Reviewer’s report

Title: Colonization of pediatric cancer patients with Candida species does not lead to elevated levels of (1->3)-beta-D-glucan, Candida mannan or Candida DNA in serum samples

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Reviewer: Deanna A Sutton

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Nice paper confirming the utility of 1-3 beta-D-glucan, mannan, and Candida DNA in diagnosis of invasive candidiasis.

Minor essential revisions

Page 5, line 13. Change from "...also speciated..." to "...also identified to the species level....etc."

Page 10, lines 13 and 14. The data for caspofungin indicates that the MIC90 is higher than the range of MICs, i.e., MIC90 is 0.32ug/ml but the range is 0.002 - 0.25 ug/ml, which cannot be correct.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.