

## Answering Reviewers

Answer to reviewer No. 1: *Helicobacter pylori* was corrected in italics throughout the text of the manuscript, personal data were deleted everywhere.

Answer to reviewer No. 2:

The terms and conditions as following: gastric dysplasia, especially high-grade dysplasia, complete and non-complete intestinal metaplasia of the gastric mucosa, OLGA classification, and the dependence of high risk of gastric cancer on the severity of gastric mucosal atrophy - are thoroughly discussed in the chapter «PATHOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF THE USE OF THE CLASSIFICATIONS OF GASTRITIS»

In the chapter "PERSPECTIVE FOR SEROLOGICAL SCREENING FOR ATROPHIC GASTRITIS" we specify that thanks to serological screening of atrophic gastritis using computer processing of results, and to the endoscopic diagnosis of identified patients and treatment, it was possible to save the lives of more than four patients for seven years in a group of 2,220 people.