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Revision (0)

Here, you can see the **Reviewers**, **Associate Editors** and **EICs'** comments from the beginning to the end of the revision process.

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 12 Apr 2021

Dear AE,
Comments for the authors:
1- Introduction must be improved.
2- Write down the conditions for doing PCR.
3-Draw a phylogenetic tree.
4- Keyword must be edited and selected from MeSh.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) — 14 Apr 2021

Dear EIC,
There many tables and figures, the authors should choose some of them or summarize them.
Thanks.

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (0) — 14 Apr 2021

Dear Author,

Thank you for submitting your manuscript to JJM. I have completed the review of your manuscript and a summary is appended below (Pleases find attached files). The reviewers recommend the reconsideration of your paper following major revision. I invite you to resubmit your manuscript after addressing all reviewer comments. Please answer point by point to reviewer's comments on a separate sheet under WORD format and write your modifications in the revised version (WORD format) in colored or highlighted letters. Your answers to reviewers' queries are not only for the Editorial Board but for the readers and should be included, when appropriate, in the manuscript for improvement and a better understanding.

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Point-by-point response to reviewers comments

New editing in the text can be tracked by the track changes option of word.

Editorial Comments

Add ORCID number for all authors in your account.

Done as requested

- **General comments**

- Use 12 Times New Roman in through text with 2 lines spacing.

Done as requested

- Arrange references numbers in text based on JJM instruction as ().

Done as requested

- Correct all punctuations.

Done as requested

- Divide all text in suitable paragraph, paragraphs should be written shorter, those are too long (example no all background in one paragraph).

Done as requested

- When use abbreviated form, first time add full name (both in abstract and introduction sections) then abbreviated it.

Done as requested

- Start new sentences with full name.

Comment does not apply

- The organism name (*Aspergillus niger*), genus name (*Candida*), family name (*Actinomycetaceae*) of all microorganisms) must be italic.

Done as requested

- **Abstract (No more than 250 words)**

- **Subheading:** Background, Objectives, Methods, Results, and Conclusions

Done as requested

- Choose all keywords based on ‘’mesh’’.

Done as requested

- **1. Introduction:**

- No more than1.5 pages.

Done as requested

2. Objectives:

- Objectives of study must be added at end of Introduction.

Done as requested

3. Methods:

- Subheading

Add voucher code and deposited herbarium names when use plant materials.

Comment does not apply

- Subheading **"Methods"** including sampling, tests and …

Add company and country names of all used materials, kits, culture media, primers, chemical compound and so.

Done as requested

- Subheading **"Statistical analysis"**: In this section you can add all statistical methods/analysis and software that used in this study.

Comment does not apply

4. Results:

- Doesn't present results in similar forms (only one form; text or table or figure or Graph).

Done as requested

- Put high quality figures in manuscript results.

Done as requested

- Avoid routine figures.

Done as requested

- Long tables and figure put in **"Supplementary materials"**.

Done as requested

5. Discussion:

- Maximum two pages is suitable for this section.

Done as requested. Discussion is a bit larger than two pages.

5.1. Conclusions:

- Add final conclusion as one paragraph (2-5 lines) at end of discussion.

Done as requested

- **Acknowledgments**

Done as requested

- **Footnote**
  - Authors' Contributions

Inserted

  - Funding/Support

N/A

  - Conflict of Interest

Inserted

  - **Ethics Statement:** Add University Ethics Committee code or Clinical Trial Registry Number in this section. When animal models used in your project, pleases add Animal ethics approval.

Inserted

  - **Consent form information**

Inserted

- **References:**
  - Use EndNote for references as available in JJM instruction (Click here for download: Download the modified Vancouver style for JJM). Add DOI or PMID, or both when applicable for each reference.

Done as requested

Reviewers' Comments

Reviewer 1:

1- Introduction must be improved.

Done as requested. A new paragraph was added and references inserted in the "References" section

2- Write down the conditions for doing PCR.

Done as requested. PCR conditions and information about the platform for deep sequencing were inserted

3- Draw a phylogenetic tree.

Phylogenetic tree exists in Figure 1.

4- Keyword must be edited and selected from MeSh.

Done as requested. All prior keywords were removed and new ones selected from MESH were inserted.

Associate Editor's Comments

Associate Editor 1:

There are many tables and figures, you should choose some of them or summarize them.

Done as requested.

- **Figures 2 and 3 were shortened and merged to form Figure 2.**
- **Number of supplementary figures was narrowed to 19 instead of 25.**
- **Table S4 was shortened after removal of the last column describing the different microbes.**
- **Only one table and two figures exist in the text and the rest exist in the supplementary files.**

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REFEREE: EIC | **Revision (1)** 28 Apr 2021

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