

Dear Sir,

Please find the revised manuscript in word format .

Title: Helicobacter pylori- friend or foe?

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The manuscript has been revised in line with the reviewers' comments and the Editor's suggestions.

- 1- The format has been updated.
- 2- The references have been changed to include the PMID and doi references when available.
- 3- SM is a native English speaker and a graduate of Oxford University. To the best of his judgment the standard of English grammar in the MS is acceptable.
- 4- All the authors names have been included in the references.
- 5- We have made changes in the section on gastric cancer and HP. We have also added on a paragraph regarding the need for eradication for high risk patients. We also stress the conclusion of Maeheta regarding the importance of severe mucosal atrophy as a risk factor.
- 6- We have revised the section on cost-benefit of treating HP. In addition we have discussed the limitations of the assessment of cost-benefit that appear in the literature.
- 7- We have included a recent (Nov 2013) reference (#45) as a review of HP to be as current as we can.
- 8- We have tried to standardize the terminology of Helicobacter pylori and fecal microbiome.
- 9- We have described what is meant by the worse prognosis of peptic ulcer disease.
- 10- We have inserted a p value in the comparison of the patients with functional dyspepsia.

Sincerely

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