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Ze-Mao Gong,
Science Editors, Editorial Office

Re: ESPS Manuscript 31120 entitled "Association between Helicobacter pylori and end-stage renal disease: A Meta-analysis"

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the thoughtful input and review of our manuscript. The reviewers' inputs are extremely helpful. We believe as a result of this review, our study would have more value for your readers. We revised the manuscript based on the reviewer's suggestions. We have attached our point by point response.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Response to Science Editor, Editorial Office**Comment 1:**

Please revise and perfect your manuscript according to peer-reviewers' comments.

Response: We thank you for reviewing our manuscript. We really appreciated your and reviewers' input. We have revised our manuscript as your and reviewers' suggestions.

Response to Reviewer#1

Response: We thank you for reviewing our manuscript. We really appreciated your input and found your suggestions very helpful. We revised the manuscript based on your suggestions.

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

High quality statistical analysis of the literature. Probably using of other key-words, eg. kidney failure, renal insufficiency, might provide more valuable papers as well.

Response: Thank you for raising an important point to strengthen our key-words. We have added "kidney failure" and "renal insufficiency" in our key-words as your suggestion.

Response to Reviewer#2

N/A

Response: We thank you for reviewing our manuscript.

Response to Reviewer#3

This is a well written meta-analysis paper concerning the elucidation of prevalence and association of H. pylori with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) based on analysis of 35 cross-sectional studies published from inception until October 2016. The authors give the extensive characteristics of selected studies; give the overview about the prevalence of H. pylori infection in patients with ESRD and pay attention on conflict data regarding the association between H. pylori infection and ESRD. The authors present detailed description of inclusion and exclusion criteria applied to select literature and used the appropriate statistical methods. The present meta-analysis showed that an estimated prevalence of H. pylori in ESRD patients is 44%. Additionally the authors founded a 0.71-fold decreased risk of H. pylori in adult ESRD patients. The authors have reviewed and analyzed sufficient amount of literature. The review is supplied with 2 Tables and 4 figures.

Response: We thank you for reviewing our manuscript. We really appreciated your kind comments. We are hoping that our study will be helpful for future research studies.

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