

Editor's Comment:

Based on the report of reviewers and my own assessment as Editor, I am pleased to inform you that the manuscript "**Activity of some clinically used biocides to commonly isolated bacterial pathogens from tertiary hospitals in Nigeria**" is potentially acceptable for publication in [International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health](#), however there are some essential suggestion for English improvement (highlighted with red colour), which should be rectified prior to publication.

Line 22-23: Ethanol and triclosan were less effective even at the popular 70% for ethanol.

Comment: The **proper** word is not appropriate here and should be replaced by any other word.

Line 81-82: Antibiotics and biocides, sodium hypochlorite (NaClO) solution; chlorhexidine (CHX) were **all** purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, UK.

Comment: I think all word should not be here.

Line 96: Sterile swab stick was used to **streak** the

Comment: Streak word is not appropriate here and should be replaced by any spread.

Line 112-117: Various controls were set up; control organisms were run alongside the tests using *E. coli* ATCC 25922 for *Enterobacteriaceae*, *P. aeruginosa* ATCC 27853 for *P. aeruginosa* and ATCC 25923 for *S. aureus*, while sterility control was set up with least concentrations of the various biocides without organisms, viability control contained the test strains in the broth without biocide.

Comment: This sentence is too long and some complicated. It is advised to rephrase.

Line 131: 50 µl of Anan overnight broth culture of the organisms already was diluted to 10⁴ **orgs/ml** was added.

Comment: It is advised to replace orgs/ml with cells/ml.

Line 211-214: MIC range of 3 - 6% was required for chlorhexidine to work effectively; most Gram negative bacteria were inhibited at 5% **while** *S. aureus* strains were prevented essentially at 3%, **while** 0.15 - 1.2% was obtained for chloroxylenol.

Comment: The while word is repeated and it is advised to rephrase the sentence.

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