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Title: Modified Sequential Therapy versus Quadruple Therapy as Initial Therapy in Patients with *Helicobacter* Infection

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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) In the Abstract in the paragraph of Background the first sentence had been revised to "Helicobacter pylori (Hp) infection is widespread in humans, and almost all H. pylori-infected patients develop chronic gastritis. Intestinal-type gastric cancer eventually occurs in less than 1% of H. pylori-infected patients. During the progression between non-atrophic gastritis and gastric cancer, atrophy and intestinal metaplasia represent important periods of lesion development. H. pylori eradication can ameliorate the inflammatory response, slow or stop the progression of atrophy, and at least partially reverse atrophy."

(2) The H. pylori chronic gastritis was diagnosed "by electronic endoscopy and rapid urease testing"

(3) The conclusion had been revised to "Eradication of H. pylori infection does not offer an incremental benefit over modified sequential therapy for the treatment of H. pylori infections, as both treatment regimens appear to be effective, safe, and well-tolerated as initial treatment options."

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 Chinese characters, likely '廖敏' (Liao Min), written in black ink.

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