatment with MICONONIN should be initiated by a medical practitioner experienced in the management of fungal infections. Specimens for fungal culture and other relevant laboratory studies (including histopathology) should be obtained prior to therapy to isolate and identify causative organism(s). Therapy may be instituted before the results of the cultures and other laboratory studies are known. However, once these results become available, antifungal therapy should be adjusted accordingly. The dose regimen of MICONONIN depends on the body weight of the patient as given in the following tables:

Use in adults, adolescents ≥ 16 years of age and elderly

Indication	Body weight > 40 kg	Body weight ≤ 40 kg
Treatment of invasive candidiasis	100 mg/day*	2 mg/kg/day
Treatment of oesophageal candidiasis	150 mg/day	3 mg/kg/day
Prophylaxis of <i>Candida</i> infection	50 mg/day	1 mg/kg/day

* If the patient's response is inadequate, e.g., persistence of cultures or if clinical condition does not improve, the dose may be increased to 200 mg/day in patients weighing > 40 kg or 4 mg/kg/day in patients ≤ 40 kg.

Use in children ≥ 4 months of age up to adolescents < 16 years of age

Indication	Body weight > 40 kg	Body weight ≤ 40 kg
Treatment of invasive candidiasis	100 mg/day*	2 mg/kg/day
Prophylaxis of <i>Candida</i> infection	50 mg/day	1 mg/kg/day

* If the patient's response is inadequate, e.g., persistence of cultures or if clinical condition does not improve, the dose may be increased to 200 mg/day in patients weighing > 40 kg or 4 mg/kg/day in patients ≤ 40 kg.

Use in children (including neonates) < 4 months

Indication	
Treatment of invasive candidiasis	4 - 10 mg/kg/day*
Prophylaxis of <i>Candida</i> infection	2 mg/kg/day

* Micafungin dosed at 4 mg/kg in children less than 4 months approximates drug exposures achieved in adults receiving 100 mg/day for the treatment of invasive candidiasis. If central nervous system (CNS) infection is suspected, a higher dosage (e.g. 10 mg/kg) should be used due to the dose-dependent penetration of micafungin into the CNS. The safety and efficacy in children (including neonates) less than 4 months of age of doses of 4 and 10 mg/kg for the treatment of invasive candidiasis with CNS involvement has not been adequately established in controlled clinical studies.

Treatment duration

Invasive candidiasis

The treatment duration of *Candida* infection should be a minimum of 14 days. The antifungal treatment should continue for at least one week after two sequential negative blood cultures have been obtained and **after** resolution of clinical signs and symptoms of infection.

Oesophageal candidiasis

For the treatment of oesophageal candidiasis, MICONONIN should be administered for at least one week after resolution of clinical signs and symptoms.

Prophylaxis of *Candida* infections

For prophylaxis of *Candida* infection, MICONONIN should be administered for at least one week after neutrophil recovery.

Special populations

Hepatic impairment

No dose adjustment is necessary in patients with mild or moderate hepatic impairment. There are currently no data available for the use of MICONONIN in patients with severe hepatic impairment and its use is not recommended in these patients (see section 4.4 and 4.8).

Renal impairment

No dose adjustment is necessary in patients with renal impairment.

Paediatric population

Experience with MICONONIN in patients less than 2 years of age is limited.

Method of administration

For intravenous use.

After reconstitution and dilution, the solution should be administered by intravenous infusion over approximately 1 hour. More rapid infusions may result in more frequent histamine mediated reactions. The reconstituted solution should be a clear transparent solution and free of visible particles as undissolved matter. For reconstitution instructions see section 6.6.

4.3 Contraindications

- Hypersensitivity to micafungin or to any of the other excipients of MICONONIN (see section 6.1).

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

<p>Hepatic effects The development of foci of altered hepatocytes (FAH) and hepatocellular tumours after a treatment period of 3 months or longer were observed in rats. The assumed threshold for tumour development in rats is approximately in the range of clinical exposure. The clinical relevance of this finding is not known. Liver function should be carefully monitored during micafungin treatment. To minimise the risk of adaptive regeneration and potentially subsequent liver tumour formation, early discontinuation in the presence of significant and persistent elevation of ALT/AST is recommended. Micafungin treatment should be conducted on a careful risk/benefit basis, particularly in patients having severe liver function impairment or chronic liver diseases known to represent preneoplastic conditions, such as advanced liver fibrosis, cirrhosis, viral hepatitis, neonatal liver disease or congenital enzyme defects, or receiving a concomitant therapy including hepatotoxic and/or genotoxic properties.</p>

Principles of antibiotics stewardship should be adhered to.

Data indicates that micafungin (as contained in MICONONIN) treatment was associated with significant impairment of liver function (increase of ALT, AST or total bilirubin > 3 times ULN) in both healthy volunteers and patients. In some patients more severe hepatic dysfunction, hepatitis, or hepatic failure including fatal cases have been reported. Paediatric patients < 1 year of age might be more prone to liver injury (see section 4.8).

Anaphylactic reactions

During administration of MICONONIN, anaphylactoid reactions including shock may occur. If these reactions occur, MICONONIN infusion should be discontinued, and appropriate treatment administered.

Skin reactions

Exfoliative cutaneous reactions, such as Stevens-Johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis have been reported. If patients develop a rash, they should be monitored closely and MICONONIN discontinued if lesions progress.

Haemolysis

Cases of haemolysis, including acute intravascular haemolysis or haemolytic anaemia, have been reported in patients treated with micafungin (as in MICONONIN). Patients who develop clinical or laboratory evidence of haemolysis during MICONONIN therapy should be monitored closely for evidence of worsening of these conditions and evaluated for the risk/benefit of continuing MICONONIN therapy.

Renal effects

MICONONIN may cause kidney problems, renal failure, and abnormal renal function test. Patients should be closely monitored for worsening of renal function.

Interactions with other medicines

A total of 14 clinical interaction studies were conducted in healthy volunteers to evaluate the potential for interaction between micafungin and mycophenolate mofetil, ciclosporin, tacrolimus, prednisolone, sirolimus, nifedipine, fluconazole, ritonavir, rifampicin, amphotericin B, itraconazole and voriconazole. In these studies, no interaction that altered the pharmacokinetics of micafungin was observed. Exposure (AUC) of sirolimus was increased in the presence of micafungin (21 %). Patients receiving sirolimus in combination with micafungin should be monitored for sirolimus toxicity and the sirolimus dosage should be adjusted if necessary.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

MICONONIN should not be used during pregnancy and breastfeeding (see section 4.6).

Paediatric population

The incidence of some adverse reactions was higher in paediatric patients than in adult patients (see section 4.8).

Lactose warning

MICONONIN contains lactose monohydrate. Patients with the rare hereditary conditions of galactose intolerance e.g. galactosaemia, Lapp lactase deficiency, glucose-galactose malabsorption or fructose intolerance should not receive MICONONIN.

This medicine contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per dose, that is to say essentially 'sodium-free'.

4.5 Interaction with other medicines and other forms of interaction

Micafungin has a low potential for interactions with medicines metabolised via CYP3A mediated pathways.

Interaction studies in healthy human subjects were conducted to evaluate the potential for interaction between micafungin and mycophenolate mofetil, ciclosporin, tacrolimus, prednisolone, sirolimus, nifedipine, fluconazole, ritonavir, rifampicin, itraconazole, voriconazole and amphotericin B. In these studies, no evidence of altered pharmacokinetics of micafungin was observed. No MICONONIN dose adjustments are necessary when these medicines are administered concomitantly.

Exposure (AUC) of itraconazole, sirolimus and nifedipine was slightly increased in the presence of micafungin (22 %, 21 % and 18 % respectively). Co-administration of micafungin and amphotericin B desoxycholate was associated with a 30 % increase in amphotericin B desoxycholate exposure. Since this may be of clinical significance this co-administration should only be used when the benefits clearly outweigh the risks, with close monitoring of amphotericin B desoxycholate toxicities (see section 4.4). Patients receiving sirolimus in combination with micafungin should be monitored for sirolimus toxicity and the sirolimus dosage should be adjusted if necessary (see section 4.4).

4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

Pregnancy

There are no data from the use of MICONONIN in pregnant women. In animal studies micafungin crossed the placental barrier and reproductive toxicity was seen. The potential risk for humans is unknown.

MICONONIN should not be used during pregnancy.

Breastfeeding

It is not known whether MICONONIN is excreted in human breast milk. Animal studies have shown excretion of MICONONIN in breast milk.

MICONONIN should not be used during breastfeeding.

Fertility

Testicular toxicity was observed in animal studies. MICONONIN may have the potential to affect male fertility in humans.

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

No studies on the effects on the ability to drive and use machines have been performed. However, patients should be informed that somnolence and dizziness has been reported during treatment with MICONONIN (see section 4.8).

4.8 Undesirable effects

a. Summary of the safety profile

Overall, 32.2 % of the patients experienced adverse drug reactions. The most frequently reported adverse reactions were nausea, increased blood alkaline phosphatase, phlebitis (primarily in HIV infected patients with peripheral lines), vomiting, and increased aspartate aminotransferase. No clinically significant differences were seen when the safety data were analysed by gender or race.

b. Tabulated summary of adverse reactions

The frequency of adverse reactions listed below is defined using the following convention: frequent; less frequent or frequency unknown (cannot be estimated from the available data).

System organ class	Frequency	Adverse reactions
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	Frequent	Leukopenia, neutropenia, anaemia
	Less frequent	Pancytopenia, thrombocytopenia, eosinophilia, hypoalbuminaemia, haemolytic anaemia, haemolysis (see section 4.4)
	Frequency unknown	Disseminated intravascular coagulation
Immune system disorders	Less frequent	Anaphylactic/anaphylactoid reaction, hypersensitivity
	Frequency unknown	Anaphylactic and anaphylactoid shock (see section 4.4)
Endocrine disorders	Less frequent	Hyperhidrosis
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	Frequent	Hypokalaemia, hypomagnesaemia, hypocalcaemia
	Less frequent	Hyponatraemia, hyperkalaemia, hypophosphataemia, anorexia
Psychiatric disorders	Less frequent	Insomnia, anxiety, confusion

System organ class	Frequency	Adverse reactions
Nervous system disorders	Frequent	Headache
	Less frequent	Somnolence, tremor, dizziness, dysgeusia
Cardiac disorders	Less frequent	Tachycardia, palpitations, bradycardia
Vascular disorders	Frequent	Phlebitis
	Less frequent	Hypotension, hypertension, flushing
	Frequency unknown	Shock
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	Less frequent	Dyspnoea
Gastrointestinal disorders	Frequent	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain
	Less frequent	Dyspepsia, constipation
Hepato-biliary disorders	Frequent	Increased blood alkaline phosphatase, increased aspartate aminotransferase, increased alanine aminotransferase, increased blood bilirubin (including hyperbilirubinaemia), abnormal liver function test
	Less frequent	Hepatic failure (see section 4.4), increased gamma-glutamyl-transferase, jaundice, cholestasis, hepatomegaly, hepatitis
	Frequency unknown	Hepatocellular damage including fatal cases (see section 4.4)
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Frequent	Rash
	Less frequent	Urticaria, pruritis, erythema ^(2, 3)
	Frequency unknown	Toxic skin eruption, erythema multiforme, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, toxic dermal necrolysis (see section 4.4)
Renal and urinary disorders	Less frequent	Increased blood creatinine, increased blood urea, aggravated renal failure
	Frequency unknown	Renal impairment (see section 4.4), acute renal failure
General disorders and administration site conditions	Frequent	Pyrexia, rigors
	Less frequent	Injection site thrombosis, infusion site inflammation, injection site pain, peripheral oedema
Investigations	Less frequent	Increased blood lactate dehydrogenase

c. Description of selected adverse reactions

Hepatic adverse reactions

Most hepatic adverse reactions were mild and moderate. Most frequent reactions were increase in AP, AST, ALT, blood bilirubin and abnormal liver function test. Few patients discontinued treatment due to a hepatic event. Cases of serious hepatic dysfunction occurred uncommonly (see section 4.4).

d. Paediatric population

Some adverse reactions (listed below) were higher in paediatric patients than in adult patients. Additionally, paediatric patients < 1 year of age experienced about two times more often an increase in ALT, AST and AP than older paediatric patients. The most likely reason for these differences were different underlying conditions compared with adults or older paediatric patients. The proportion of paediatric patients with neutropenia was several-fold higher than in adult patients, as well as allogenic HSCT and haematological malignancy.

Blood and lymphatic system disorder

Frequent – thrombocytopenia

Cardiac disorder

Frequent – tachycardia

Vascular disorders

Frequent – hypertension, hypotension

Hepatobiliary disorders

Frequent – hyperbilirubinaemia, hepatomegaly

Renal and urinary disorders

Frequent – acute renal failure, increased blood urea

Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicine is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicine. Healthcare providers are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions to SAHPRA via the "6.04 Adverse Drug Reactions & Quality Problem Reporting Form", found online under SAHPRA's publications: <https://www.sahpra.org.za/Publications/Index/8>.

4.9 Overdose

There is no experience with overdoses of MICONONIN. In case of overdose, general supportive measures and symptomatic treatment should be administered. MICONONIN is highly protein-bound and not dialysable.

5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

A.20.2.2 Antimicrobial (chemotherapeutic agents): Fungicides.

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Antimicrotics for systemic use, other antimicrotics for systemic use, ATC code: J02AX05.

Mode of action

Micafungin non-competitively inhibits the synthesis of 1,3-β-D-glucan, an essential component of the fungal cell wall. 1,3-β-D-glucan is not present in mammalian cells.

Micafungin exhibits fungicidal activity against most *Candida* species and prominently inhibits actively growing hyphae of *Aspergillus* species.

PK/PD relationship

Available data shows that an additive or synergistic pharmacodynamic interaction of micafungin and amphotericin B was found in a mouse model of pulmonary aspergillosis (immunosuppression with hydrocortisone, intranasal infection with *Aspergillus fumigatus*).

Mechanism(s) of resistance

Cases of reduced susceptibility and resistance have been reported and cross-resistance with other echinocandins cannot be excluded. Reduced susceptibility to echinocandins has been associated with mutations in the Fks1 gene coding for a major subunit of glucan synthase.

Inherently resistant organisms

Cryptococcus spp., *Pseudallescheria* spp., *Scedosporium* spp., *Fusarium* spp., *Trichosporon* spp., *Zygomycetes* spp.

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Absorption

Pharmacokinetics is linear over the daily dose range of 12.5 mg to 200 mg and 3 mg/kg to 8 mg/kg.

There is no evidence of systemic accumulation with repeated administration and steady state is generally reached within 4 to 5 days.

Distribution

Following intravenous administration concentrations of micafungin show a bi-exponential decline. Micafungin is rapidly distributed into tissues. In systemic circulation, micafungin is highly bound to plasma protein (> 99 %), primarily to albumin.

Binding to albumin is independent of micafungin concentration (10–100 µg/ml).

The volume of distribution at steady state (V_{ss}) was approximately 18–19 litres.

Biotransformation

Unchanged micafungin is the principal circulating compound in systemic circulation. Micafungin has been shown to be metabolised to several compounds; of these M-1 (catechol form), M-2 (methoxy form of M-1) and M-5 (hydroxylation at the side chain) of micafungin have been detected in systemic circulation. Exposure to these metabolites is low and metabolites do not contribute to the overall efficacy of micafungin. Even though micafungin is a substrate for CYP3A *in vitro*, hydroxylation by CYP3A is not a major pathway for micafungin metabolism *in vivo*.

Elimination

The mean terminal half-life is approximately 10–17 hours and stays consistent across doses up to 8 mg/kg and after single and repeated administration. Total clearance was 0,15–0,3 ml/min/kg in healthy subjects and adult patients and is independent of dose after single and repeated administration. Following a single intravenous dose of ¹⁴C-micafungin (25 mg) to healthy volunteers, 11,6 % of the radioactivity was recovered in the urine and 71,0 % in the faeces over 28 days. These data indicate that elimination of micafungin is primarily non-renal. In plasma, metabolites M-1 and M-2 were detected only at trace concentrations and metabolite M-5, the more abundant metabolite, accounted for a total of 6,5 % relative to parent compound.

Special population

Paediatric patients

In paediatric patients, micafungin exposure is dose proportional in the dose range of 0.5–4 mg/kg, and up to 10 mg/kg in infants less than 4 months of age. Clearance is influenced by weight with mean values of weight-adjusted clearance 1,35 times higher in the younger children (4 months to 5 years) and 1,14 times higher in children aged 6 to 11 years. Older children (12–16 years) had mean clearance values similar to those determined in adult patients. Mean weight-adjusted clearance in infants less than 4 months of age is approximately 2,6-fold greater than older children (12–16 years) and 2,3-fold greater than in adults. Weight-adjusted clearance differences support weight-based dosing up to body weights within the range of 40 (treatment) to 50 kg (prophylaxis), above which adult dosing is recommended.

Micafungin dosed at 4 mg/kg in infants less than 4 months approximates drug exposures achieved in adults receiving 100 mg/day for the treatment of invasive candidiasis. Higher doses (e.g., 10 mg/kg) may be required to treat CNS infection in infants less than 4 months of age as demonstrated by a PK-PD bridging study that showed dose-dependent penetration of micafungin into the CNS to achieve maximum eradication of fungal burden in the CNS tissues. Population PK modelling demonstrated that a dose of 10 mg/kg in infants less than 4 months of age would be sufficient to achieve the target exposure for the treatment of CNS *Candida* infections.

Elderly

Available data indicates that when administered as a single 1-hour infusion of 50 mg the pharmacokinetics of micafungin in the elderly (aged 66–78 years) were similar to those in young (20–24 years) subjects. No dose adjustment is necessary for the elderly.

Patients with hepatic impairment

Available data from a study performed in patients with moderate hepatic impairment (Child -Pugh score 7–9), (n=8) shows that, the pharmacokinetics of micafungin did not significantly differ from those in healthy subjects (n=8). Therefore, no dose adjustment is necessary for patients with mild to moderate hepatic impairment. The pharmacokinetics of micafungin has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic insufficiency.

Patients with renal impairment

Severe renal impairment (Glomerular Filtration Rate [GFR] <30 ml/min) did not significantly affect the pharmacokinetics of micafungin. No dose adjustment is necessary for patients with renal impairment.

6 PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Citric acid anhydrous (E330) (to adjust the pH)

Lactose monohydrate

Sodium hydroxide (E524) (to adjust the pH)

Water for injection

6.2 Incompatibilities

This medicine must not be mixed or co-infused with other medicine except those mentioned in section 6.6.

6.3 Shelf life

Unopened vial

30 months

Reconstituted concentrate in vial

24 hours when reconstituted with sodium chloride 9 mg/ml (0,9 %) or dextrose 50 mg/ml (5 %) solution for infusion (Reconstituted concentrate in vial).

Diluted infusion solution

24 hours when diluted with sodium chloride 9 mg/ml (0,9 %) or dextrose 50 mg/ml (5 %) solution for infusion (Diluted solution for infusion).

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store at or below 25 °C in the original package in order to protect from light. This medicine can withstand direct light exposure for up to 60 days (2 months).

Reconstituted concentrate in vial