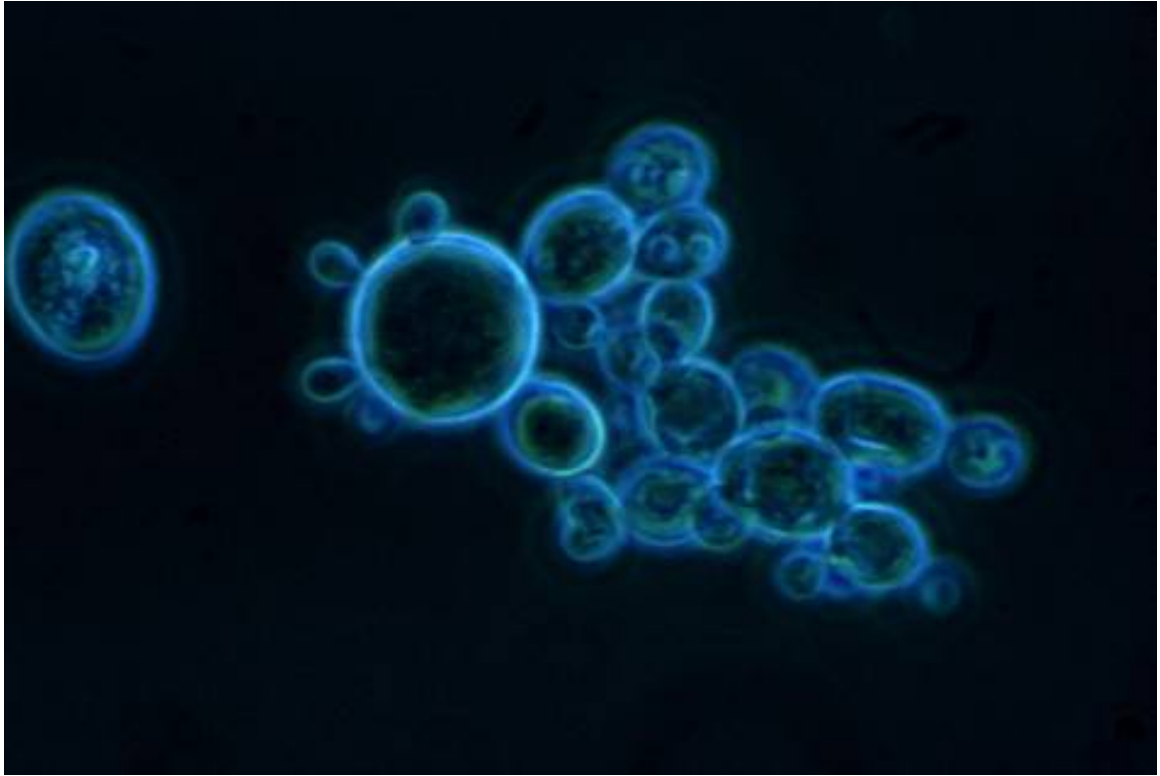


Paracoccidioides



Women are protected from infection by Paracoccidioides by their oestrogen. So it affects mainly men. In South America, Paracoccidioides lives as a fluffy mould in the soil. When breathed in, it changes in the lungs to look like a ship's steering wheel as it causes infection, a transition blocked by oestrogen. So only men get pneumonia, ulcers in their gums and lymph gland swelling, all caused by Paracoccidioides.