

AUTHORS RESPONSES TO REVIEWERS COMMENTS OF PAPER 2013_BJAST_5079

Reviewers Comment (1)	Author(s) responses (specific to each comment)
Title should be revised	We changed the title to what it is now after considering suggestions from two reviewers
Writing skill is poor	We have tried to re-write the article and the necessary errors detected have been corrected. The flow of writing has also been improved upon.
The authors have used many unscientific terminologies	We have tried as much as possible to remove the unscientific words and replaced them with scientific ones
Materials and methods not well presented	This has been modified completely and what is presented now is a representative of what we actually did
Under results and discussion, minimum , maximum and average values of the parameters need to be presented	The table of results have been split into 2 and now included maximum, minimum and average values of the parameters, the initial table one was removed completely as suggested by reviewers and well A2 and E1 have also been removed from the table and the entire work.
Conclusion have been poorly presented	The conclusion part has been modify to summarise our work and the recommendation based on what happens in the study area is now included inn the revised work
There is mistake in punctuations of the references	The reference section has been written now in line with the journal instruction for authors and template.
Minor revision	All the minor revision suggested were carefully looked into and have been attended to.
Reviewers Comment (2)	
Pit latrines and privies used interchangeably	We have used only pit latrines in the revised manuscript.
Foko Slum not one word	It has been separated into 2 words
CM 4	Reference has been cited to support the writing
CM5 Stated behaviour of the area	The behaviour of groundwater in the area has been explained and painted yellow
CM6 State whether the wells are protected or not	We have stated that the wells are both protected (boreholes and covered wells and some are not protected, uncovered and unlined
CM7 State the number of wells and pit latrines in Foko	This has been given in the corrected manuscript and painted yellow and sampling frequency has been included
CM 12. Clarify whether this means total coliform and faecal coliform	This has been corrected and total and faecal coliform have been used in the new article.
CM 16 Remove table 1	Table 1 is removed
CM 17 Remove well A2 and E1	The two wells have been removed from the table.
CM18 be consistent in using either faecal coliform or e-coli	Faecal coliform has been used consistently in the revised article.
CM20 include study limitation	This has been included and painted yellow
Reviewers Comment (3)	
Modify the title	This has been modified
Modification suggested in introduction	The introduction was modified.
What media was used	The media used have been stated and painted yellow
Avoid using long sentences	The sentences used in the revised article have been shortened.