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PART 1:

Journal Name:	Journal of Advances in Microbiology
Manuscript Number:	Ms_JAMB_46825
Title of the Manuscript:	Vaginal bacterial flora in the bitch-a review
New Title of the Manuscript:	Normal and pathological vaginal microflora in the bitch-a review
Type of Article:	Review Paper

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
<p>I regret to note that the proposed revisions have not been fully applied. I hint in particular to a better and more rational organization of the text.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>The manuscript consists of a mini-review of vaginal bacterial flora in dogs.</p> <p>The topic of the manuscript could be appropriate for the Journal and the literature review is quite thorough. Interesting comments include the significance of bacterial isolates from the reproductive tract of healthy or diseased dogs.</p> <p>Nevertheless, some major flaws should be assessed to increase manuscript readability and effectiveness before considering it for publication.</p> <p>Currently the synthesis of the results found in the literature is presented in an unorganized way. I would suggest to the authors to reorganize the text by examining one topic at a time. For example, the authors might consider following this pattern: controversial topics on which the review would like to shed light (i.e. brief introduction), overall presence / absence of microorganisms, correlation between bacterial isolates and age / puberty / pregnancy / spayed or intact, type of microorganisms isolated in monoculture or in associations, possible association with genital or urinary disorders (e.g. UTI), possible association with the practice and the results of artificial insemination.</p> <p>Finally, there should be direct correspondence between the abstract and the conclusions of the mini-review. For example, the actual abstract does not include mention to opportunity of prophylactic antibiotic treatment before insemination that on the other hand is presented as the main conclusion of the paper. Is this the actual focus of the review? If so, address the text accordingly.</p> <p>I would also suggest to add some references on the differences found during different stages of the reproductive cycle (Maksimovic et al 2012), on vaginal Mycoplasmas (Maksimovic et al 2018) and on UTI-associated bacteria (Hutchins et al 2014). Amongst yeasts infections, no mention is made on Candida species, but I think it would be interesting to add a short note on this topic (see for example Brito</p>	<p>The organization of the text is made as a review of the current problem from the daily veterinary practice in canine theriogenology.</p> <p>New authors (Lyman et al., 2019, Maksimovic et al 2012, Maksimovic et al 2018, Hutchins et al 2014, Brito et al 2009) are added within the text and corrections are in yellow in the text.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>The title is changed.</p> <p>The organization of the text is made as a review of the current problem from the daily veterinary practice in canine theriogenology.</p> <p>The suggested authors (Maksimovic et al 2012, Maksimovic et al 2018, Hutchins et al 2014, Brito et al 2009) are added within the text and corrections are in yellow in the text. I have added also Lyman et al., 2019.</p> <p>At the end of the Abstract we talk about the management of the reproductive diseases in the bitch. I have added also antibiotic treatment of these diseases.</p> <p>In my opinion, the antibiotic treatment, which is mentioned in the conclusion of the manuscript and is used in the practice to eliminate the bacterial etiological agent is in fact a part of this management. So, that's why it is there</p>



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It is corrected in the text References.

The English is checked.