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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (File name: 6863-edited.docx)

Title: The Extraintestinal Manifestations of Helicobacter Pylori: A Concise Review

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

1. Added 5 new sections as per reviewers suggestions: Asthma, Metabolic syndrome/Insulin resistance, type 2 diabetes, fibromyalgia, and migraines.
2. Organization of individual sections into category headings: Hematologic, cardiopulmonary, metabolic, neurologic, dermatologic, and miscellaneous.
3. Summary table has been added and placed at end of main text. It is referred to in the conclusion paragraph.
4. Expansion of CagA and VacA definition at the first mention in the iron deficiency section.
5. All references/citations are updated accordingly.
6. Revision of wording in Parkinson's sections to make it more clear and grammatically correct.
7. Grading recommendations from immune thrombocytopenic purpura and iron deficiency anemia are removed as this is not a guidelines paper. Therefore, no explanation of grading/level of recommendation is provided.
8. Abstract revised to reflect changes in the content of the manuscript.
9. One reviewer commented on lack of references for statements in the introduction; each point is individually referenced in their corresponding sections following the introduction.

Following the first round of review, appropriate edits as well as addition of multiple sections pertaining to the editors' suggestions were carried out. At this point, we feel that this invited manuscript does not need further revisions as it is a concise review and not a meta-analysis. Please refer to previous "Answering Reviewers" for list of changes already made to original manuscript.

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

Sincerely yours,

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