



## Session 12 – New Antifungals

### Novel approaches for the Treatment of Aspergillosis and Mucormycosis

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  - Akademie für Infektionsmedizin
  - Hikma
  - Pfizer
  - Scynexis



## Route of administration

Echinocandins and AMB  
only for IV administration

No IV formulation of  
5-FC on the market

Rare fungi with  
intrinsic resistances

Resistance  
development  
against 5-FC

MDR *Candida* spp.

Use of azoles in  
agriculture

Limited options in  
CNS infections

Organ toxicity of  
azoles and AMB

Low concentrations in  
different compartments

Heme toxicity  
of 5-FC

CYP interactions  
limiting use in  
vulnerable pts

Solvent agents such as  
cyclodextrin



## Multidrug-resistant fungi



## Tissue penetration



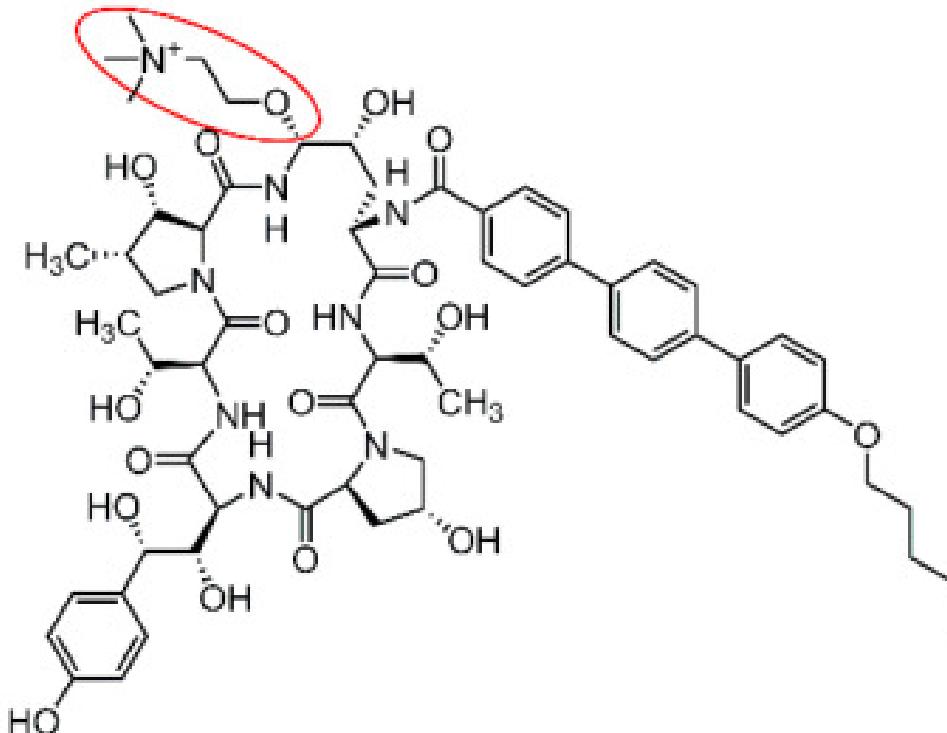
## Toxicity, intolerance, drug interactions



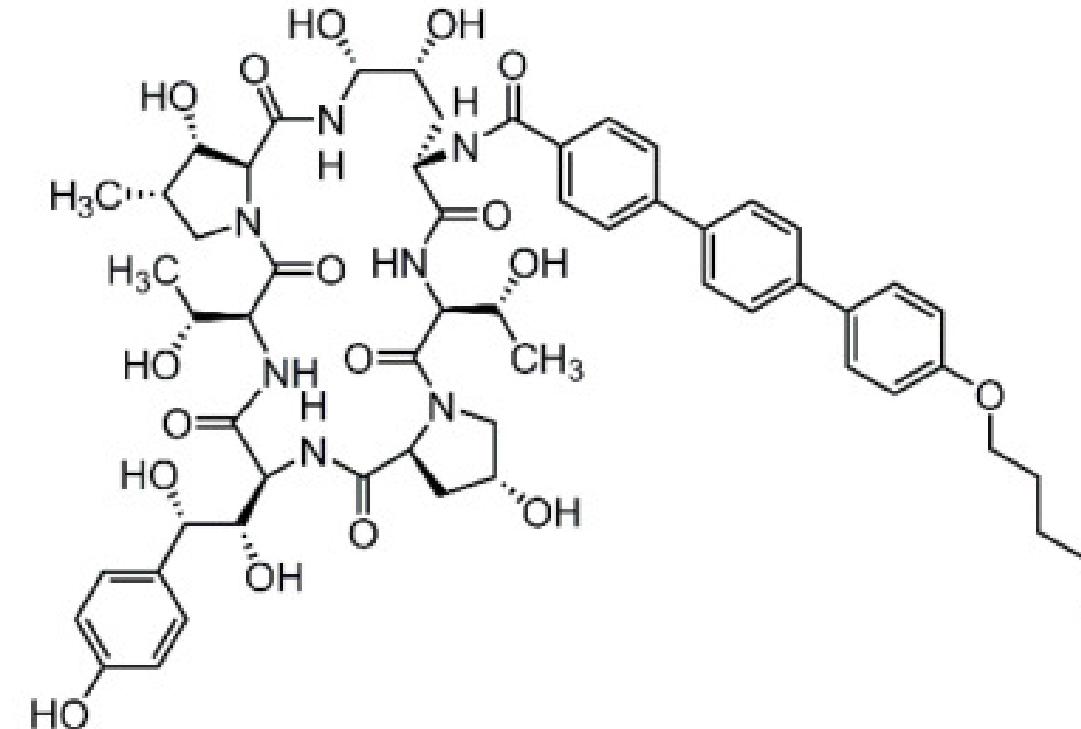
- Recently approved antifungals
  - (Rezafungin)
  - (Ibrexafungerp)
- Antifungals in late stage of clinical development
  - Fosmanogepix
  - Olorofim
  - Opelconazole



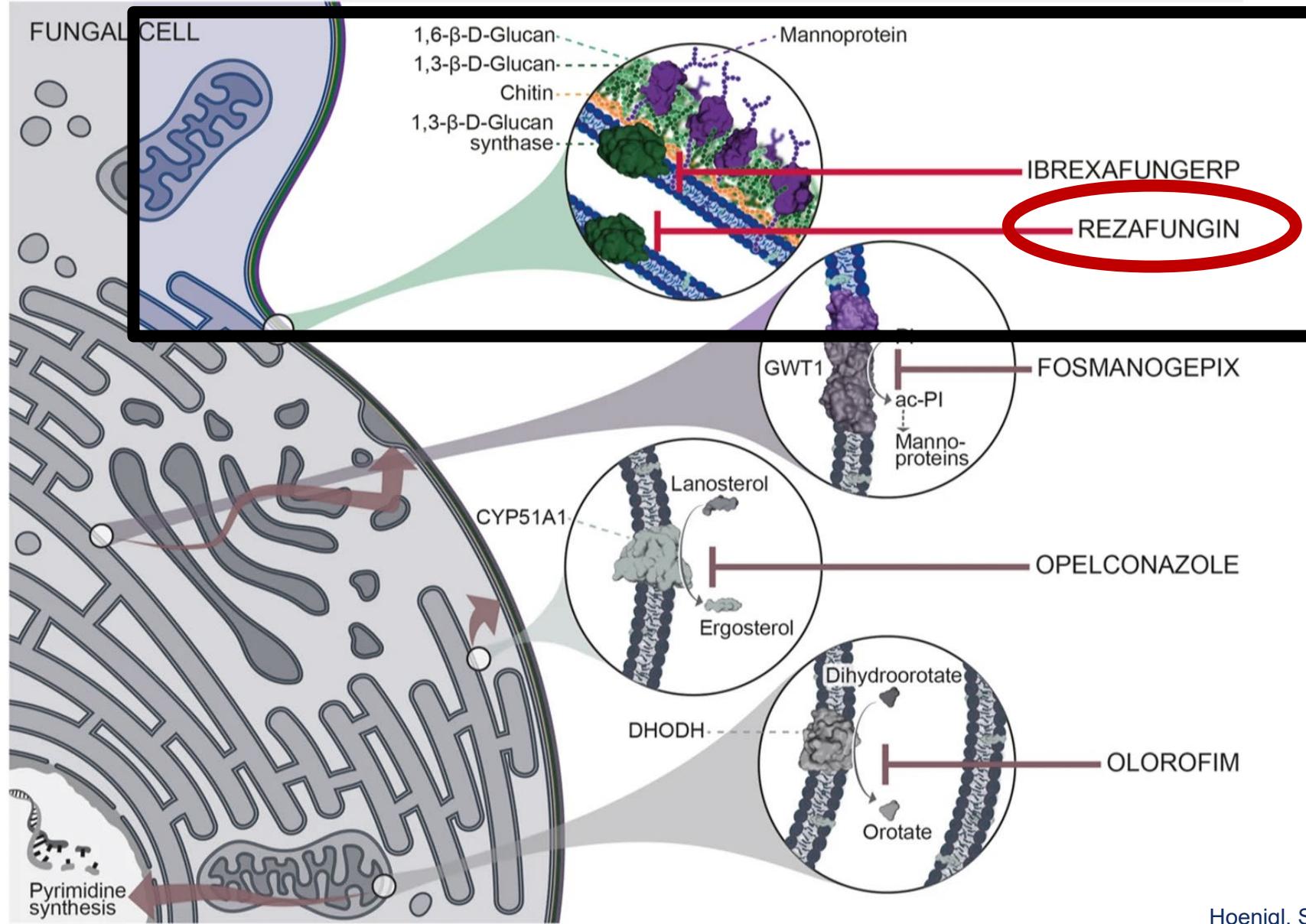
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rezafungin



anidulafungin





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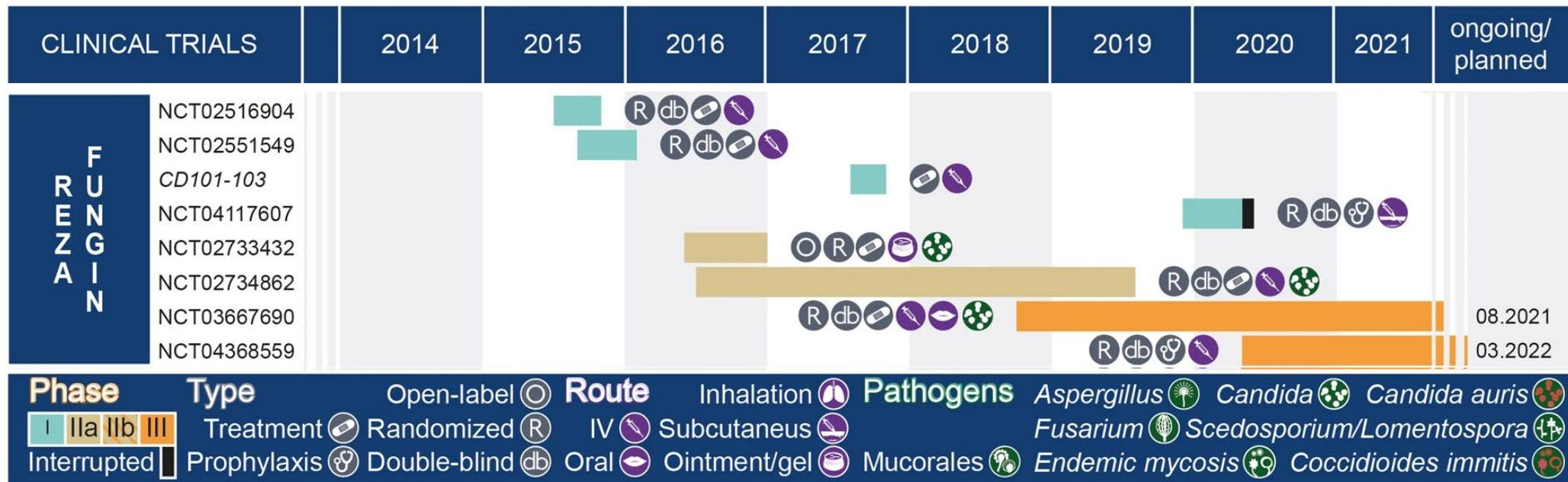
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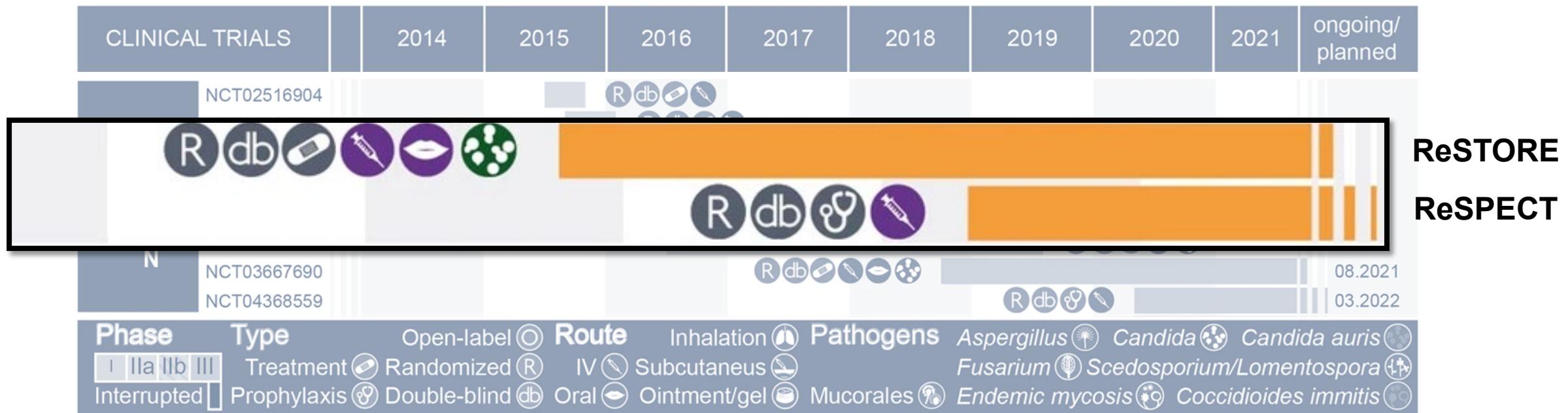


isolates with  
FKS mutations



# Rezafungin (CD101; Cidara/Melinta/Mundipharma)







CLINICAL TRIALS

R

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NO

NC

Phase

I IIa IIb III

Interrupted

Randomized (R)

Prophylaxis

Double-blind (db)

Oral

Ointment/gel

Mucorales

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Coccidioides immitis

ongoing/ planned

08.2021

03.2022

ReSTORE

ReSPECT

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PRESS RELEASES

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March 22, 2023

**REZZAYO™ (rezafungin for injection), for intravenous use**  
**Initial U.S. Approval: 2023**

## -----INDICATIONS AND USAGE-----

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December 22, 2023

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| Advantages   | Limitations  |
|--|--|
| <p>Favorable safety profile</p> <p>Once weekly IV application</p> <p>High tissue concentrations, enhanced penetration into abdominal abscesses </p> <p>Limited DDI</p> | <p>Poor CNS and urinary tract penetration</p> <p>IV only, SC and topical formulations failed</p> <p>No role in <i>Cryptococcus</i> spp., <i>Mucorales</i> and other rare molds or rare yeasts, endemic fungi</p> |



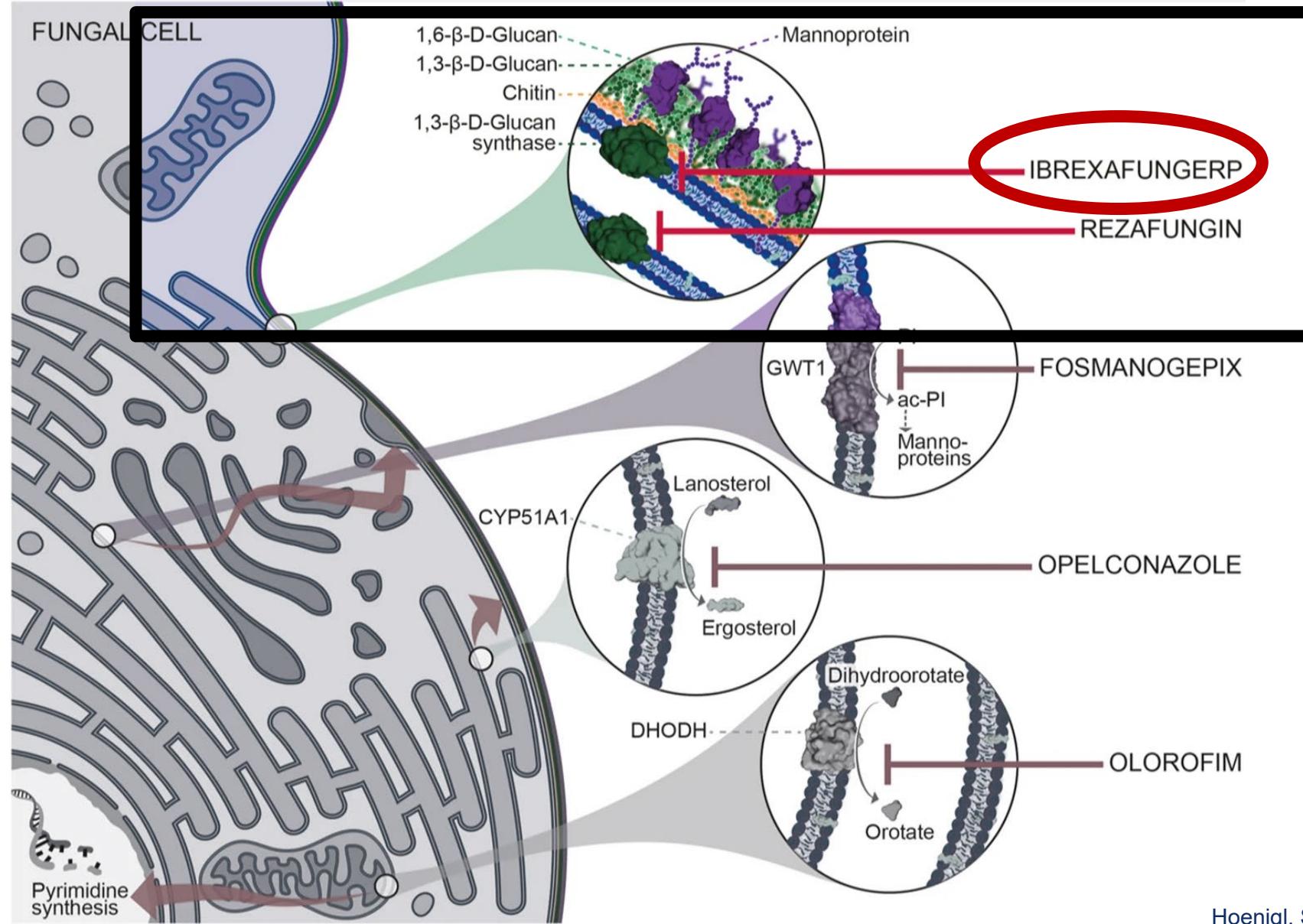
**Future Roles:** in case of early discharge or prolonged therapy, azole-resistance or intolerance, outpatient setting, prophylaxis



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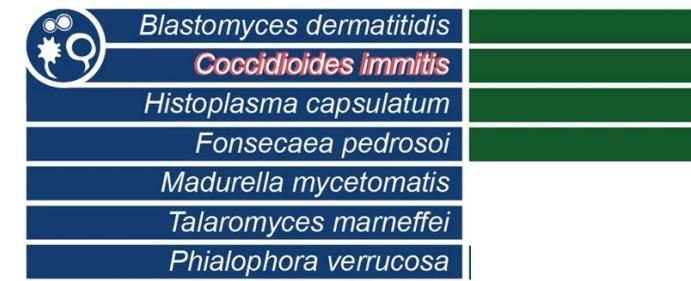
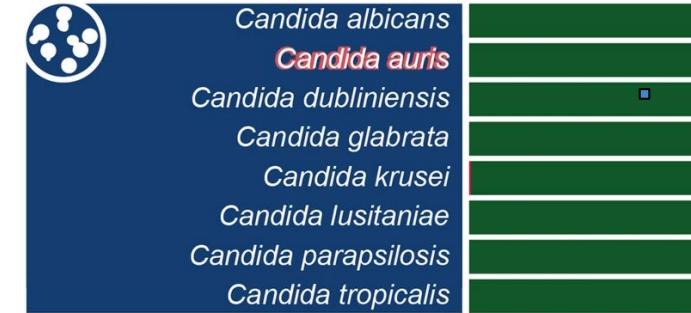
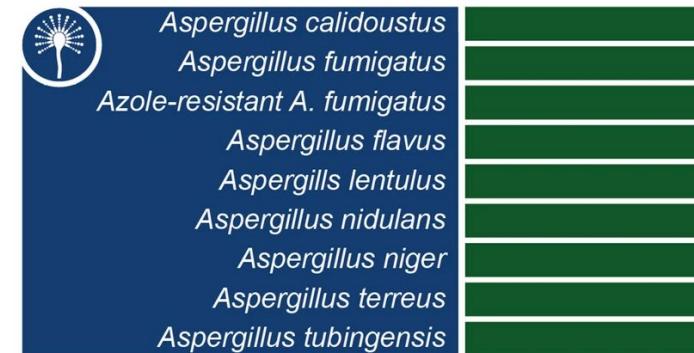
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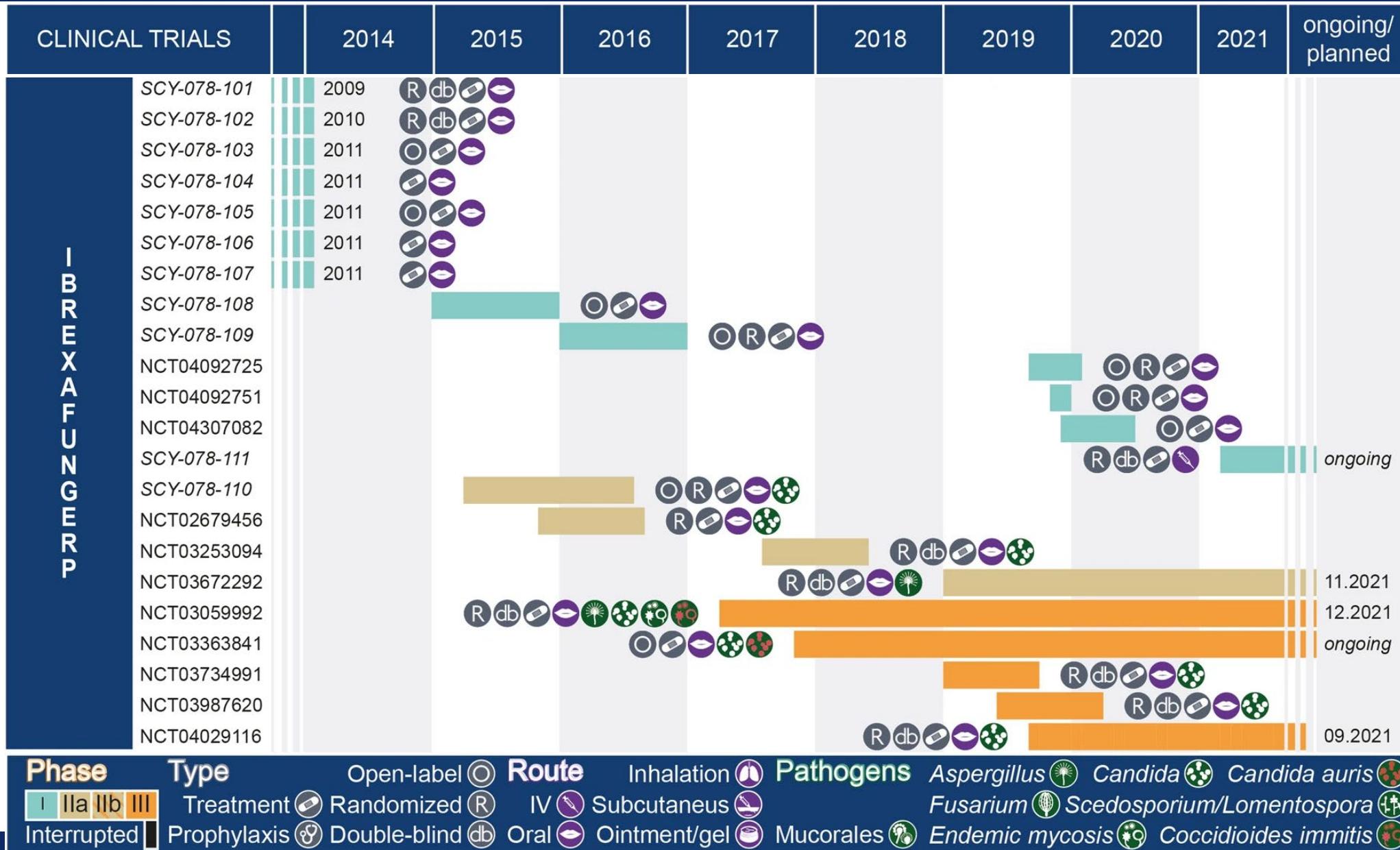
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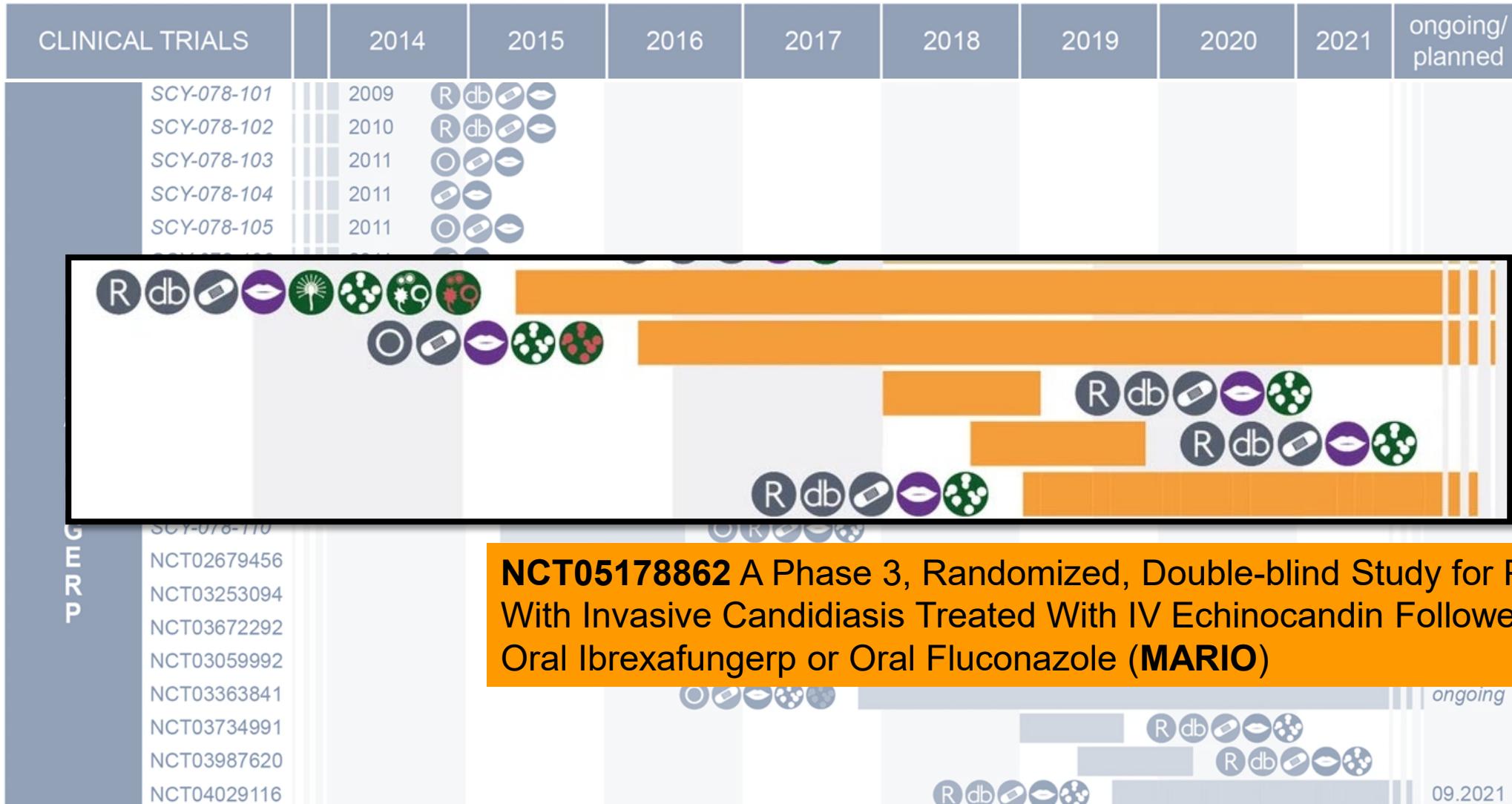
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Combination ?

may overcome  
echinocandin  
resistance







| Phase       | Type         | Open-label | Route | Inhalation   | Pathogens                 |
|-------------|--------------|------------|-------|--------------|---------------------------|
| I           | Treatment    | O          | R     | IV           | Aspergillus               |
| IIa         | Randomized   | O          | IV    | Subcutaneus  | Candida                   |
| IIb         | Prophylaxis  | O          | Oral  | Ointment/gel | Candida auris             |
| III         | Double-blind | O          | O     | Mucorales    | Fusarium                  |
| Interrupted |              |            |       |              | Scedosporium/Lomentospora |



**BREXAFEMME® (ibrexafungerp tablets), for oral use**  
**Initial US Approval: 2021**

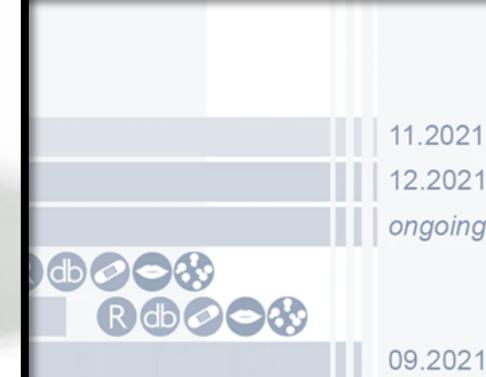
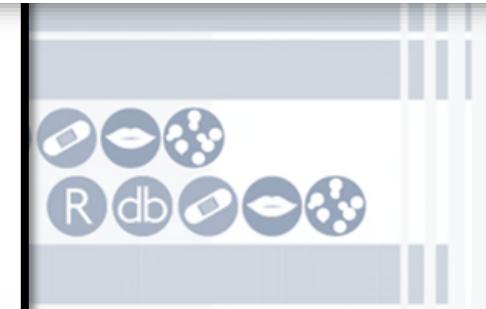
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CANDLE

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12.2021  
ongoing

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Candida Candida auris   
Fusarium Scedosporium/Lomentospora   
Endemic mycosis Coccidioides immitis



# Ibrexafungerp (SCY-078; Scynexis/GSK)

CLINICAL TRIALS

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

ongoing/  
planned

|             |      |
|-------------|------|
| SCY-078-101 | 2009 |
| SCY-078-102 | 2010 |
| SCY-078-103 | 2011 |
| SCY-078-104 | 2011 |
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| GERP | SCY-078     |
|------|-------------|
|      | NCT02679    |
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September 27, 2023

COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

**SCYNEXIS Issues a Voluntary Nationwide Recall  
of BREXAFEMME® (ibrexafungerp tablets) Due  
to Potential for Cross Contamination with a  
Non-Antibacterial ßlactam Drug Substance**



Phase

Type

Open

I IIa IIb III

Treatment

Randomized (R)

IV

Subcutaneus

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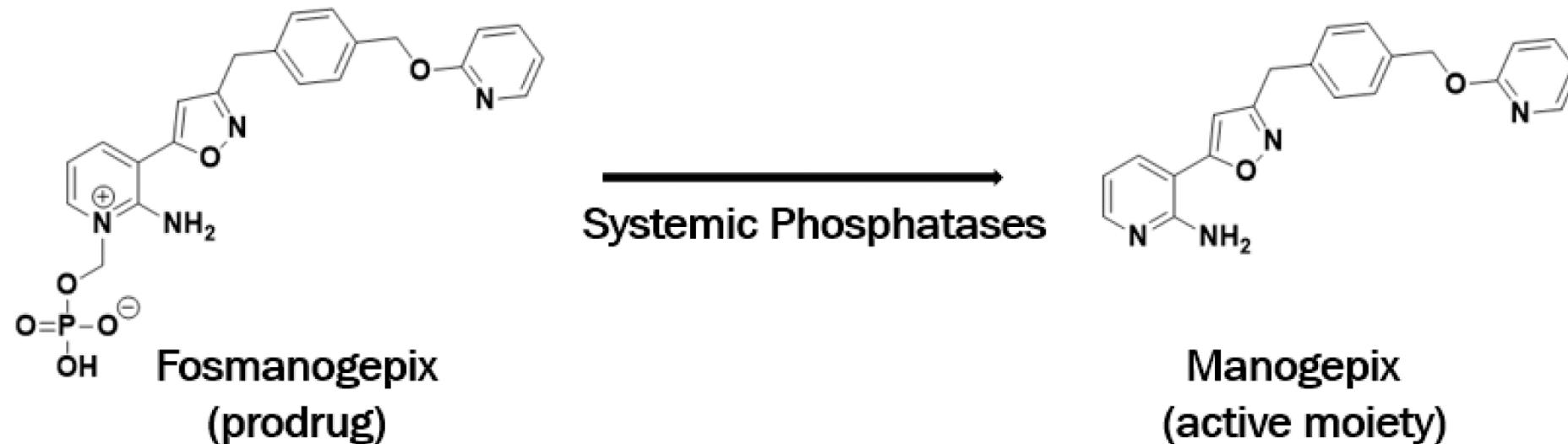


| Advantages  | Limitations   |
|---|---|
| <p>Oral (and IV) formulation</p> <p>Favourable safety profile</p> <p>Broad antifungal activity including azole-resistant and cryptic <i>Aspergillus</i> spp.</p> <p>Alternate binding site, limited cross-resistance with echinocandins</p> | <p>Absorption characteristics in pts with mucositis, acid suppression therapy etc.</p> <p>Poor CNS penetration</p> <p>DDI with strong CYP inducers/inhibitors</p> |



**Future Roles:** Combination therapy for IA, oral step-down therapy, prophylaxis for IC, IA, and *Pneumocystis pneumonia*

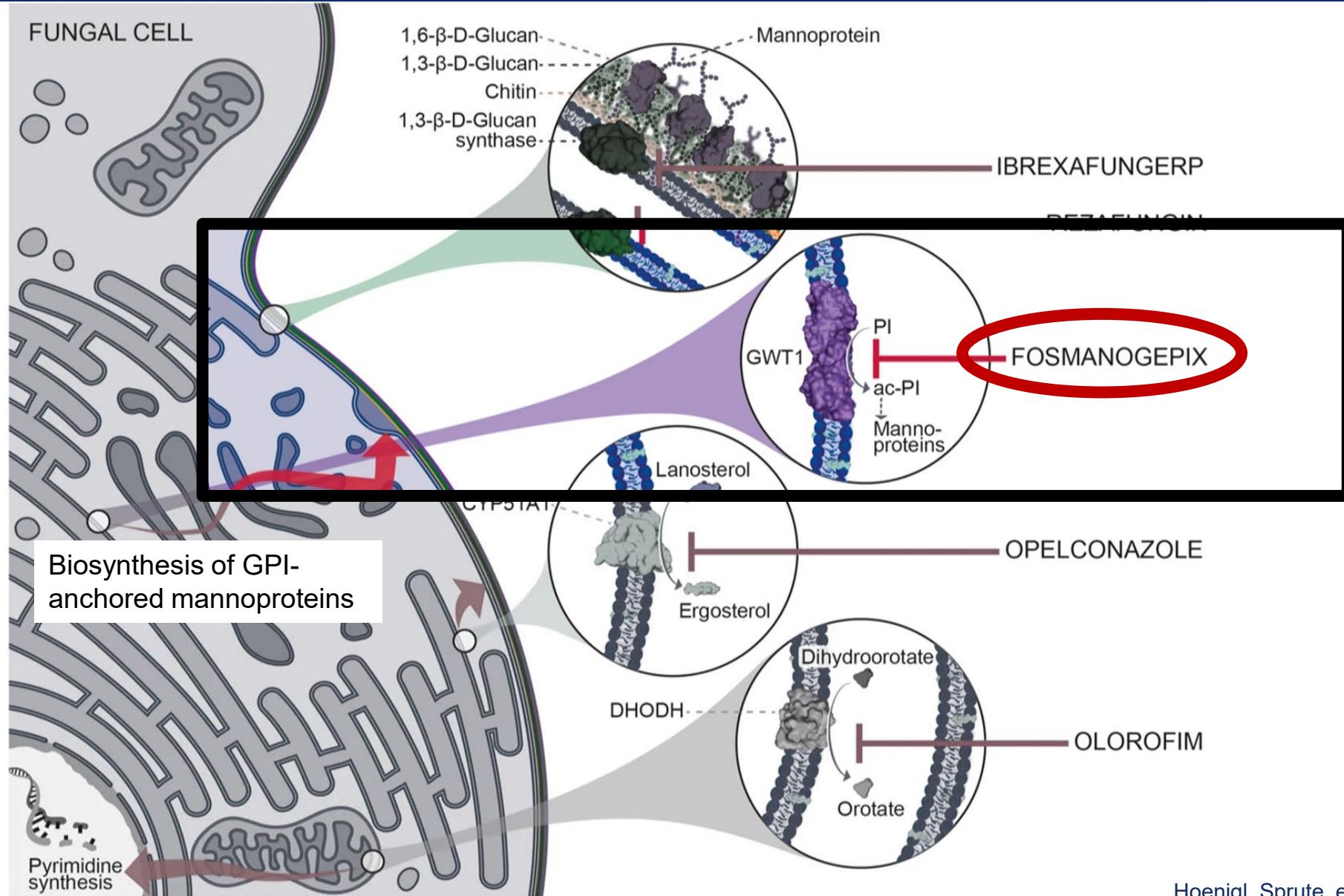
- **Class:** N-phosphonooxymethyl (pro)drug



Shaw, et al, J Fungi, 2020

Hoenigl, Sprute, et al., Drugs, 2021

Hoenigl, Sprute, et al., Expert Opin Investig Drugs, 2022





- **Class:** N-phosphonooxymethyl (pro)drug
- **Mechanism of Action:** targets GPI-anchored protein maturation through inhibition of the fungal inositol acyltransferase Gwt1
- **Form of Application:** IV  and PO  (bioavailability >90%)



# Fosmanogepix (APX001; Amplyx/Pfizer/Basilea)



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isavuconazole



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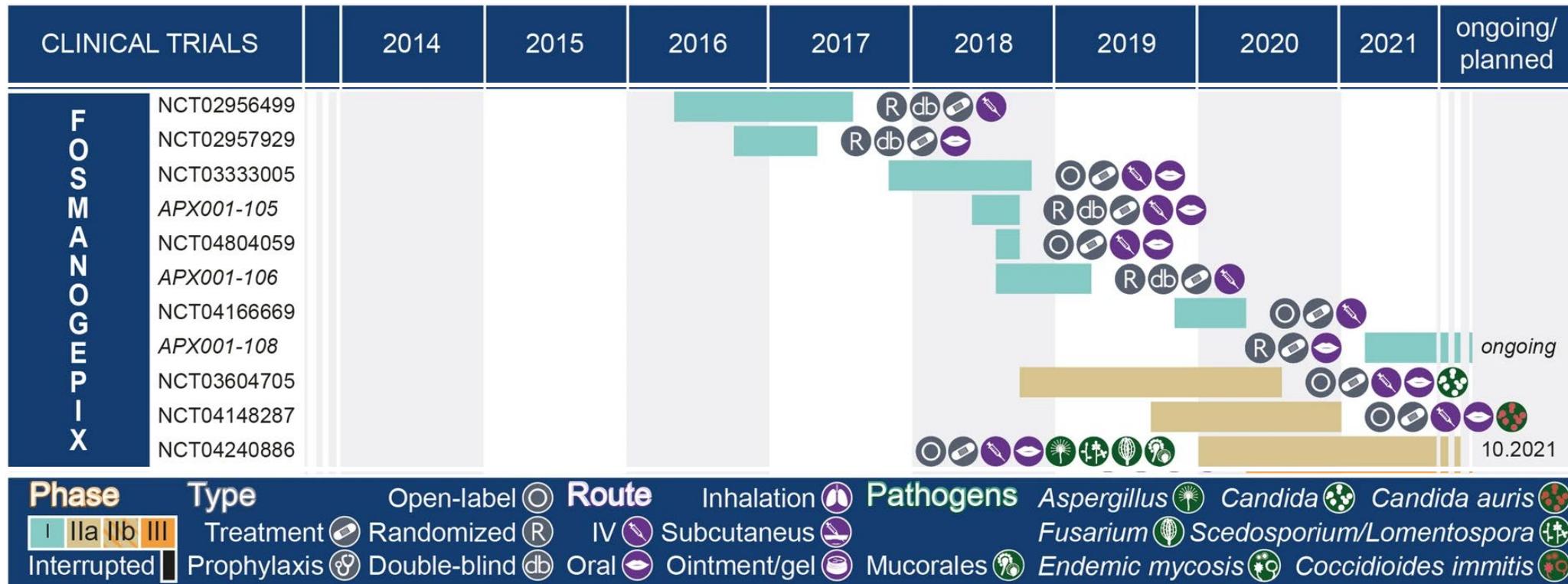
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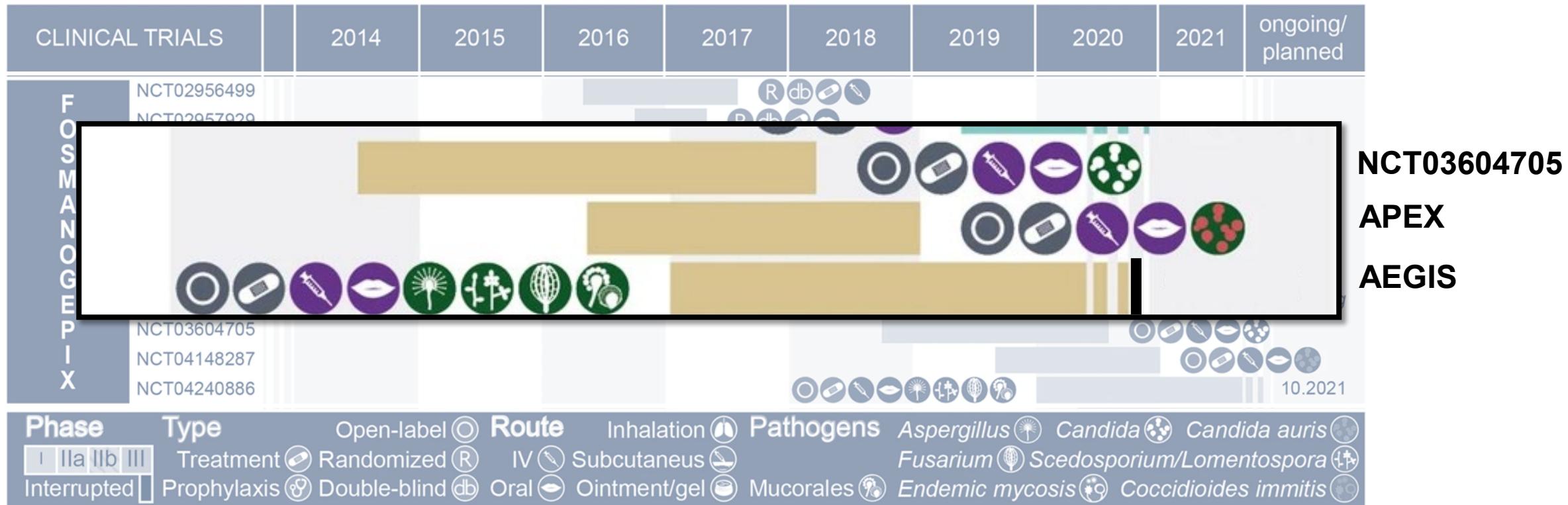


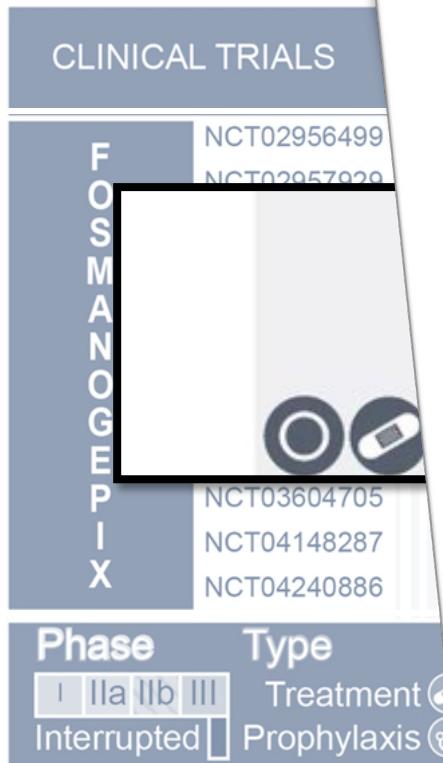
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## Clinical Study Results

This summary reports the results of only one study. Researchers must look at the results of many types of studies to understand if a study medication works, how it works, and if it is safe to prescribe to patients. The results of this study might be different than the results of other studies that the researchers review.

**Sponsor:** Amplyx Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (owned by Pfizer Inc.)

**Medicine Studied:** Fosmanogepix (PF-07842805 or APX001)

**Protocol Number:** C4791010 (APX001-202)

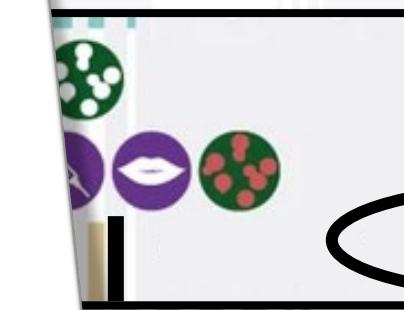
**Dates of Study:** 04 January 2020 to 09 May 2022

**Title of this Study:** A Study of Fosmanogepix in Participants With Invasive Mold Infections

[A Phase 2, Open-Label Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of APX001 in the Treatment of Patients With Invasive Mold Infections Caused by Aspergillus Species or Rare Molds]

**Date(s) of this Report:** 27 March 2023

2020      2021      ongoing/  
planned



**NCT03604705**

**APEX**

**AEGIS**

10.2021

*Candida auris*  
*Aspergillus fumigatus/Lomentospora*  
*Coccidioides immitis*



## AEGIS: Open-label Study of APX001 for Treatment of Patients With Invasive Mold Infections Caused by *Aspergillus* or Rare Molds

Patients with limited/no treatment options, N=21

- All-cause mortality after 42d was 5/21 (25%) for fosmanogepix vs. 45% (expected rate)
- All-cause mortality after 84d was 9/25 (36%), considered not related to fosmanogepix
- Most common AEs: Nausea 13/21 (62%), diarrhoea 10/21 (48%), vomiting 9/21 (43%), lack of appetite 7/21 (33%), oedema 6/21 (29%), fever 5/21 (24%)
- SAEs: Neutropenic fever 3/21 (14%), BSI 2/21 (10%), cardiac arrest 2/21 (10%), diarrhoea 2/21 (10%), ARDS 2/21 (10%)
- Terminated in May 2022 by the sponsor to prioritize a randomized comparative Phase 3 trial in the same indication



CLIN

FOSMANOGEPIX

Phase  
I IIa IIb  
Interrupted

Ad hoc announcement pursuant to Art. 53 LR

## Basilea announces acquisition of fosmanogepix, a phase-3-ready broad-spectrum antifungal

Allschwil, Switzerland, November 13, 2023

Basilea Pharmaceutica Ltd, Allschwil (SIX: BSLN), a commercial-stage biopharmaceutical company committed to meeting the needs of patients with severe bacterial and fungal infections, announced today that it has entered into an asset purchase agreement with Amplyx Pharmaceuticals, Inc., an affiliate of Pfizer Inc., to acquire the rights to fosmanogepix, a clinical-stage broad-spectrum antifungal candidate. In addition, Basilea has acquired the rights to a preclinical antifungal compound.

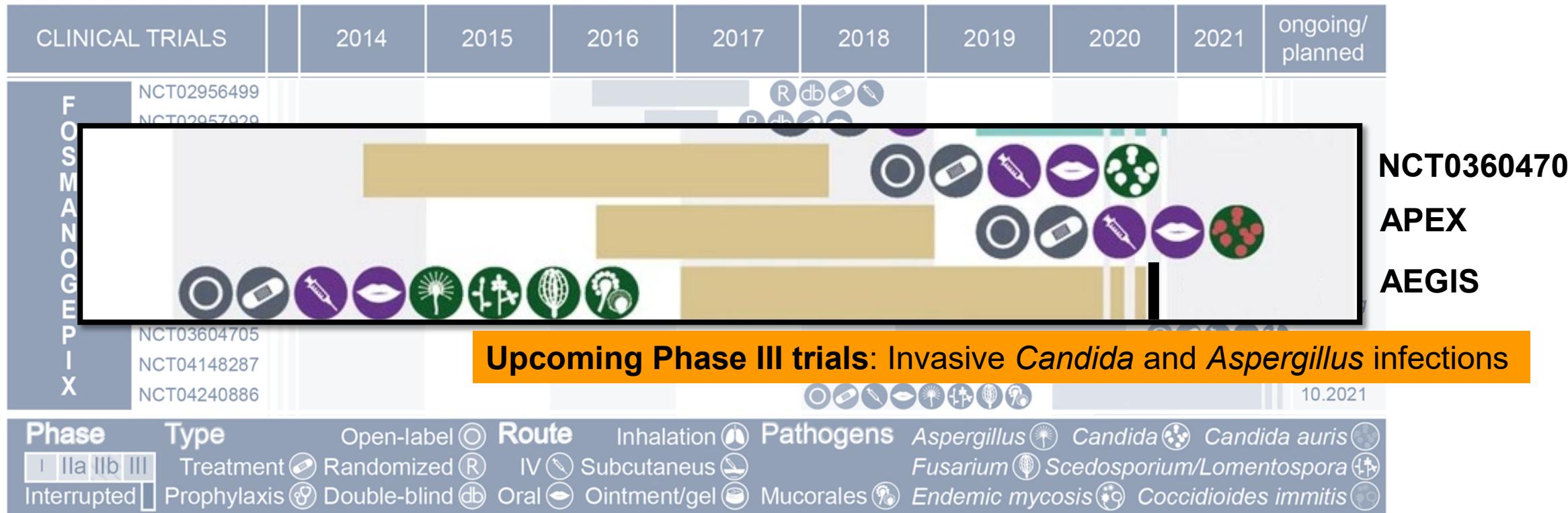
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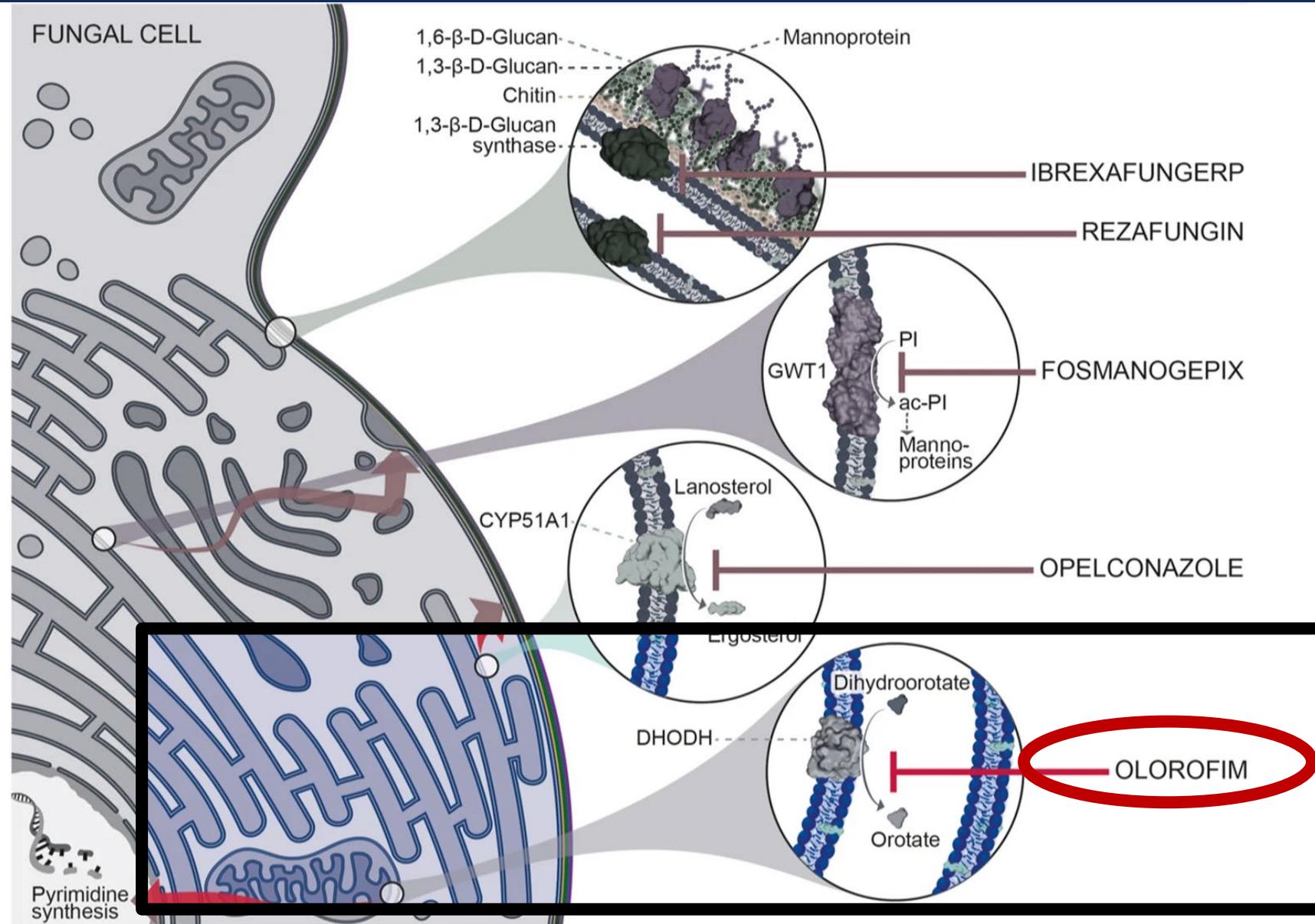
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| <p>Oral and IV formulations with high oral bioavailability</p> <p>Broad antifungal spectrum</p> <p>Broad tissue distribution including CNS</p> <p>So far limited DDI (under investigation)</p> | <p>No activity against <i>C. krusei</i></p> <p>Efflux-mediated azole cross-resistance?</p> <p>Variable activity against <i>Mucorales</i></p> |



**Future Roles:** Resistant IA, difficult-to-treat invasive rare mold infections



- **Class:** Orotomide





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- **Mechanism of Action:** Inhibition of dihydroorotate dehydrogenase, targets pyrimidine synthesis
- **Form of Application:** PO (and IV and inhaled )



# Olorofim (F901318; F2G/Shionogi)



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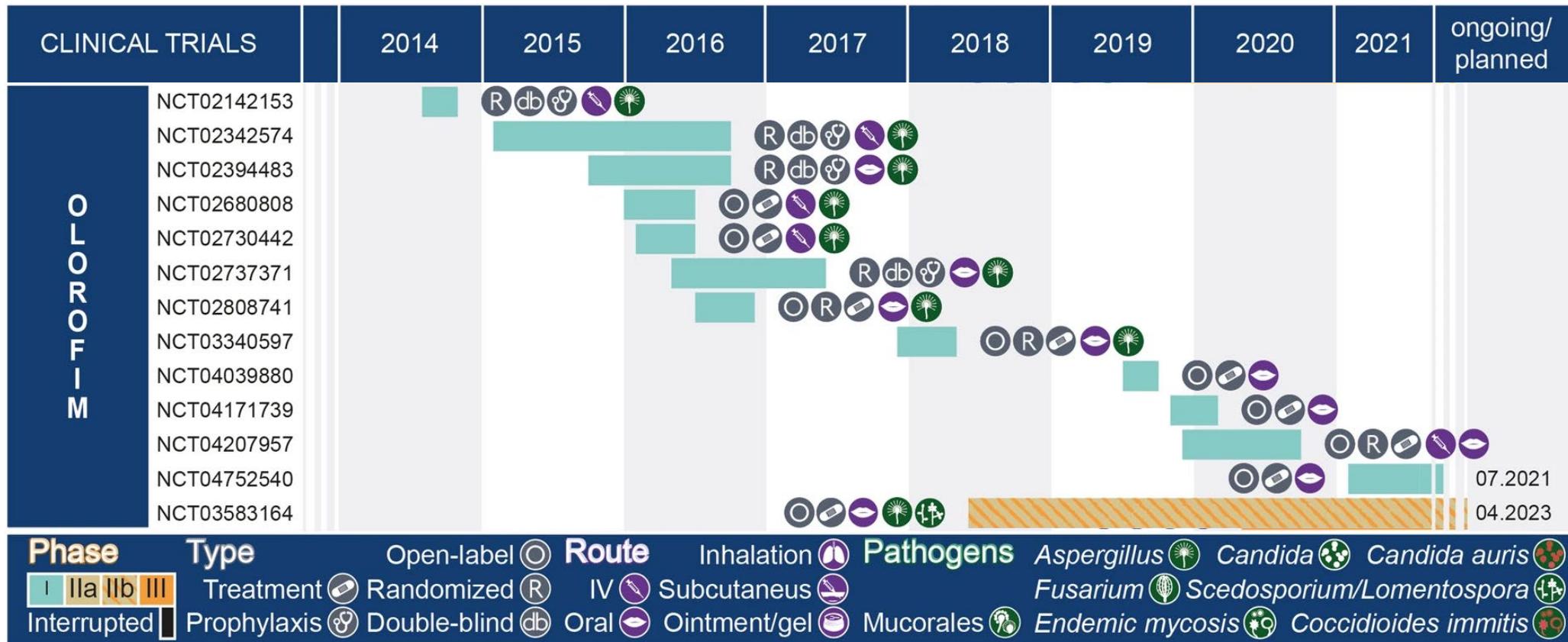


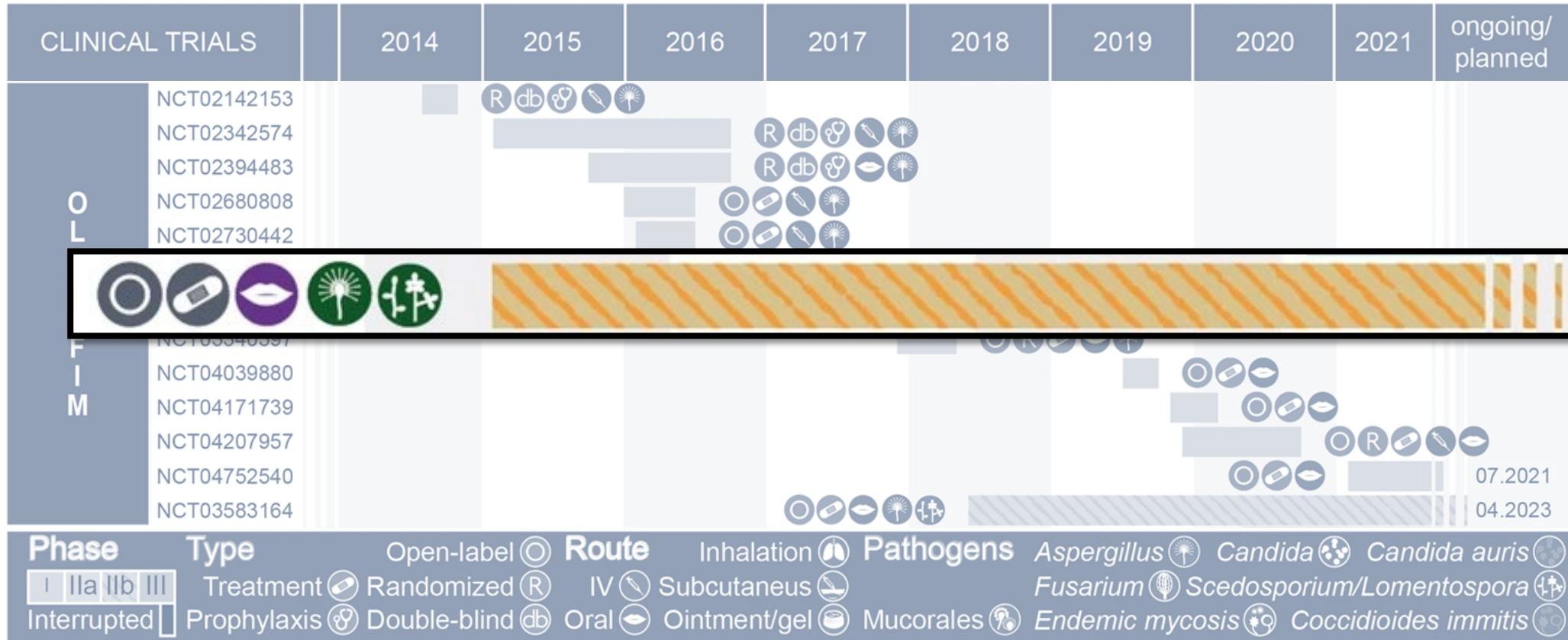
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**Phase****Type**

Open-label (○)

**Route**

Inhalation (肺)

**Pathogens**

Aspergillus (霉菌)

Candida (酵母)

Candida auris (酵母)

I IIa IIb III

Treatment (笔)

Randomized (R)

IV (针)

Subcutaneus (针)

Fusarium (霉菌)

Scedosporium/Lomentospora (霉菌)

Interrupted (断开)

Prophylaxis (预防)

Double-blind (双盲)

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Ointment/gel (膏药)

Mucorales (霉菌)

Endemic mycosis (霉菌)



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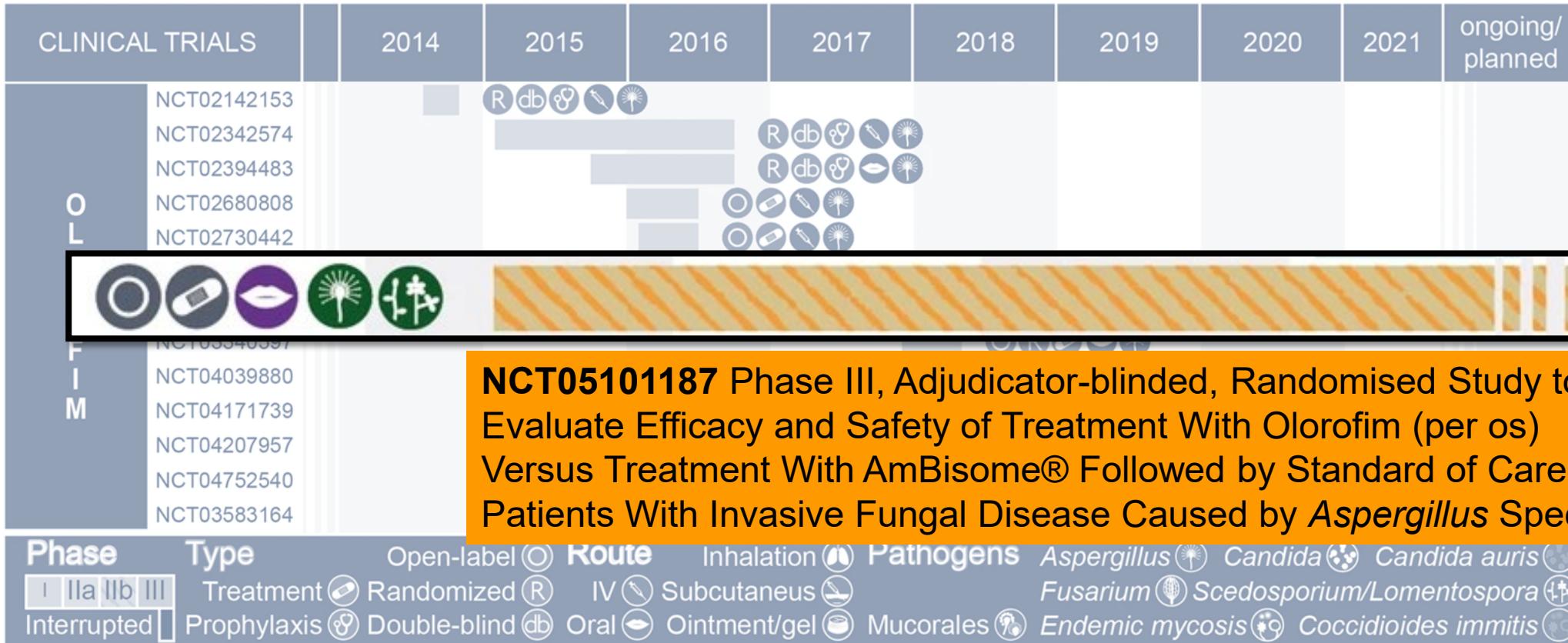


TIMM 10/2023: Data from 203 patients

Open-label, single-arm, phase 2b FORMULA-OLS / Study 32

- Patients with limited/no treatment options for proven IFI or probable IPA
- *Aspergillus* spp. (101, including 22 cases with azole-resistant strains), *Lomentospora prolificans* (26), *Scedosporium* spp. (22), *Coccidioides* spp. (41), *Scopulariopsis* spp. (6)
- Overall success rate at d42 was 28.7% (IA: 34.7%)
- Overall success in IFI other than coccidioidomycosis ( $n = 161$ ) was 36.0% at d42
- All-cause mortality at d42 and d84 was 11.4% and 15.8%, resp. (IA: 17.8% and 25.7%)
- Changes in liver biochemistry at least possibly related to olorofim in 9.9%, managed by dose reduction/pause and by permanent discontinuation in 2.5%
- Mild gastrointestinal intolerance to olorofim noted in 9.9%

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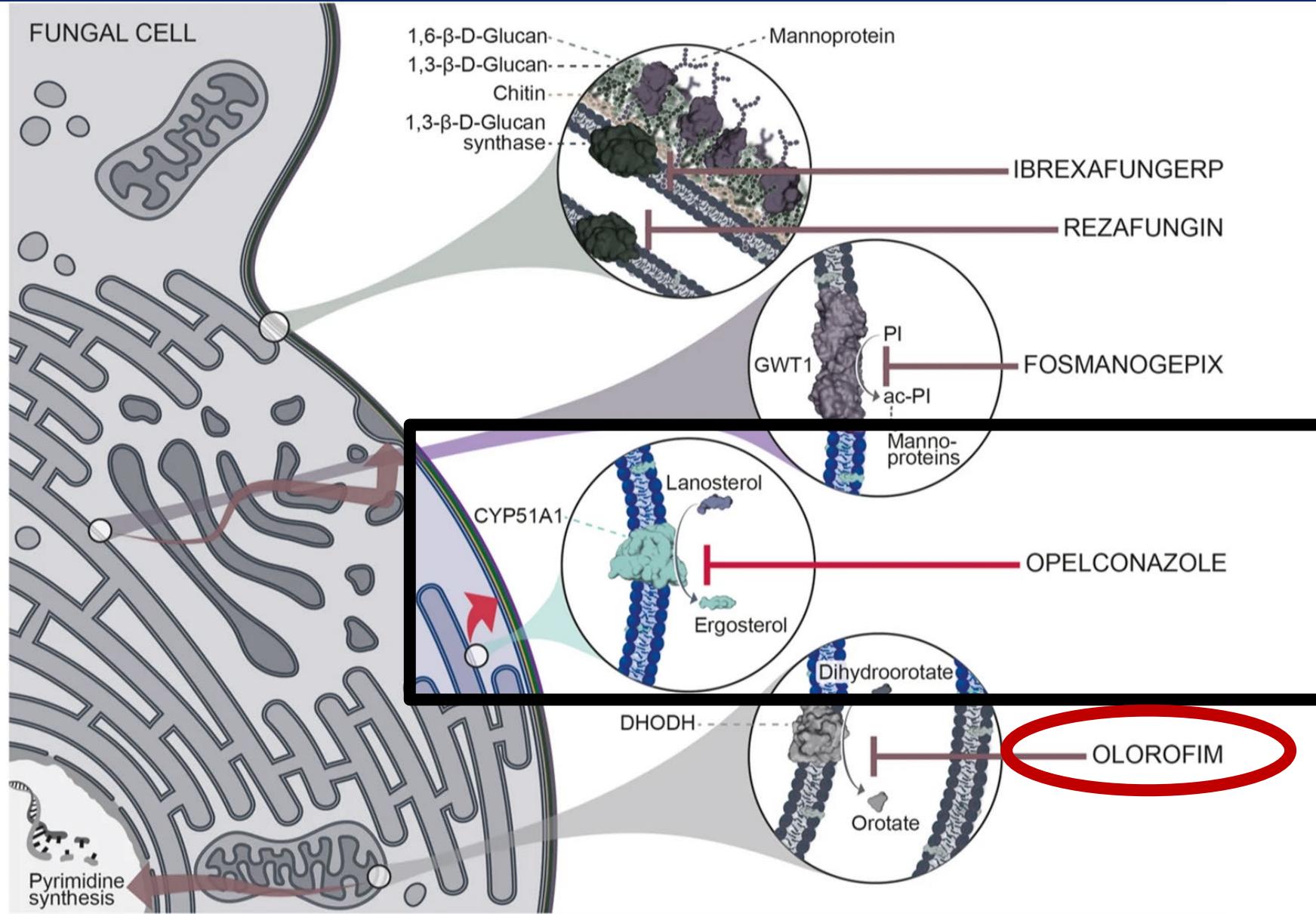
| Advantages   | Limitations  |
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| <p>Oral formulation (and IV and inhaled)</p> <p>Activity against various <i>Aspergillus</i> spp. including azole-resistant strains and difficult to treat cryptic species</p> <p>Broad tissue distribution including CNS and kidneys</p> | <p>No broad-spectrum antifungal with no activity against <i>Mucorales</i> or yeasts</p> <p>Metabolized by cytochrome P450, potential interactions, liver toxicity</p> <p>Role for therapeutic drug monitoring?</p> |



**Future Roles:** Difficult-to-treat and refractory mold infections



- **Class:** Triazole



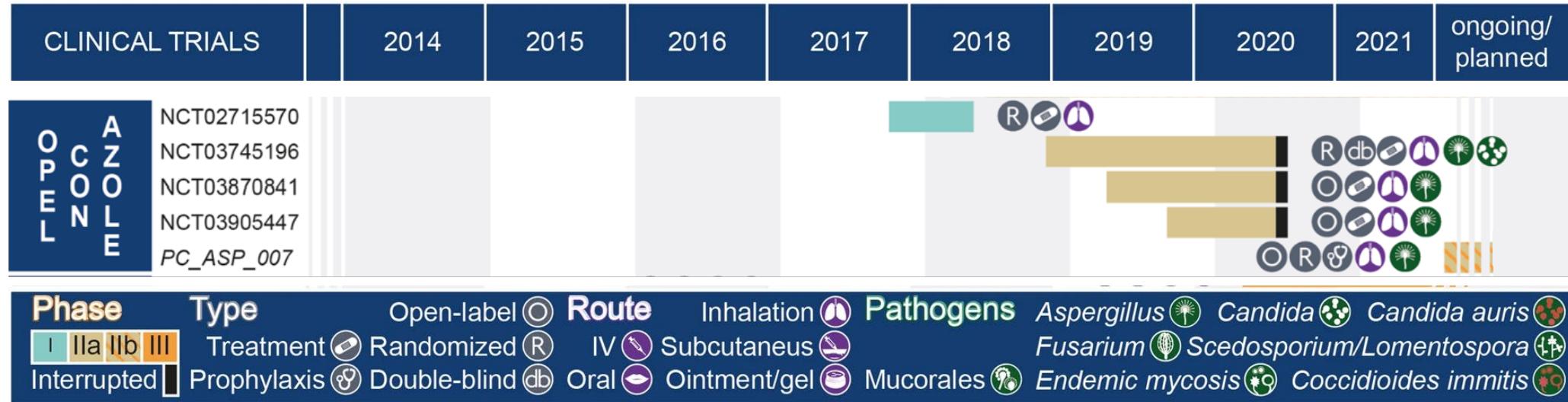


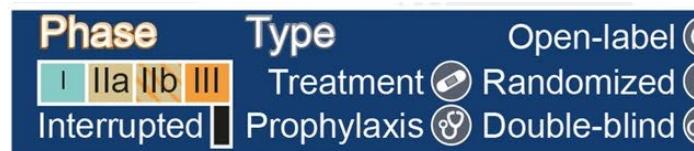
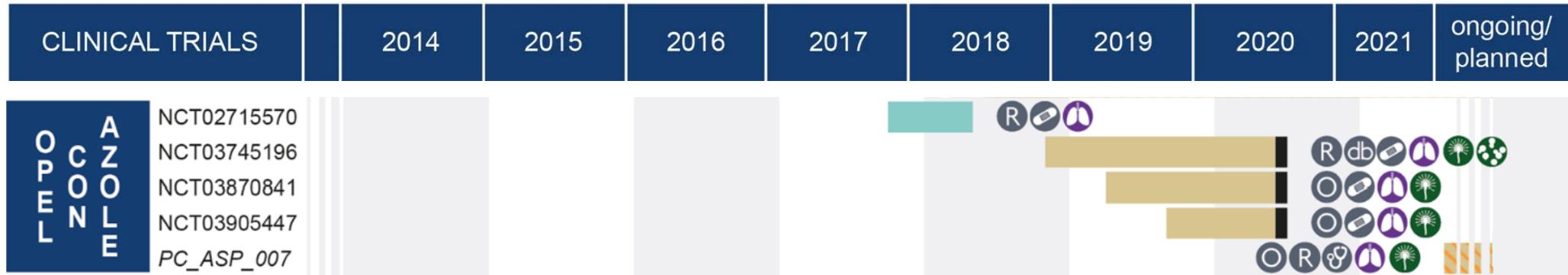
- **Class:** Orotomide
- **Mechanism of Action:** Inhibition of lanosterol demethylase, targets ergosterol synthesis
- **Form of Application:** Inhaled 



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**OPERA-T**



| Advantages  | Limitations                 |
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| <p>Broad activity against <i>Aspergillus</i> spp.</p> <p>High local concentrations while avoiding systemic adverse effects and drug interactions</p> <p>Synergism with systemically applied azoles</p> <p>Sustained lung retention due to lipophilicity and micronized drug particles</p> | <p>No systemic activity</p> |



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