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TitleoftheManuscript:	INVITROANTIFUNGALACTIVITYOFSOMEETHANOLPLANTEXTRACTSAGAINSTCANDIDASPECIESISOLATEDFROMHIGHVAGINALSWABSOFWOMEN ATTENDING A HOSPITAL IN ENUGU STATE, NIGERIA.
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**PART1: Review Comments**

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p><b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b></p>	<p>This manuscript is significant for the scientific community as it addresses the growing concern of antifungal resistance among <i>Candida</i> species, which poses a major challenge in treating fungal infections. The study explores the in vitro antifungal activity of ethanol extracts from medicinal plants, specifically <i>Moringa oleifera</i>, <i>Vernonia amygdalina</i>, and <i>Ocimum gratissimum</i>, against resistant <i>Candida</i> strains isolated from women in Nigeria. This research highlights the potential of natural products as alternative therapeutic options, which is particularly important given the limitations of conventional antifungal agents like azoles and echinocandins due to resistance issues. I appreciate this manuscript for its practical implications in the field of herbal medicine and its contribution to the search for novel antifungal agents. The findings suggest that these plant extracts possess significant antifungal properties, which could lead to the development of new treatments for infections caused by resistant <i>Candida</i> species. Furthermore, the study emphasizes the importance of traditional medicine in modern healthcare, particularly in regions like Nigeria where herbal remedies are widely used [1]. Overall, this research not only adds to the existing body of knowledge but also encourages further investigation into the therapeutic potentials of these plants, which could ultimately benefit public health.</p> <p>The manuscript presents valuable findings regarding the antifungal activity of ethanol extracts from selected medicinal plants against resistant <i>Candida</i> species. However, there are several areas that require correction and clarification to enhance the overall quality and clarity of the paper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Clarification of Methodology:</b> The methodology section should provide more detailed information on the extraction process, including the specific conditions used in the Soxhlet extraction. This will help in replicating the study and understanding the efficacy of the extracts better.</li> <li>• The manuscript presents valuable findings regarding the antifungal activity of ethanol extracts from selected medicinal plants against resistant <i>Candida</i> species. However, there are several areas that require correction and clarification to enhance the overall quality and clarity of the paper:</li> <li>• <b>Clarification of Methodology:</b> The methodology section should provide more detailed information on the extraction process, including the specific conditions used in the Soxhlet extraction. This will help in replicating the study and understanding the efficacy of the extracts better.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b></p>	<p>The title of the article, "INVITRO ANTIFUNGAL ACTIVITY OF SOME ETHANOL PLANT EXTRACTS AGAINST CANDIDA SPECIES ISOLATED FROM HIGH VAGINAL SWABS OF WOMEN ATTENDING A HOSPITAL IN NUGUSTA STATE, NIGERIA," is quite descriptive and provides a clear indication of the study's focus. However, it could be improved for conciseness and clarity. Here are some considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Length:</b> The current title is lengthy and may be cumbersome for readers. A more concise title would enhance readability while still conveying the essential information.</li> </ul> <p><b>Specificity:</b> While the title specifies the location and population studied, it could be streamlined to focus on the key elements of the research, such as the antifungal activity and the plant extracts used.</p>	
<p><b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</b></p>	<p>The abstract of the article provides a good overview of the study, including the background, objectives, methods, and key findings.</p>	
<p><b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p>	<p>The structure and subsections of the manuscript appear to be appropriate for the content and objectives of the study. Here are some observations based on the provided contexts:</p>	

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<p><b>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b></p>	<p>The manuscript demonstrates scientific correctness through its rigorous methodology and clear presentation of results. The use of standardized methods for preparing plant extracts and conducting antifungal susceptibility testing ensures that the findings are reliable and reproducible [1]. Additionally, the study addresses a significant issue in public health—antifungal resistance—by exploring alternative treatments derived from natural sources, which is a timely and relevant research focus. Furthermore, the results indicate varying degrees of antifungal activity among the plant extracts, providing valuable insights into their potential therapeutic applications against resistant Candida species.</p> <p>The systematic approach to evaluating the extracts, including the use of multiple concentrations and controls, adds to the technical soundness of the study, reinforcing its contributions to the field of herbal medicine and antifungal research.</p> <p>Overall, the manuscript is scientifically robust, as it combines a well-defined research question with appropriate experimental design and analysis.</p>	
<p><b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b></p> <p>:</p>	<p>The manuscript does not provide specific references within the provided contexts, making it difficult to assess the sufficiency and recency of the references used. However, the introduction highlights the increasing resistance of Candida species to conventional antifungal agents, which is a well-documented issue in recent literature. This suggests that the authors are likely aware of the need for current references to support their claims about antifungal resistance and the exploration of alternative treatments from natural sources.</p> <p>To enhance the manuscript's credibility, it would be beneficial to include recent studies that specifically address the antifungal properties of the selected plant extracts, such as Moringa oleifera, Vernonia amygdalina, and Ocimum gratissimum. Additionally, references discussing the mechanisms of antifungal resistance and the role of herbal medicine in treating fungal infections would provide a more comprehensive background.</p> <p>In summary, while the manuscript addresses a relevant topic, the inclusion of specific, recent references would strengthen its foundation and support the claims made throughout the study.</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p>		
<p><b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>	<p>The language and English quality of the article appear to be generally suitable for scholarly communication, based on the provided contexts</p>	

**PART 2:**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p><b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b></p>	<p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p>	

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