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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format

Title: Gastric Polyps: Association with *H pylori* Status and the Pathology of the Surrounding Mucosa, a Cross Sectional Study.

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers and we modified the long term follow part of the result sections based on the comments of reviewer one and 3 below.

Reviewer 1:

The manuscript is concise, fluent and well-written. Language-wise, as of native speaker. Strengths are the number of cases and the ethnicity orientation of the study group. The main drawback is that there is no new knowledge added, apart from ethnicity-targeted results. However, this is still of notice. A minor issue is that authors do not clearly stated which cases had a follow-up endoscopy

Response: We revised the manuscript to clearly state which cases had follow up Endoscopy and what the outcome of the follow up was.

Reviewer 2:

The authors should state , what happened to the patients with adenomas? Where they all polypectomized? and surveilled? The authors must answer to this question.

Response: All Five adenomatous polyps were polypectomized during the initial endoscopy session. Four out of the five patients with adenomatous polyps were lost to follow up in our system. Recurrence of the adenomatous polyp was noted in the one patient who had surveillance endoscopy. The follow up section was updated to include this information.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*

Sincerely yours,

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