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Title: *Helicobacter pylori* recurrence after eradication in Latin America: Implications for gastric cancer prevention
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Dear Colleagues,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 30651-review.doc).

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

1) The Format has been updated.

2) Revisions has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer.

(1) "*H. pylori* infection recurrence may result from re-growth or re-infection. Please check the manuscript and the tables to ensure that these words are accurately used."
• Thank you for your comment. We agree that the terms re-growth and recrudescence are interchangeable, and we have included the term re-growth in our revised manuscript.
(2) "Table 2. Please add footnote to indicate how crude recurrence rate was calculated."
• A footnote has been added.
(3) "Page 9, first paragraph: Was the first year recurrence rate calculated from all studies in Table 2? If so, how about the recurrence rates at 4,5,6,7 12, 16 years? Only two studies had more than 5-year follow-up, which means that most of these data were from one or two studies. The authors need to comment on this in the discussion part."
• We agree. Indeed, all 12 studies were included in the calculations to estimate the first year recurrence rate. This has been clarified in Page 9. Fewer studies were included in the subsequent years. This is shown in figure 2, and a note has been added in parenthesis.
(4) Please italicize the names of bacterial species.
Completed, thank you.

3) References and typesetting were corrected.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to publish our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology*.

Sincerely,

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