

# First Record of Cryptococcus Gattii (VGI) that Causes Vulvovaginitis in Iraq.

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- **Abstract:** Background and Purpose: Cryptococcus. gattii is a non-Cryptococcus neoformans species isolated from certain plants and some animals. Case Report: This report describes a case of a 35-year-old Iraqi female with pruritus and vaginal irritation. Conventional tests and molecular analysis of the samples of vaginal discharge were performed. The mentioned analyses revealed Cryptococcus gattii as the causative agent of vaginal infection. The sensitivity tests revealed that this species is susceptible to clotrimazole and nystatin. Conclusion: C. gattii was found to have the ability to cause vulvovaginitis. This is the first report of successful detection and treatment of vulvovaginal infection with C. gattii.
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