Author's response to reviews

Title: Epidemiological Trends in Nosocomial Candidemia in Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in Italy

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To The BioMed Central Editorial Team

Thank you for your message of 1/11/05, and enclosed comments. The paper has been revised according to the reviewers’ suggestion. All the points risen have been addressed, as you will find in the detailed list enclosed. The changes in the revised manuscript are in red. We hope that the revised version of the manuscript will be now suitable for the publication in the BMC Infectious Disease.

Thanking you in advance, I look forward for hearing from you.

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### SPECIFIC POINTS

**Reviewer Pfaller**

1. We added in the text in red the sentence: In contrast to hematologic patients where a decrease in C.albicans infection resulted in a significant reduction in the incidence of candidemia in our experience the overall incidence actually increased with a new reference [17].

2. We did not have the data of the incidence and distribution of non-ICU candidemia.

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**Reviewer Hsiu- Jung**

1 Major

- During the study period the detection’s method did not change (stated in the methods), the patients population remained similar and no outbreak has been reported. However, we did not stratify the patients for different demographic and clinical characteristics due to the retrospective nature of the study.

2 Major

- We added in the text the change of fluconazole prescription during the study period.

3 Major

- As suggested, we performed an analysis of incidence of candidemia episodes/10 000 patient-days/year. According to the reviewer we observed a similar incidence of C.albicans candidemia during the study period. We added these results in the text, in the discussion, in table 1 and in figure 1.

1 Minor

- We added in the methods the identification technique.

2 Minor

- We changed the table 1.

3 Minor

- We labelled the red square.