

Answering the Reviewer and the Editor-in-Chief

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Title: PCR-based tests for detecting *Helicobacter pylori* clarithromycin resistance in stool samples: A meta-analysis

We thank the reviewer and the editor-in-chief for their very thorough evaluation of our study and for their comments which have helped us to introduce important improvements in the new version.

In the following, we provide point-to-point answers to the comments of the reviewer and the editor-in-chief. The changes made in response to the recommendations of the Science Editor and the reviewer are marked in red in the new version of the manuscript. Hope to review patiently.

(1) Reviewer's code: 00503623

Question 1: The repetitious statement that “*H. pylori* is closely related to a variety of gastric diseases” should be modified to read “is closely associated with the etiology of a variety of gastric diseases”.

Answer: Thank you for your comment. In response to your comment, we have changed the following text according to your comment:

“*Helicobacter pylori* (*H. pylori*) infection is closely associated with the etiology of a variety of gastric diseases. The effective eradication of *H. pylori* infection has been shown to reduce the incidence of gastric carcinoma.”

Question 2: There are several typos throughout the text.

Answer: Thank you for your comment. We have contacted an editing company for language editing services, and language editing certificate issued by AJE was provided. We have changed the following text:

“From the 1818 initial articles, 11 studies enrolling a total of 592 participants were finally included. The research selection process are (is) shown in Figure 1.”

“Some studies have shown that the eradication of *H. pylori* may benefit children with nonnuclear (nonnuclear) dyspepsia^[22, 23]”

(2) Dear Editor-in-Chief:

First, thank you for your comments and decision. I have seriously revised our article in accordance with your comments and tips involving running title, Article Highlights and reference style mark with red color. Moreover, we will resubmit the supplement including original pictures and table, language certificate, copyright license agreement, conflict-of-interest statement and the approved grant application form. Looking forward to your reply.