

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: ESPS Manuscript NO-5978-Review-final).

**Title:** Helicobacter pylori: future perspectives in therapy reflecting three decades of experience

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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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) Review-er no. 1

According to review-er suggestion word correction is made in Paragraph Introduction

Word bellow is changed in below.

(2) Review-er no. 2

1) Authors considered review-ers suggestion about need to highlight the fact that complexity of sequential therapy was not evaluated in controlled studies and included the text as follows.

...The complexity of sequential therapy was frequently reported as a possible problem of that regimen. Since this issue was never objectively evaluated, comparative studies of different therapy regimens (by using questionnaire, by prescriptive time evaluation etc) are needed....

2) Authors considered review-ers suggestion about need to highlight the fact that concomitant therapies are highly variable in efficacy reported and standardised treatment duration is lacking. Authors included the text as follows.

...Several studies have demonstrated that concomitant therapy is more effective (with comparable side effects) than standard triple therapy, although highly variable efficacy is reported with concomitant therapy and optimal treatment duration is not defined.<sup>[36,44]</sup> ...

...Unsatisfactory results have been recently reported even when this scheme was adopted for two weeks.. ...

3) Authors considered review-ers suggestion about the need to discuss the issue of practice and complexity considerations with hybrid therapy. Authors included the text as follows.

...A recently proposed hybrid therapy has been proven equally effective to 14-d concomitant regimen in a pilot study (ITT eradication rate 90% *vs* 92%).<sup>[37]</sup> Therefore it could be reconsidered in same populations where concomitant therapy is recommended. This is a novel regimen, with only few evaluation studies published, so the optimal therapy duration and success rates in populations with high dual resistance are still not defined. This protocol is more complicated than those earlier proposed, with retained complex sequential approach and possible higher side effect rates because of concomitant treatment in the second phase. According to the preliminary data it is associated with comparable side effect profile and therefore merits consideration in further comparative studies in order to define final conclusions.<sup>[10]</sup>...

(3) Review-er no. 3

According to review-er suggestion word correction is made in Paragraph named: First line established and novel treatment options

Sentence Unfortunately recent META analysis... is changed in Unfortunately recent meta-analysis...

3. References and typesetting were corrected

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

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