

Specific point-to-point replies to each reviewer's comments

Reviewer comments

Reviewer Name: Vincenzo Savarino

Review Date: 2018-04-19 12:21

Specific Comments To Authors:

This is a complete and exhaustive review on the treatment of H. pylori infection in patients with atrophic gastritis. The rationale for therapeutic intervention in these patients is clearly explained and the few data so far published in this field in international medical literature are entirely reported. The limitations of anti-H. pylori therapy in cases with advanced atrophic gastritis are correctly highlighted, in particular the poor regression of intestinal metaplasia in gastric mucosa of these patients. The various anti-helicobacter regimens are discussed in depth with particular emphasis on bismuth containing eradicating schemes. This reviewer thinks that this review merits to be published in the WJG. Some spelling errors are present throughout the text

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (High priority)

Specific Comments To Authors (File):

We wish to thank very much Prof. Savarino for his positive and appreciated comments on our work.

Review Date: Anonymous
2018-04-16 08:35

Specific Comments To Authors:

Dear Editor; At first, thanks for giving opportunity to me to review this article. I read the article carefully. I would like to congratulate all the authors for this article. The paper was written properly. The relation between Gastric Lymphoma and H. Pylori should be mentioned in a paragraph. Thanks

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments To Authors (File):

We thank the Reviewer very much for his positive comments on our work. We also thank the Reviewer his interesting suggestion, and, accordingly, we have now included a new sentence of gastric lymphoma and H.pylori (see page 5, Introduction)

Reviewer Name: Anonymous

Review Date: 2018-04-20 17:14

Specific Comments To Authors:

The manuscript is mainly an argument for bismuth-based therapies. This could be reflected in the title and more emphasized in the abstract. The important and causal association between virulence factors, especially CagA and virulent VacA (which are usually co-expressed) and pathology is not discussed. Given the regional variations in Hp prevalence, virulence factors, population genetics and environmental factors it would be helpful if the authors indicate in the text where the studies they cite have been performed. The

table is not particularly informative. It does not specify the diagnosis of the patients, nor does it include data that is not mentioned in the text. Furthermore, four studies are very few for this type of review. The manuscript is written in good English but would, however, benefit from some polishing by someone proficient in the language.

Scientific Quality:

Grade C (Good)

Language Quality:

Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion:

Minor revision

Specific Comments To Authors

(File):

We thank the Reviewer very much for his positive comments on our work. We also thank the Reviewer his interesting suggestions. However, we preferred to not modify the title as this was an invited review with this given title. Accordingly to the Reviewer's suggestion we have modified the abstract (see page 2).

Furthermore, we have now included a new paragraph on the causal association between CagA and VacA (see last paragraph page 7). A new reference (32) has been included.

According to the Reviewers comment, we have included into the Table the countries were studies have been performed (see page 21).