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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 10108-review.doc).

Title: Optimizing clarithromycin-containing therapy for *Helicobacter pylori* in the era of antibiotic resistance

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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

Response 1: We kindly appreciate your comments

Response 2: We kindly appreciate your comments. Table 1 has been changed accordingly, printing errors have been revised and in order to avoid redundancy, albeit has been substituted for other terms such as "even though", "despite the fact that" or "notwithstanding"

Response 3: We kindly appreciate your comments. The specific target of the review was literally "summarize optimization tools and therapeutic innovations published over the last 5 years". This fact has been stressed noting the timeframe (August 2008-August 2013) yet we systematically included all of the studies during that period. Our 79 reference list contains 22 references (27%) from Eastern countries (China, Japan, Korea, Thailand and Taiwan) and 27 references (34%) from Southern Europe (Spain, Italy, Greece and Turkey), including European and South Pacific-Asian Guidelines. Both geographical settings have the most active researchers and have similar problems with increasing antibiotic resistance, with the difference of higher metronidazole resistance in Asia. European and Asian data are sufficiently covered along the text and in table 3 and Figures 1,2 and 3.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,