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The Editor

World Journal of Gastroenterology

Dear Sir

Please find enclosed a revised version of our manuscript entitled " *Helicobacter pylori* infection: challenges in Africa' (Ms-47310) by Smith *et al.*, to be considered for publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

We have modified our manuscript according to the Reviewers' suggestions.

Reviewer 1: No comments for revision

Reviewer 2: *H. pylori* and socio-economic status section has been included and discussed in the text as suggested. Furthermore, as suggested by the reviewer, the figure of prevalence has been removed and replaced with a Table.

Reviewer 3: The term "Progress" has been removed from the title as suggested. Key words have been expanded to include regions used in this study. Abstract has been re-written with 250 words. The core tip too has been improved upon. Literature search has been removed and *section of prevalence of the HP needs a table showing what was the prevalence of HP and what is the new rates for it in this big continent. It can help the readers to get more insight into the concept aimed by authors* as suggested by the reviewer, there are not sufficient data to perform a table comparing old and new data on the prevalence of *H. pylori* in Africa. However, prevalence of *H. pylori* in Africa has been done in a table format also. The additional references, as suggested by the reviewer, have been incorporated.

All corrections have been highlighted in the manuscript.

Finally, the only figure in the manuscript is hereby attached in power point format. All the legends have been separated and all the numbers can be edited when needed.

Also attached to the document is the audio core tip.

All co-authors agree with this version of the manuscript contents and disclose no financial interest.

We thank you for this opportunity to improve our manuscript and hope that it would be considered for publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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