Frequency of paradoxical effect with caspofungin in *Candida albicans*

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To the editor,

In their article regarding the paradoxical growth effect with echinocandins, Fleischhacker et al. [1], discussing their findings with caspofungin, state: “Stevens et al. did not demonstrate [a paradoxical effect, i.e., growth in concentrations above an apparent MIC] in a ... group of *C. albicans* isolates...,” citing two of our papers [2, 3]. However, in our original description of the paradoxical effect with caspofungin [2], we reported the phenomenon in two sets of *C. albicans* isolates, 16% of 25 isolates and 18% of 17 isolates, and in the later paper studying the mechanism [3], we had expanded the study of frequency to 65 isolates, of which 22% had shown the effect. In our most recently published update [4], we reported the frequency as 17% of 102 *C. albicans* isolates studied at that point. We have presently studied 113 isolates, and have found the caspofungin paradoxical effect (as we defined it [2]) in 15% of *C. albicans* isolates. Fleischhacker et al. [1]

reported it in 14% of 101 *C. albicans* isolates studied with caspofungin.

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