

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

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Title: Optimal initiation of *Helicobacter pylori* eradication in patients with peptic ulcer bleeding

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Reviewer No: 00034993

(1) Most important point of this study is whether confirmation of *H. pylori* infection between before and after discharge had selection bias depended on attending physician.

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We fully agree with the reviewer's comment. Therefore, we additionally described this limitation in the Discussion section as followings: "First, this study is retrospective in design. We could not fully elucidate the reason for discharge prior to confirmation of *H. pylori* infection in each patient. Instead, from our finding that hospital duration was an independent factor influencing whether *H. pylori* infection was confirmed prior to or after discharge, we speculated that the time discrepancy between rapid urease test and histology was the primary reason why patients with PUB were being discharged without final confirmation of their *H. pylori* infection status. However, because the attending physician generally decides to check *H. pylori* infection in patients with PUB during hospitalization, there is a possibility of selection bias by attending physician."

(2) It is better to add reasons why the patients were discharged before confirmation of *H. pylori* infection in all patients. Not factors, such as duration of hospitalization and stage ulcer. In general, attending physician decide to check *H. pylori* infection.

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. Because of the retrospective design of this study, we could not fully elucidate the reason in each patient why he or she was discharged before confirmation

of *H. pylori* infection. We commented this limitation in the Discussion section.

(3) Please show eradication regimen.

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. Most eradication regimen was standard triple therapy. We added the specific regimen of triple therapy to the footnote of Table 2.

Reviewer No: 00382448

(1) My only remark concerns English, which would need some revision, particularly for which concerns conjugation of verbs.

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We got the manuscript corrected by professional English language editing company.

Reviewer No: 02923968

(1) Conclusion of the paper is interesting and can be accepted after minor language revisions

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We got the manuscript corrected by professional English language editing company.

Reviewer No: 00505471

(1) The article is excessively long and can be condensed to about two thirds of its length

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We removed most sentences of the first paragraph in the Discussion section which are overlapping with contents in the Introduction section.

(2) Some of the tables are redundant and the material in them can be included in the text. (e.g. Tables 2 and 3)

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We removed Table 2 and 3. The material in these tables was included in the Result section.

(3) English language editing is required to make it clearer.

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We got the manuscript corrected by professional English language editing company.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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