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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2429-review.doc).

Title: Overview of the phytomedicine approaches against *Helicobacter pylori*

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We thank all the reviewers for the helpful commentaries that permit to improve our work. Below there is a detailed answer to each reviewer.

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

Answer to Reviewer code: 00227403

We have reviewed the English. We choose to keep the vaccines on section 5, because when reflecting about antibiotic resistance, vaccines although majorly preventive, are always an option, even that not directly curing the infection, but avoiding it. We have included the period of their ISI and Pubmed search (from 1983 - the year of the discovery of the bacterium to present).

Answer to Reviewer code: 00503406

We agree with all the suggestions and the manuscript was changed accordingly. Considering comment number 3, we have included statistical data whenever available and relevant.

Answer to Reviewer code: 01136482

The cost/effectiveness analysis of treatment based on herbal medicine will of course be important to consider in the future when more good quality trials are available. Presently there are studies few, involving a small number of patients and moreover applied as a supplement to antibiotic triple therapy that is known to eradicate *H. pylori* in the great majority of the cases.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Filipa F. Vale'.

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