

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 1411-review.doc).

Title: *Standard triple versus levofloxacin based regimen for eradication of Helicobacter pylori*

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

1 Format has been updated. Language polishing done

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Reveiwer 1:

Q. #1. Methods: The authors describes H. pylori positive as either or both positive for biopsy and urease. Does these patients received PPI therapy after the surgery ? Will the results affected by previous PPI therapy ?

Reply : Patients were prescribed capsule omeprazole 40mg twice a day for 2 weeks at discharge. The results will not be affected by previous PPI therapy as in the present study we are not documenting prevalence of H.pylori in perforation duodenal ulcer. At 3 months only patients who were positive for H.pylori infection according to defined inclusion criteria were included for study.

Q. #2. Statistical analysis: It is not clear the study design. Is this an non-inferiority study of LBT to STT ?

Reply: Study design - An Open-Label Prospective Randomized Trial. This is a superiority trail to find out if LBT has higher efficacy than STT for eradication of H.pylori.

Correction in manuscript - Study design - An Open-Label Prospective Randomized Superiority Trial (1st line in Statistical analysis paragragh under Materials and Methods)

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vikram Kate', on a light-colored background.

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