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Title: An association between *Helicobacter pylori* and upper respiratory tract disease: fact or fiction?

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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) We add the suggested references (Raj SM et al. *J Infect Dis* 2009; 199:914-5, Lee YY et al.

Helicobacter 2013; 18:338-46.).

(2) We add the tables to summarize the exhaustive data.

(3) Whether or not the eradication of *H. pylori* improve these diseases and which would likely be

the main transmission route for *H. pylori* in upper respiratory tract remain unresolved. We

mention them in the text.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

4 This manuscript has been edited by a native English speaker.

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

Sincerely yours,

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