Should we absolutely reject the hypothesis that epithelium-based *Candida* biofilms contribute to the pathogenesis of human vulvovaginal candidiasis?

TO THE EDITORS: We read the article by Swidsinski et al with great interest. The authors used fluorescent in situ hybridization of human vaginal tissue biopsies to demonstrate the absence of *Candida* biofilms in patients with vulvovaginal candidiasis (VVC). This is a very important finding because it might reset the treatment target for recurrent VVC (RVVC) from biotic biofilms to invasive fungi.

However; from the microbiologic aspect, it is reasonable to assume the involvement of *Candida* biofilms in VVC and their resistance to antifungals. Although most clinical isolates...