**Author’s response to reviews**

**Title:** Influence of subinhibitory antifungal concentrations on extracellular hydrolases and biofilm production in Candida albicans recovered from Egyptian patients

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1. We note that the current submission still contains textual overlap (which has now increased to 40% overlap) with other previously published works, in particular:

   Brief Exposure to Antimycotics Reduces the Extracellular Phospholipase Activity of Candida albicans and Candida tropicalis. (2003) Chemotherapy. DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1159/000072448](https://doi.org/10.1159/000072448)

   AND

   Sub-inhibitory Concentrations of Antifungals Suppress Hemolysin Activity of Oral Candida albicans and Candida tropicalis Isolates from HIV-Infected Individuals. (2014) Mycopathologia. DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1007/s11046-014-9802-0](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11046-014-9802-0)

   AND


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   Extracellular phospholipase production of oral Candida albicans isolates from smokers, diabetics, asthmatics, denture wearers and healthy individuals following brief exposure to polyene, echinocandin andazole antifungics. (2016) Brazilian Journal of Microbiology. DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bjm.2016.06.009](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bjm.2016.06.009)

   This overlap mainly exists in the Background, Methods, Results and Discussion sections.
While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work.

Please re-phrase these sections to minimise overlap. In the case of the Methods, if you have used a similar method to that described in the previously published works, we understand that it may be difficult to rephrase your wording. Thus, in this case, you may choose to cite the published works in the relevant parts of your Methods rather than rephrasing the section completely.

Authors’ response: The textual overlap detected in the Background, Methods, Results and Discussion sections has been rephrased as recommended in the technical report.

In the Methods section, we have cited a published work (in press) by the authors of this manuscript (Microbial pathogenesis) in the relevant parts (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.micpath.2018.12.028), with partial rephrasing of the wording, as recommended in the technical report.