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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS:

The manuscript, ESPS NO: 2169, reports on the pattern of Hp. resistance to antibiotics in Bhutan. The strains of Hp., cultured from antral mucosal biopsies 111 patients, were assessed for susceptibility to amoxicillin, clarithromycin, metronidazole, levofloxacin, ciprofloxacin, and tetracycline, using Epsilometer test. The results revealed the highest resistance rate (83%) to MNZ followed by LVX and CIP, both about 2.7%. None of the strains tested showed resistance to CLR, AMX or TET. Hence, the conclusion is that therapy for Hp. eradication based on MNZ may not be suitable for Bhutanese patients. The findings of this study point to regional/ geographic differences in Hp. susceptibility to eradication utilizing the commonly used therapeutic approaches. However, the authors fail to provide any viable hypothesis as to the reasons for the Bhutanese strains of Hp. resistance to MNZ. Furthermore, although only one specimen from patient with GC was analyzed, the GC is made a major thrust of the Discussion. It is pertinent that authors work out the proper usage of “resistant” v/s “resistance” throughout the manuscript. In the Abstract section under “Materials and Methods”, sentence, “biopsy specimens were enrolled in this study”. Well, only patients can be enrolled in the study. The “Discussion” in general is not informative and poorly written, with some sentences making no sense whatsoever, i.e., page 8, lines 7/8, and p.8, lines 26/27, and so on.

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