



**PEER-REVIEW REPORT**

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**Reviewer's country:** Turkey

**Science editor:** Jia-Ping Yan

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SCIENTIFIC QUALITY	LANGUAGE QUALITY	CONCLUSION	PEER-REVIEWER STATEMENTS
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	Peer-Review:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language	(High priority)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer's expertise on the
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not	language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	topic of the manuscript:
publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

To Authors, The article titled "Helicobacter pylori infection: progress and challenges in Africa" was reviewed. This article has been giving us more information about the importance of H. pylori infection in Africa and pointing out that there are some challenging problems like antimicrobial resistance needing to be solved further.



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Authors explained that there was a need for future research to explain the 'African enigma'. When looking at all of these aspects this article can be published in the WJG.

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#### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to review the manuscript: "Helicobacter pylori infection: progress and challenges in Africa" by Dr. Smith et al. This review is well written and comprehensive about this issue in Africa. The prevalence of H. pylori infection varies in relation to geography depending on socioeconomic factors and water



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resources. I would like the authors discuss this problem. I have following comments –

1. The authors used "progress and challenges" in the title of this review. However, I do not feel there was a description of above topics although the authors described there was a problem with testing methods or paucity of data for the prevalence of H. pylori. Understanding literally, I expect the authors to discuss the reason why there is a high prevalence of H. pylori infection in Africa or what the authors should do to reduce a higher H. pylori infection.
2. H. pylori is a source of an infectious disease, so the authors should discuss why there is a difference of H. pylori infection or antibiotic resistance for H. pylori among countries in Africa using socioeconomic factors, water resources and so on.
3. There is a lot of information about the prevalence of H. pylori in Africa. So it is difficult to follow the detail in the section, "Prevalence of Helicobacter pylori in Africa" even though using Figure 1. I feel the authors had better shorten the content of this section or provide a table citing references for this section.

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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I agree with the authors on their conclusions and data but I have some suggestions to improve the paper as high standard paper in WJG.

### INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT



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