



SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJTDH_28352
Title of the Manuscript:	Antimicrobial activity, safety and acceptability of formulated ginger-fortified hand sanitizer gel

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
Re sampling method: the authors responded that they did not have a sampling frame (the list of students), how could they used simple random sampling? Another term (purposive or convenient sampling) should be used instead and they should describe how they approached and selected students. They came to students' class to invite them to participate or they met them in the campus and ask them to participate in. If the authors did not conduct any food contamination test, they just stated in the manuscript. If no food could cause skin and eye irritation, why did they stated that "Care was taken to ensure the food and water was free from contaminants that could affect the study"? How did contaminants affect the findings? The subjects were selected from the university community? What was university community? Was it included students, lecturers, other staff-members? Were they different from the general population? If yes, would the findings be applied in the general population? If ANOVA was used in the table 2, it should be stated below the table.	This has been attended to as suggested. The statement pointed has been removed as it could mean another thing entirely. It was included as this is the overall care in animal study. Most pathogens that causes 'skin irritation' (infection) are mainly transmitted by contacts or by respirator system. Their incubation is even longer than the period of this experiment. That is the more reason why we don't bother screening the food and water for possible presence of pathogen. The feed of the animal was not changed during this experiment. The university community comprises of students and staff (academic and non-academic). The subjects were drew from students and non-students from the campus. This has been so stated in the MS. This correction has been included in the MS.