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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2368-review.doc).

Title: Can eradication rate of gastric *Helicobacter pylori* be improved by killing oral *Helicobacter pylori*?

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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) Reviewer 00058436 said the title of this study is the same with that in reference 8, I have changed my title.

(2) All reviewers query the accuracy and specificity of HPS. A related article was published in *Digestion* recently and answered the question properly. I have quoted the article in my paper and had a detailed explanation.

(3) I am so grateful that all the reviewers read my paper carefully and gave me valuable revisions. With your help, my paper is greatly improved. I changed the acronyms "O+G+ts group" and "O+G+tsp group" to "O+G+tm group" and "O+G+tmp group" respectively to make it easier to understand. In addition, I have corrected all the inaccurate references and offered the PMID or DOI for every reference. I am so sorry that some DOI couldn't be found even I tried my best, but all the references have PMID.

(4) In my previous study, I didn't give the precise value of P and I have supplemented all the data.

(5) In response to the requirements of reviewer 00039368, I gave additional remarks about the criteria of diagnosing the chronic atrophic and superficial gastritis. Besides, I went through all the test data again and listed the difference in eradication of *H. pylori* in different groups studied (table 4).

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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