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Dear Dr. Eva Szunyogova

Thank you for the review of our paper: “A survey of fungal microbiota in airways of healthy volunteer subjects from Puglia(Apulia), Italy.”

We are very grateful for all your helpful comments.
We have revised our manuscript according to the reviewers’ comments and a native English speaker (working for our University as Collaboratore ed Esperto Linguistico) revised the manuscript as confirmed by the certificate attached.

Our replies to the specific comments of the reviewers are as follows:

Reviewer reports:

Reviewer 1

C1: Please include email addresses of all authors on the ‘Title Page’. Corresponding author should still be indicated.

R1: Thank you for your suggestion. We added email addresses of all authors and indicated corresponding author accordingly.

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