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Title: THD fecal test for non-invasive Helicobacter pylori detection: A diagnostic accuracy study.

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Science editor: Xue-Jiao Wang

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			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript is well-written, the study design correct, the method used are up-to-date and the statistics is robust. One remark: it would be better if the new test were compared with another stoll antigen test, to see what brings new and better the THD test



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as compared to the older stool tests.

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THD should be corrected as "a new test" but mentioned in methods. A good paper to provoke treatment targeted to established resistance issues.



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This manuscript reports an evaluation of a new faecal test for H. pylori infection in adults Specific Comments. 1. The authors use the abbreviation/term THD from the start of their work without explanation 2. The Methods of the ABSTRACT refers to



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infection, without specifically indicating that they mean H pylori infection 3. The results of the ABSTRACT indicates that a certain number of participants performed endoscopy. One assumes that these participants were not all endoscopists! Suggest to change the word to "underwent" 4. The results of the ABSTARCT talks about the 23 with histo and UBT, and then goes directly to discuss the utility of the faecal test: this suggests that this utility was in the 23 older patients. Suggest to make more clear that the utility referred to was in all subjects 5. In line 1 of the INTRODUCTION, which population is being referred to? 6. The word "threatened" may be better replaced with the word "limited" 7. The methods study design section mentions that drugs may increase false negative testing, but this does not indicate which tests are being referred to 8. The end of para 2 on page 8 is a bit repetitive 9. In the RESULTS section (and elsewhere) the authors note that 294 were included and that 4 withdrew, yet they continue to present the data for 294 subjects. The data should be presented for 290 included subjects 10. Para 2 of the RESULTS includes basic details also presented in the Table. Suggest just the table to avoid repetition 11. Page 11 (and elsewhere) includes some incorrect word/sentence structure 12. The authors refer to bacterium on page 11, without specifying which organism they are referring to 13. The value of the last sentence on page 11 is unclear. Is this reflecting the data of this work, or is conjecture arising from this work. Given that the current work was conducted in only one population (with one background disease prevalence), these comments should be in the DISCUSSION only 14. The DISCUSSION could be enhanced with reorganisation to enhance flow and readability.

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