

# Review of: "Analysis of Vaginal Candidiasis Prevalence Among Bangladeshi Women in Relation to Menstrual Hygiene and Other Risk Factors: A Cross-Sectional Study"

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The authors clearly outline the aim of the study, study design, and methodology. However, the results and discussion sections would benefit from some revision. I have attached the manuscript with some tracked changes and comments.

General comments:

- Be consistent with the use of decimal points. The authors need to choose whether they use one or two decimal points.
- Abbreviations need to be written in full at first mention.
- Some scientific organisms names are not italicized.
- Some of the references used are too old. Use recent studies when comparing findings.
- There are major grammatical errors throughout the manuscript. The paper would benefit from language editing.

ABSTRACT:

- Generally, the abstract is 250-300 words. It needs to have a brief description of each section of the manuscript (intro, methods, results, and conclusion). You do not need to include all your results in the abstract, only the significant ones.
- Please add a brief description of the methods (sample size, testing methods, etc.)

INTRODUCTION

- I would suggest the authors do some research on scientific writing and how to write a manuscript.
- The first section labelled as the introduction needs to be removed. It has unnecessary and irrelevant information.
- I would suggest that the authors keep the section labelled as literature review as their introduction.
- After the information about symptoms, add risk factors.
- Aims should not be written in bullet points, and they should be under the introduction section as the last paragraph.

METHODS

- You do not need to describe what a cross-sectional study is.
- Please include the IRB that approved the study and the ethics approval number.
- You need to describe or state the tests used for the statistical analysis.

## RESULTS

- Table numbers need to be cited in the text of the results section.
- There are a lot of tables (35 tables) for a prevalence and risk factors paper. The authors need to summarize or group some of the tables.

## DISCUSSION

- The authors need to use recent studies for comparison; some of the references are too old.