

Table 3.2 Mechanisms of antifungal action

	Primary mode of action	Target
Azoles (fluconazole, itraconazole, voriconazole)	Inhibit ergosterol biosynthesis	Fungal cytochrome P-450 dependent 14 α -sterol demethylase
Echinocandins (caspofungin, anidulafungin, micafungin)	Inhibit fungal cell wall glucan synthesis	Fungal β -1, 3-glucan synthase
Amphotericin B	Bind to and make fungal cell membrane 'leaky'	Fungal cell membrane