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**Dear Colleagues,**

We kindly propose an original contribution entitled “**Systematic review of the recurrence of *Helicobacter pylori* after eradication treatment in Latin America: Implications for gastric cancer prevention programs**” for consideration in the upcoming issue in the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology. Previous letter of title acceptance has been received, Manuscript ID 02953731.

We suggest that the proposed article will be of high interest: Recently the International Agency for Cancer Research (IARC) has called for the design and study of large scale interventions for gastric cancer prevention in high incidence regions of the world, including Latin America. Recent trials and meta-analysis show that *H. pylori* eradication reduces the risk of gastric adenocarcinoma. The effectiveness of such interventions will largely depend on regional *H. pylori* recurrence rates, more so than the specific initial eradication regimens. Our timely systematic review and meta-analysis estimates *H. pylori* recurrence in Latin America, and confirms that *H. pylori* eradication is an evidence-based approach. Globally, Latin America as a region trails only eastern Asia in terms of gastric cancer burden.

We state that all the material to be presented is original and has not been published elsewhere. All authors concur with this submission and subsequent revisions by the corresponding author.

We thank you in advance for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

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