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Title: Prevalence and Antifungal Susceptibility of Candida albicans Causing Vulvovaginitis Among Pregnant Women in Lebanon

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Dr Papadimtriou-Olivgeris Matthaios

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Subject: Revision (Third revision) and resubmission of manuscript INFD-D-19-01372

Dear Dr Papadimtriou-Olivgeris Matthaios,
Thank you for reviewing our comments and for sending your new suggestions to improve the manuscript.
We have included the reviewers comments (In red) immediately after this letter and responded to their questions. The highlighted phrases in yellow were modified in the manuscript.
We are happy to consider further revisions if needed, and we thank you so much for your inputs.
Sincerely,
Mira El Chaar

Reviewer reports:

1- Transform” C.albicans” to “C. albicans”. It should be a blank between them. Please change throughout the text for all species.

The manuscript was revised and the corrections were done.
2- Abstract line 20: Erase “(NCAC)”
   The correction was done

3- Page 3 line 7: Change “Vulgovaginal” to “vulgovaginal”
   The correction was done

4- Page 5 lines 8-10. Insert a citation of the articles included in the literature search
   We inserted the citations of the articles used in the literature

5- Table 1: erase “n=”.
   The correction was done

6- Add a footnote to the Table: Data are number (%) of patients
   The Footnote was added

7- Page 10 lines 4-5: Erase “The Chi-square test revealed that”
   The sentence was removed

8- Page 16 line 14: replace “invasive candidiasis” by “ICI”, since you already introduced that abbreviation in page 3 line 22
   The correction was done

9- You should include a limitation paragraph before conclusions.
   We added the following limitation paragraph: The study has potential limitations which include the lack of screening of other pathogens in pregnant women; these may have an impact on pregnancy outcomes. Case control studies should be also implemented to determine if exposure to Candida species has an association with pregnancy outcomes.