

Editor's Comment:

The authors mentioned that “the present study aimed to evaluate a newly established in-house PCR based on *pfoB* gene and compared it with conventional wet smear examination method and 18S rRNA gene based PCR technique for the diagnosis of *T. vaginalis* in symptomatic and asymptomatic subjects.” However, in discussion and conclusion, they did not focus on the aim. They have to evaluate and conclude about the possibility to use *pfoB* gene PCR for the diagnosis of *T. vaginalis* in the patients.

Author's Feedback:

Reply: We thank the Editor for such useful comments. Appropriate action has now been taken, and discussion and conclusion has been modified.

The discussion part of the manuscript already contained reference of specificity study of *pfoB* gene for *T. vaginalis* and we previously found out that it does not show any cross reactivity with the genome of other microorganisms and human DNA samples (**please see page 12 lines 281-283, reference 21, highlighted**). Now we have also discussed the evaluation of *pfoB* gene based PCR assay for the diagnosis of *T. vaginalis* in the patient samples which show similar outcome to the previous study (**please see page 12 lines 298-301, reference 35, highlighted**).

The conclusion has also been modified based on our observations about the *pfoB* gene based in-house PCR assays can be used in a clinical setting (**please see page 13 lines 317-319, highlighted**).