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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 7065)

**Title:** *Helicobacter pylori* associated chronic gastritis, clinical syndromes, precancerous lesions, and pathogenesis of gastric cancer development.

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

1. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers
  - (1) Comment by reviewer: "The authors failed to make this review an informative or clinically useful one."
    - The topic and objective of this article is as stated in the title. It is intended to give a brief overview of *Helicobacter pylori* associated chronic gastritis and clinical syndromes. The focus of this article is on precancerous lesions, and pathogenesis of gastric cancer development.
  - (2) Comment by reviewer: "Table 2 should include numbers of patients and study designs."
    - Table 2 is revised as suggested by the reviewer.

- (3) Comment by reviewer: "Some background information on CagA and VacA would provide a useful introduction to these virulence factors."
- The section titled bacteriology has been revised as suggested by the reviewer.
- (4) Comment by reviewer: "The section of functional dyspepsia and GERD could be expended to further discuss the recent studies and meta-analyses."
- The section titled functional dyspepsia/GERD has been expanded as suggested by the reviewer.
- (5) Comment by reviewer: "The title is too ambitious compared with the topics actually stressed."
- We thank the reviewer for this suggestion and the title as been modified.
- (6) Comment by reviewer: "There are minor typos and grammatical errors."
- The review article has been revised and errors corrected.

2. References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

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