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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: WJGreview V5.docx).

Title: Beyond the stomach: an updated view of *Helicobacter pylori* pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment

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

1. Format has been updated
2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer 1.
Reviewer 2 had no comments.

(1) Various typographical errors were corrected.

(2) Immune thrombocytopenic purpura was changed to idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura.

- (3) The abbreviation "CSR" was added for central serous retinopathy
- (4) The abbreviation CRP was defined.
- (5) A reference number was added to the sentence referring to "McDonagh, *et al.....*"
- (6) The Maastricht Consensus IV was re-read and the clinical section was improved based on the information.



- (7) A section describing fluorescence *in situ* hybridization was added and this was included as part of the "Invasive methods" section.
- (8) Information on antibiotic resistance profiles in countries other than the U.S. was added.
- (9) A statement has been corrected to indicate that both the fecal antigen test and the urea breath test are useful for detecting current infection.

3. Revisions were made as per the editor's instructions:

- 1.) Revisions were highlighted
- 2.) A detailed address was provided
- 3.) A reference to table 1 was added to the text.
- 4.) Decomposable figures were provided.
- 5.) References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,