Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer's report:

The contribution seems interesting, but there are many points to be reviewed before acceptance for publication.

There are important concerns regarding to microbiological procedure:
The word "Candida" is written in different ways and some of them totally wrong, please correct it. Only the spelling "Candida" is correct in any situation

There are various yeasts names written without italic. Please, check it into the entire manuscript

Page 3, line 48 the expression "non-C. albicans species (NCAS) should be replaced by "Non-C. albicans Candida (NCAC). In addition, every time the "NCAS" appears it should be replaced by "NCAC".

Page 6, lines: 6-9: The sentence "The second swab was used to prepare a smear for gram staining and wet mount with KOH." Swab with culture media, cannot be used for microscopic analysis, as well as wet mount with KOH, it is useful just for culture and yeasts identification, please rewrite completely. Besides the Gram stain neither KOH was not mentioned in results or discussion, thus I suggest delete this information

Page 6, line 17: add the word "human" before the …. pooled serum

Page 6, lines: 9-39: The methods used for yeasts identification was too rudimentary, it is not wrong, but I suggest to authors mention this information in discussion session as a limitation of this study

Page 8, line 38 and other places: What does "Candida kreusi" mean? Did the authors wanted to write Candida krusei? It appears in other sentences, please get it right

Figure 1: is interesting, but authors need add the respective reference for each country, for instance as foot note.

Table 1 and 2: Please, pay attention to format: remove all vertical lines and internal horizontal ones

The Conclusions session must be spontaneous from the authors, related to themselves objectives and results, cannot contain references from other studies. Please rewrite it.

Minor points:
Please check the total time of this study, authors mention 12 months (abstract) and 13 months (manuscript's body), but the period from June 2015 to July 2016 corresponds to 14 months, right?
Page 2, line 10: Replace the word "prevalent" by common

Page 5, line 41: Please delete the sentence: "while 36% (N=93) were not filled by the gynecologists";

Page 7, line 53: delete the coma

Page 8, line 19: add "the cultures from" after the word "Among"

Page 9, line 51: Add the word "cultures" after "vaginal swabs"

Page 9, line 53: The sentence "More often than not" is weird, please rewrite it

Page 10, line 19: The reference number 26, is no related to VVC, therefore should be excluded from here

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

No

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Yes

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