Reviewer’s report

Title: Efficacy of Moringa oleifera leaf powder as a hand-washing product: a cross-over controlled study among healthy volunteers.

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1. Given the relatively small sample size did the authors do a power analysis prior commencing the study?
2. More information is needed about the powder used in the study. Was this a commercial product? If so what data was provided to confirm that it was 100% moringa leaf and not contaminated by other plant material? How was this product prepared? This is important as the processing may result in loss of active constituents and not reflect what might be seen in fresh leaves. This is also a point to be raised in the Discussion

Minor Essential Revisions
1. In the background there should be clarification that the discussion relates to microbial causes of diarrhoea rather than diarrhoea in general as there are non-microbial causes of diarrhoea.

Discretionary Revisions
• overall the paper is well written however there are a few places where the wording is a bit clumsy or prepositions are missing. These don’t detract from the meaning of the text but a careful proofread could address these issues and improve the flow of the text.
• The symbol for grams is g however is a couple of places (e.g. Table 2) it is shown as gr

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests