

Antifungal drugs

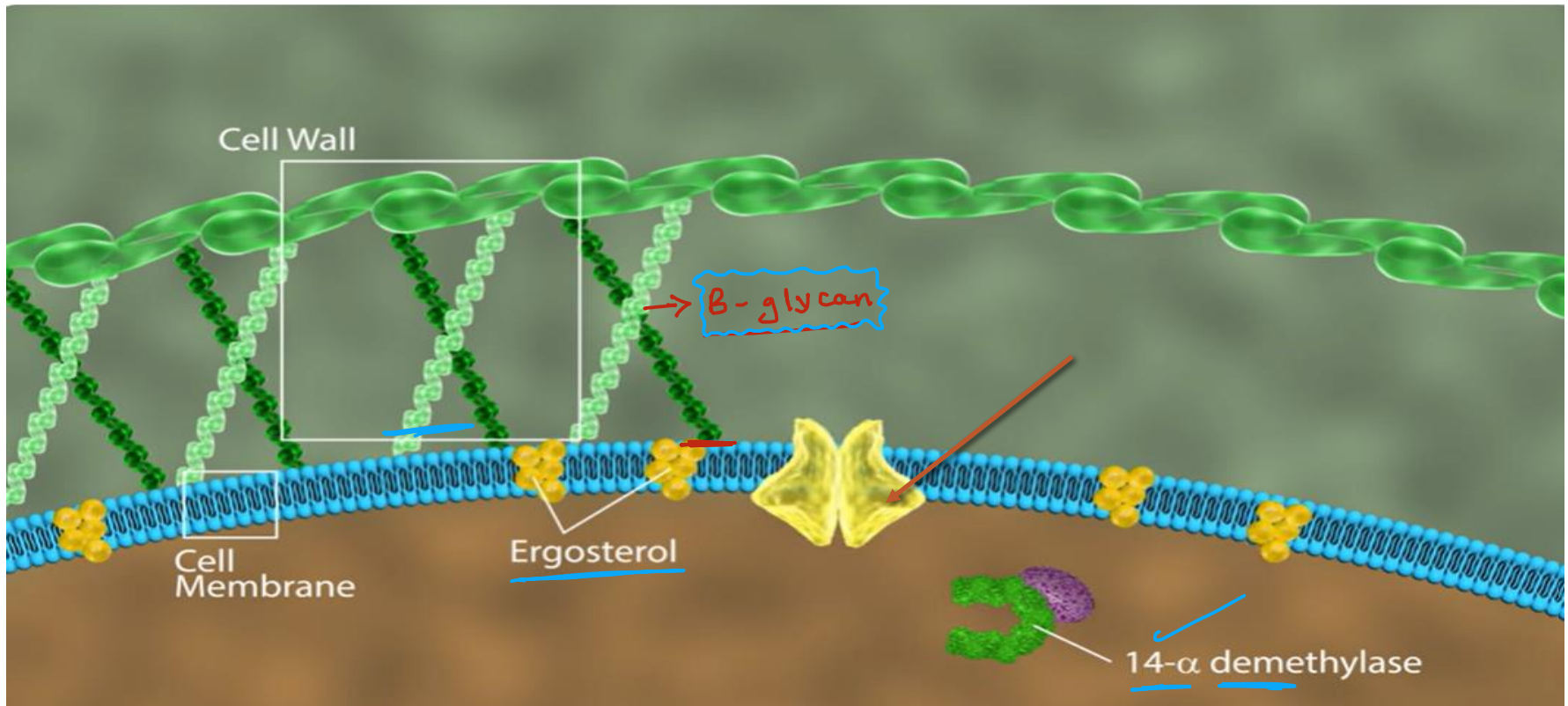
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FUNGAL CELL WALL STRUCTURE

→ it appear when the immunity disrupted !!



1- How does the lipid of cell membrane formed?

2- what're the drug does it involved in disruption of fungal cell membrane?

3- what're the division of antifungal drug?

Antifungal therapy

LANOSTEROL SYNTHESIS

Terbinafine **Fungicidal**

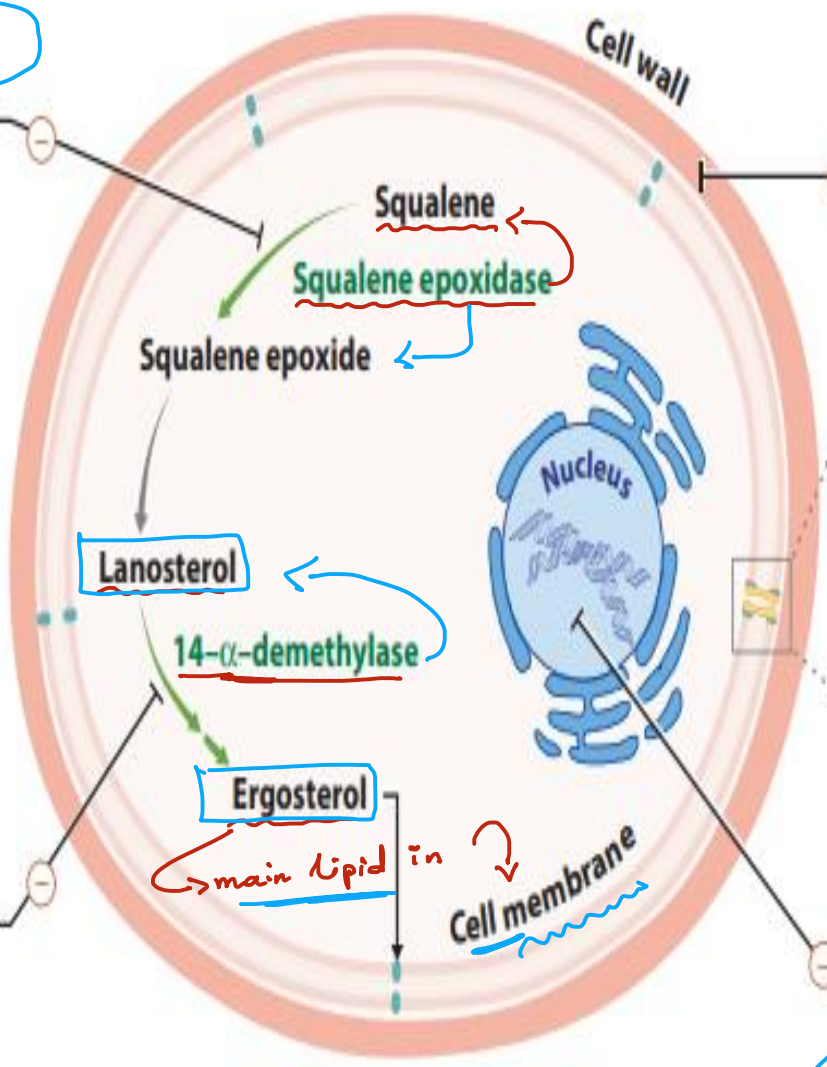
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ERGOSTEROL SYNTHESIS

Azoles Fungicidal :-
Clotrimazole
Fluconazole
Itraconazole
Ketoconazole
Miconazole
Voriconazole

prevent the formation of Ergosterol

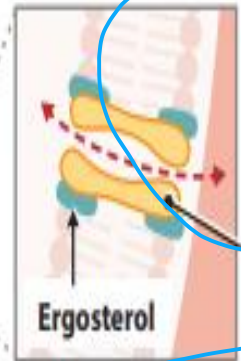
FUNGAL CELL



Fungicidal CELL WALL SYNTHESIS :-

Echinocandins
Anidulafungin
Caspofungin
Micafungin

Fungicidal CELL MEMBRANE INTEGRITY



Polyenes
Amphotericin B **parenteral**
Nystatin **not absorbed just local**

Nice to have

NUCLEIC ACID SYNTHESIS **Poity DNA**

Flucytosine **Cancer drug**
Fungal infection

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→ classification according to Target?

Antifungals

Cell wall inhibitors ①
Cidal

Terbinafine
Amphotericin B

Nystatin

Echinocandins
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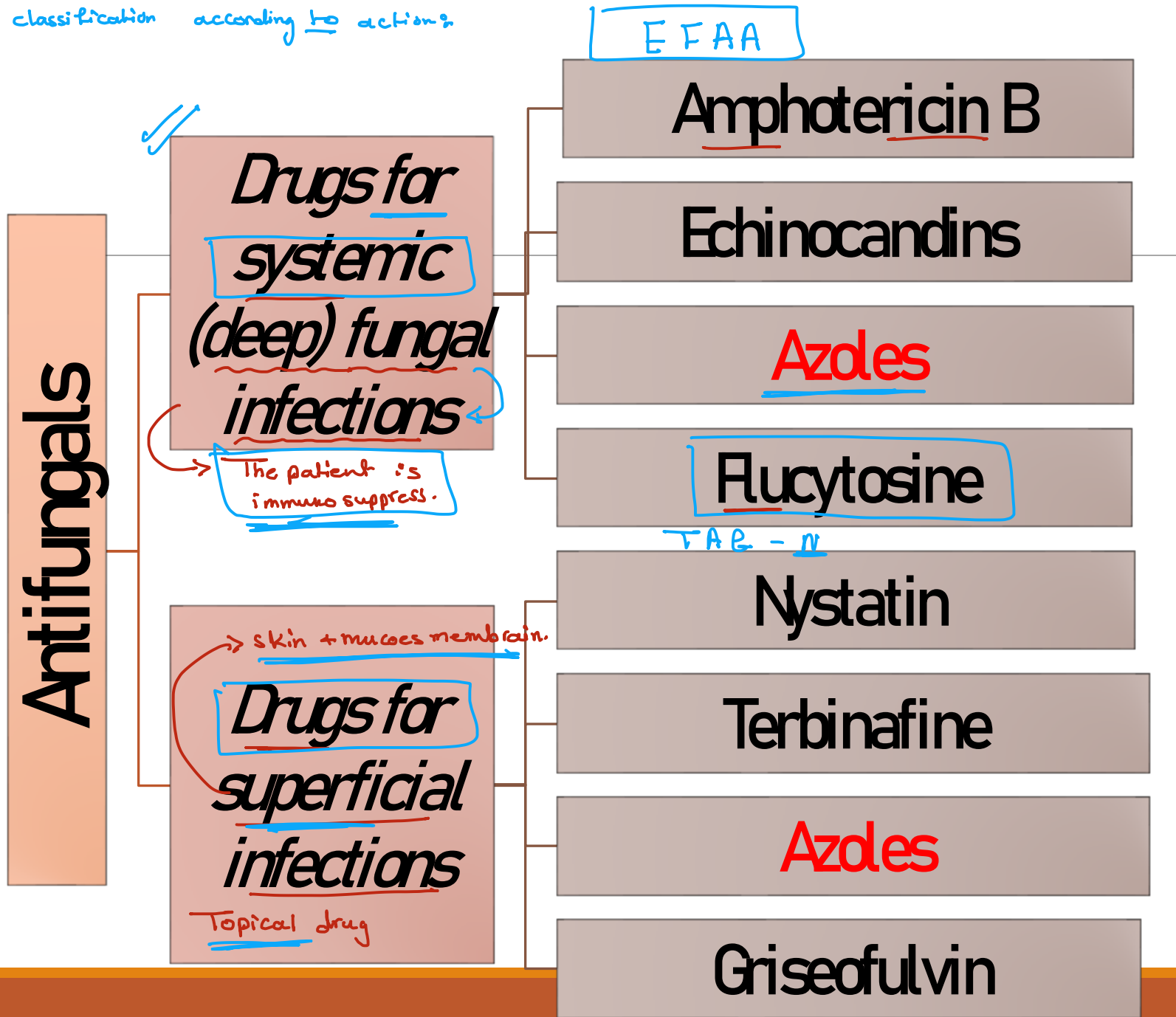
Azoles

Griseofulvin
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Antimetabolites ②
statpc

① Flucytosine

→ classification according to action?



1- what's the pk?

2- what's the mechanism of it?

3- what're the indication and side effect?

cell membrane inhibitor / superficial infections.

Terbinafine

inhibition of squalen epoxidase.

pk:

- Oral active, Bioavailability 40% due to 1st pass metabolism ✓
- 99% bound to plasma protein / ↓ Vol distribution.
- Deposited in nails, skins, and fats, milk [Any cell have keratin].
→ not for pregnant.
- T1/2 = 200-400h
- Extensive metabolism in liver
- Excreted in urine

Mechanism: fungicidal → inhibit the synthesis of lanosterol!

Inhibition of squalene epoxidase enzyme which is essential for ergosterol synthesis of cell membrane. [Lanosterol].

Indications:

① Systemic (oral) & ② topical for dermatophytes (more effective than griseofulvin). Duration of treatment up to ③ months. Superficial infections.

Side effects:

① GIT and taste disturbances, ④ hepatotoxicity, ② headache, ③ visual disturbance.

→ because the duration of treatment ③ m, so they affect the liver enzyme.

Advantages over Azoles:

1. Squalene epoxidase enzyme is not present in human (**more selective toxicity**).
2. No inhibition of cytochrome P₄₅₀ (**no serious adverse effect of azoles**).

But affected by enzymes inducers and inhibitors

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Any drug which is will affect the metabolite of Azole

- 1- what's the feature of it?
- 2- what's the mechanism of action?
- 3- what're the membran of them?
- 4- what's the bad feature of it?
- 5- what're the membran 2.

Azoles

→ First anti fungal is discovered. to treat fungal infection.

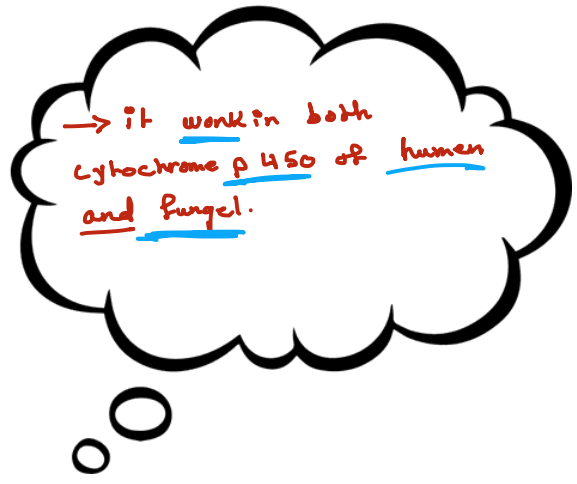
Mechanism of action: fungicidal :-

inhibit ergosterol synthesis of cell membrane by inhibiting fungal cytochrome p450 (14 α demethylase) leading to membrane dysfunction.

Members :

- 1- Ketoconazole
- 2- Itraconazole
- 3- Fluconazole
- 4- Posaconazole

→ inhibition of cytochrome for fungal
 → more selective.



Ketoconazole:

1- what's the most important feature of it?

2- what's the pk?

3- what're the indication of it?

4- what's the real drug combination?

5- what're the side effect?

1st oral broad spectrum antifungal.

PK:

→ Oral and required acidic ph to be absorbed ✓

Extensive bound to plasma protein

Extensive metabolism in liver :

It is used for:

➤ Deep fungal infections (mild - non meningeal). 2nd line to amphotericin

➤ Candida infection.

➤ Dermatophytes resistant to griseofulvin & terbinafine (oral and topical).

Avoid combination with:

☐ Antacids or H₂ blockers → decrease gastric acidity → decrease ketoconazole absorption.

→ because it absorbed in acidic media just.

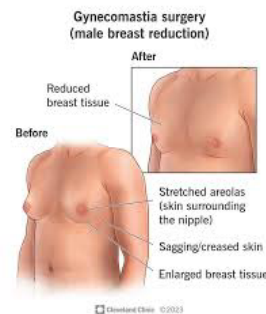
☐ Amphotericin B: ketoconazole → decrease amphotericin effect by decreasing ergosterol

Adverse effects:

1. Nausea - vomiting - rash (common).
2. Hepatotoxic (serious). + Terbenaphin.
3. Inhibition of human cytochrome P450
4. Enzyme inhibitor

→ if the patient take astmeazole with ketoconazole [enzyme inhibitor] → prevent the metabolite of it lead to arrhythmia.

Gynecomastia is the non-cancerous enlargement of one or both breasts in men due to the growth of breast tissue as a result of a hormone



1- what's the effect of inhibition of cytochrome P450?

2- what's the result?

Inhibition of human cytochrome P450 leading to inhibition of :-

Steroid synthesis which depends on cytochrome P450:
Failure.

❖ Corticosteroids → adrenal suppression (used in Cushing's disease). ⇒ *Acute adrenal failure* → Adison syndrome.

❖ Testosterone → gynecomastia & impotence (used in cancer prostate).

❖ Female sex hormones → menstrual irregularities & infertility

Metabolism of drugs → drug interactions: *enzyme inhibitors.*

❖ Increased level of astemizole & terfenadine → arrhythmia. *As an enzyme inhibitors. by inhibition of metabolism.*

❖ Increased level of oral anticoagulants & antiepileptics.

1- what's special about these drug?

2- what's the difference from ketoconazole?

Itraconazole and fluconazole

→ more selectively → just work on ? Fungal cytochrome P450.

❖ These drugs are azoles that are more specific to fungal cytochrome P₄₅₀ than to human cytochrome P₄₅₀ compared to ketoconazole.

❖ Less toxic (less effect on human cytochrome P₄₅₀): less hepatotoxic, less adrenal suppression & less drug interactions.

❖ More effective.

1- what're the important indications of it?

2- what's the combination of it?

Fluconazole:

Drug of choice in **esophageal** and **oropharyngeal** candidiasis.

➤ Drug of choice **in** treatment and secondary prophylaxis against **cryptococcal meningitis**.

➤ Equivalent to **amphotericin B** in **systemic candidiasis**

→ due to **immune suppression** in **children**, **white spots** start to **appear in the oral** and they **painful**.

1- what's the feature of it?

2- what're the indications ?

Posaconazole



- The **broadest-spectrum azole**.
- ① The **only azole** with **activity against mucormycosis**.
- ② It is **used for prophylaxis of fungal infections** during **cancer chemotherapy**. ✓
- Inhibitor of **CYP3A4** → **increasing the levels of cyclosporine and tacrolimus** ✓

1- what're the mechanism of amphotericin B?

2- what're the indications?

3- what're the side effect and treatment of it?

cell membrane integrity / deep infections.

Amphotericin B

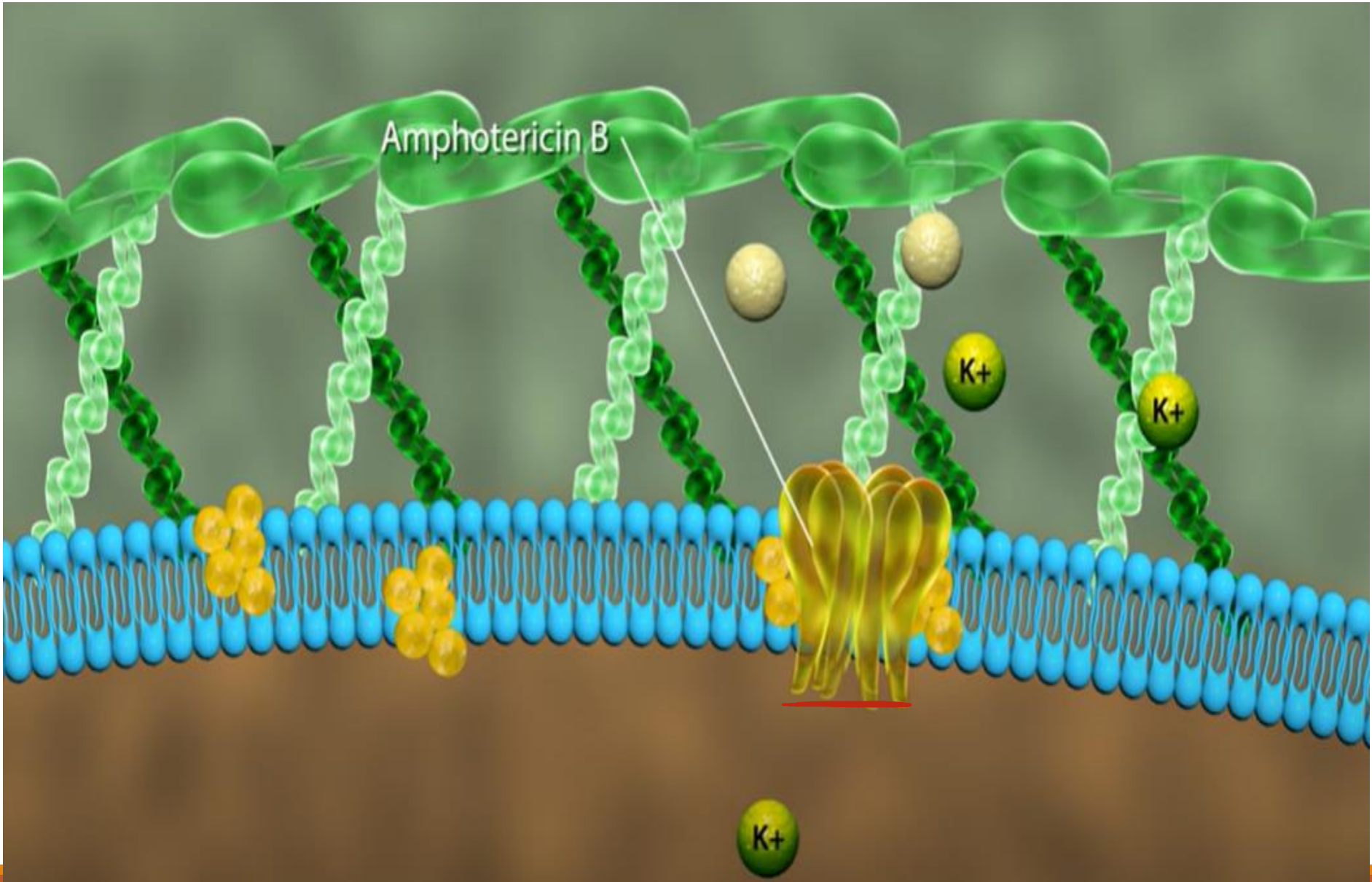
Mechanism of action: fungicidal

- Binds to ergosterol of cell membrane → formation of artificial pores → leakage of important cell constituents' → cell death.

Indications: deep infections especially:

- Severe life threatening (I.V - not absorbed orally).
- Meningitis (intrathecal- does not reach CSF after I.V.I).

Amphotericin B



Side effects & toxicity:

➤ **Infusion related:** Fever^{a-}, rigors^{b-}, vomiting^{c-},
hypotension^{d-} & shock^{e-} after I.V infusion.

Can be avoided by: ^{→ by slow.} Slow infusion rate^① and
pretreatment^② with antihistamines, antipyretics.

➤ **Dose-related:** nephrotoxicity^①. Can be decreased
by: dose reduction. ^{→ especially with aminoglycoside.}

➤ **Convulsion.** ^{- الحرقان} → epilepsy

1. what's the pk?
2. what's the mechanism of it?
3. what're the indications?

Nystatin

Mechanism:

→ used locally, NOT absorbed [⊕] → it treat the infection.
→ if it absorbed → toxic.

Binds to ergosterol of fungal cell membrane

→ formation of artificial pores → damage

of membrane → leakage of important cell

constituents → cell death.

Indications: (too toxic for systemic use).

↳ Locally use

Used locally in:

1. Oropharyngeal and GI Candida: oral (not absorbed).
2. Cutaneous Candida: topical (non irritant- rarely causes allergy).
3. Vaginal Candida: It is given both topically^{a-} and orally^{b-} because quite often vaginal Candida is associated with gastrointestinal Candida which acts as a source of reinfection of vagina.

- 1- what's the mechanism?
- 2- what're the indications?
- 3- what're Ad effect?

→ cell membran / deep infections.

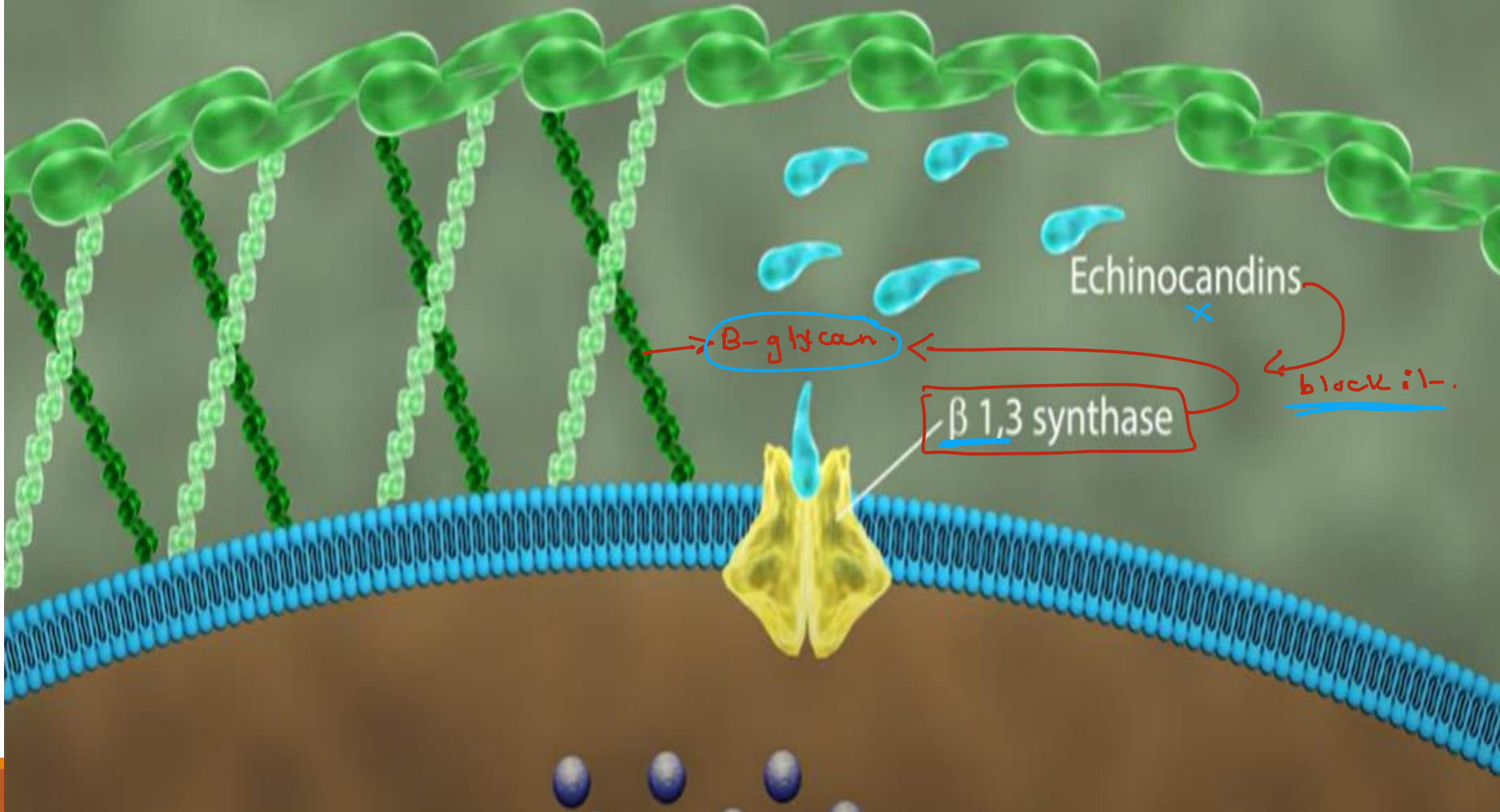
Echinocandins

Caspofungin – Micafungin

Mechanism:

Inhibits synthesis of a glucose polymer (glycane synthase) that is necessary for maintaining structure of fungal cell wall → loss of cell wall integrity → lysis & death.

→ β 1,3- synthase is responsible
about formation of β -glycan.



Uses: (IV)

Caspofungin: ^①candidiasis & ^②invasive aspergillosis refractory to amphotericin.

Micafungin: mucocutaneous candidiasis / and for prophylaxis of Candida infections in bone marrow transplant patients

Adverse Effects:

Infusion-related: GIT ^①upset, ^②headache, ^③fever & ^④flushing (histamine release).

- 1- what's the mechanism of it?
- 2- why it selective toxic?
- 3- what're the indications?
- 4- what're the advers effect?

(X) Transformed →

Antimetabolite

Flucytosine

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↳ like nucleotide of DNA.

Mechanism of action:

- Cytotoxic^①, transformed^② to 5-fluorouracil (5-FU) → inhibits nucleic acid synthesis.
- Selective toxicity occurs because mammalian cells cannot transform flucytosine into 5-FU.

Indications:

Given orally with amphotericin or azoles in Cryptococcal infections.

Adverse effects:

1. Bone marrow depression (reversible). ✓
2. Hair loss. ✓
3. Hepatotoxic. ✓

Advantages of combination of flucytosine with amphotericin (B):

1. Decrease resistance to amphotericin B. ✓
2. Decrease amphotericin nephrotoxicity (lower doses of amphotericin are used).

Griseofulvin

Mechanism: *Fungistatic*

Concentrated in newly formed keratin (e.g nails) preventing its infection by:

Interfering with microtubular function → interfere with mitosis.

Inhibiting nucleic acid synthesis.

Indications: not active topically, duration of treatment 6-12 months

- Dermatophyte infections (given orally: decreased absorption by high fat diet).
- Largely replaced by terbinafine & azoles

Adverse effects :

1. Nausea-vomiting.
2. Headache - mental confusion.
3. Hepatotoxic.
4. Enzyme inducer → decrease warfarin level.
5. Teratogenic , Carcinogenic

Systemic therapy is used in:

- 1- Resistance to topical therapy.
- 2- Wide or inaccessible areas.
- 3- Severe infections.
- 4- Low immunity of patient.

N.B: Superficial fungal infections are **treated first with topical** agents