

## Correspondence

### **The relationship between the use of fluconazole & the incidence of fluconazole-resistant *Candida* species**

Sir,

We read with interest the study by Oberoi *et al*<sup>1</sup> about epidemiology of non-*albicans* *Candida* species fungaemia in a tertiary care hospital. They showed an increasing incidence of non-*albicans* *Candida* species fungaemia as well as the increasing use of fluconazole. To understand the association about the consumptions of antifungal agents and the antifungal resistance among clinical isolates of *Candida* species is important, however, the impact of consumption of antifungal agents on the incidence of candidemia caused by different *Candida* species varies<sup>2</sup>. The authors of this study got an opportunity to clarify the relationship between the use of fluconazole and the incidence of fluconazole-resistant *Candida* species. By this analysis, their conclusion about limited use of azole as a presumptive therapy for *Candida* fungaemia in this clinical situation may become more reliable.

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