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Editor's comments	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
Cannot over-emphasize the public health importance of water purification and delivery. This is an important manuscript which may have a positive impact on the aforementioned comments. The following are my concerns/suggestions: 1. The “duration’ of study is not clear ... what was the start and end-date of the study? 2. Suggest using a “space” between the number and the unit of measurement throughout the manuscript 3. Hydrogen ion concentration is usually indicated as ... pH 4. Line 196 - the “K’ in kidney can be lower case 5. Line 218 – “This shows the possibility ... “. I suggest the following - This raises the possibility that other pathogens may be present in the water. 6. Line 219 – Lose the space between 0157: H7, such that it reads as : 0157:H7	Thank you very much for the commendation, concerns and suggestions. 1. This is true. The study was done in October 2016 (10 - 29th October 2016). This is added to the manuscript and highlighted in “Abstract” (Line 10, Row 5) and “Study design” (Line 81). 2. All corrections were done as suggested. For example; Lines 10,28,29,71,72,78. 3. All p^H changed to pH. For example; Lines 43,191,193,194. 4. K changed into lower case (k). Line 196. 5. Done as suggested. Line 218. 6. Corrected. Line 219.