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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is an interesting and well-writing manuscript, and containing important datas. It should be accepted for publication



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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

I would like to congratulate the authors on their manuscript titled 'Association between Helicobacter pylori infection and peptic ulcer disease in cirrhotic patients: An updated meta-analysis'. The authors discuss an important topic extremely relevant to current literature. The research protocol, study design and presentation are well thought out and explained. The only comment I have is that the manuscript does require language polishing to correct grammatical errors.



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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This manuscript was a well-written meta-analysis for reporting the association between *Helicobacter pylori* and peptic ulcer in patients with liver cirrhosis. However, two issues were detected for revision of the manuscript. First, the addition of a systematic review is needed in detail. In Table 1, patients` sex and age were not included. Also, these variables can be used for subgroup analyses and meta-regression in Table 2. In Table 1, the inclusion of language seems to be worthless. Please describe the proportion of *H. pylori*-infected patients with and without peptic ulcer as percentages. The abbreviation such as 'H' and 'D' should be explained in the foot note. Second, the same inclusion of seven studies was observed in Figure 4A (gastric ulcer) and 4B (duodenal ulcer). The authors should check the duplication of study inclusion.



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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The manuscript by Lin Wei and Hui-Guo Ding describe very interesting data on the association between Hp infection and peptic ulcer in cirrhotic patients. Minor revision is needed. italicize : "et al."; "Helicobacter pylori" number below 12 have to be written in full letters Prefer passive form Methods : Why have the authors not considered PCR nor culture? As this methods are more and more used ? Discussion : It could be interesting to develop the bond between Hp and GIT microbiome, especially in pepticulcer/cirrhotic patient. See for example the review of Pichon and Burucoa Healthcare 2019.