

Answering Reviewers

1. This review discusses the recent advancements on the role of H pylori infection in extra gastric diseases. Unfortunately, the authors do not examine critically statistical evidences of the studies suggesting this association. There are some uncontrolled small sample studies, whereas in others the results may be erroneous. It will be useful for readers if authors identify and tabulate publications with strong statistical evidence of association between H pylori infection and extra gastric diseases.

R. We wish to thank the reviewer for their insightful comments. We have incorporated the reviewer's #2 suggestions by carefully reviewing again the articles included in Table 1. We removed those articles, which had either a low sample size or poor statistical analysis, and maintained only those that where we felt conclusions were supported by strong data. New Table 1 now includes a more detailed description of the selected references and should now be more useful to the readership.

2. Regarding to the format indications, we carefully format our manuscript according to the "Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision: Review".

- Authorship credits were modified
- Institutions were completed
- Author contributions were more detailed
- Supportive foundations were identified with the complete name
- Open-Access statement was included
- The corresponding author's contact information was completed
- Telephone and fax were provided
- Abstract was reduced
- The Copyright statement was included
- Audio core tip was included
- Citation was included
- Introduction was incorporated to the main text
- Space in the sentence "and stomach adenocarcinomas (less than 1%)^[1, 2]" was removed
- References were updated according to the Format for references guidelines
- Fig 1 legend was modified and now is more descriptive.
- Table 1 was modified and completed according to the reviewer's comments.