

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 16158 - Review (revised by Hwang JJ).doc).

Title: Fourteen- versus seven-day bismuth-based quadruple therapy for second-line *Helicobacter pylori* eradication

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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

Reviewer No: 00503623

(1) bstract, line 2 "corresponding 3-day triple therapy", should read "corresponding 7-day quadruple" ??

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We fully agree with the reviewer's comment. We corrected the "corresponding 3-day triple therapy" to "corresponding 7-day quadruple".

(2) Discussion, p.11. The section on ulcer-healing properties of bismuth preparations should add more pertinent references, i.e., Am. J. Gastroenterol. 85(1990) 390-393; Eur. J. Pharmacol. 184(1990) 55-63.

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We add more pertinent references in the section on ulcer-healing properties of bismuth preparations as Reviewer's comment.

Reviewer No: 00227386

(1) There are two typographical errors in the Abstract:- 1)In the 2nd. line "triple " should read "quadruple". 2) In the 7th. line "for either 14" should read "or for either 14".

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We fully agree with the reviewer's comment. We

corrected two typographical errors in the Abstract as Reviewer's comment.

Reviewer No: 00009415

(1) (1) The study is retrospective, but this is not clear in the abstract, method section. I would suggest the following change: Between 2004 and 2014, the medical records of 790 patients who had experienced failure of first-line proton pump inhibitor (PPI)-based eradication therapy and then treated with bismuth-based quadruple therapy were retrospectively reviewed.

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We fully agree with the reviewer's comment. We corrected the first sentence as reviewer's comment in the Abstract, method section.

(2) In the abstract PBMT should be written in full when first met in the text.

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We fully agree with the reviewer's comment. 'PBMT' is an abbreviation of 'PPI + bismuth + metronidazole + tetracycline'. We add "bismuth-based quadruple therapy (PPI, bismuth, metronidazole, and tetracycline)" in the Abstract, method section.

(3) In page 8 (first para, last lines) and page 10 (first para, last lines) and in figure 2 the authors comment that "The eradication rates between 2004-2009 and 2010-2014 periods were significantly higher in the PBMT-14 group than those in the PBMT-7 according to both the ITT and the PP analysis ($p < 0.05$)."

It should be interesting to know whether there were any differences in the eradication rates for either the 14-day or the 7-day therapies between the two time periods.

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. The eradication rates of PBMT-14 group were higher than those of PBMT-7 in every year between the two time periods. There was no period that the eradication rates of PBMT-7 group were higher than those of PBMT-14.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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