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Role of *Helicobacter pylori* infection in gastric carcinogenesis: current knowledge and future directions

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Dear Editor,

in the answering reviewers we had the following comments for the manuscript

Reviewer 02529109

Gave no specific comments to the authors and suggested accepting the publication, marked it high priority and suggested no revisions

Reviewer 02533618

From this reviewer we got the following comments

- 1) The authors should revise the manuscript for minor language errors.

The authors submitted the manuscript for professional manuscript editing service, American Journal Experts (AJE) and manuscript was edited. The certificate that manuscript was edited for proper English language, grammar, punctuation, spelling, and overall style by one or more of the highly qualified native English speaking editors at American Journal Experts was obtained.

- 2) The abbreviations should be given at the first time they are available.

This was also corrected as requested.

Also I would like to inform you that one reference was added to the list coming from our group and it is highlighted in the reference list and its position in the text is highlighted as well.

The text was changed according to the native English speaking editor as suggested in whole text except the following

1. Core tip was not changed due to the word count limit to 100 words. The changes suggested exceeded this limit by 6 words

2. The title was not changed as AJE suggested. The suggestion was to add **The** at the beginning of the title and instructions from WJG suggest that such words as the should be excluded from the title
3. Three changes in the text were not accepted
 - a. the term **gastrointestinal dysfunction** that was suggested is not adequate substitute for **gastrointestinal pathology** pathology such as cancer and ulcer (**page 7** sentence The risk of developing different gastrointestinal pathology is attributable to different combinations of *s*, *m* and *i* region subtype). The word dysfunction is not an adequate substitute and alters the meaning of the sentence
 - b. **page 8** the subtitle was changed by AJE from ***Helicobacter pylori*, gastric cancer and geography-role of bacterial strain** to ***Helicobacter pylori*, gastric cancer and the role of geography in bacterial strains** which also alters the meaning so this was not changed
 - c. **page 12 *H. pylori*-positive patients with a fear of gastric cancer** was initial sentence. Here the AJE suggested that authors consider **suspicion** as alternative word but these are not patients with suspected cancer but those with the infection that fear that they will develop gastric cancer if *H pylori* infection is not treated.

Best regards

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