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**Dear Editor,**

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: answer wjg 17323 ).

Title: Are probiotics useful in Helicobacter pylori eradication?

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

1 Format has been updated as suggested by the editor.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

(1) Reviewed by 02444976

- possible positive effects of *H. pylori* infection were added (Page 7: 6-15).
- Table 1 was prepared with the basic data of important probiotic studies

(2) Reviewed by 02730065

- no corrections were need

(3) Reviewed by 02538989

- different mechanisms of *H. pylori* infection with the special focus on the adherence to the gastric epithelial cells were added (Page 5: 10-24 and Page 6: 1-10)
- additional possible effects of probiotics were added in the text (Page 10: 3-10 and Page11: 13-17)

(4) Reviewed by 00183453

- the article: Immunity, Inflammation, and Vaccines for Helicobacter pylori published by Mario M. D'Elios and Steven J. Czinn (PMID 25167941) was discussed additionally in the manuscript (Page 5: 9-14)
- the article: Behçet's syndrome patients exhibit specific microbiome signature

published by C. Consolandi et al. (PMID 25435420) was not mentioned in the text, because there is no clear association with the content of our review article

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for opportunity to publish our manuscript in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Sincerely yours,

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