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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript provides judicious review of the currently available therapies for Hp eradication, pointing to their advantages and disadvantages. Obviously, levofloxacin-based quadruple therapy stands out (95.8% eradication rate). This is an interesting reading. However, the text should be carefully scrutinized for grammar and composition. For example, Introduction line 1, "Hp is an important "fact" that.." or further down the MS "However, those data "was regarding" as rescue?" Otherwise, good effort !



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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper of Jun Heo and Seong Woo Jeon reports a complete overview of the most effective therapeutic strategies for H. pylori eradication, emphasizing that novel regimens work better than classical schemes for the increasing problem of antibiotic resistances. The paper is well structured and the review is complete. The main objection concerns the final sentence of the section of "Third line therapy". Authors assert: "In addition, new method using polymerase chain reaction was developed for the resistance of H. pylori against antibiotics[51]. It is a simple and requires only a few days for the result." This statement expresses a very strong message that does not reflect what is reported in the paper cited as reference n. 51. Indeed, the original citation reads as follows: "In conclusion, it would be very useful to be able to test for clarithromycin resistance before starting conventional triple therapy and hopefully, fast, effective non-invasive tests may soon be devised to determine this condition." It is clear that the original meaning of the sentence has been completely subverted, as what is reported as a hopeful forecast for the future becomes in the text of this manuscript a certainty, that if widespread as well as written could lead to dangerous misunderstandings. Therefore, the sentence "must" be absolutely rephrased. Other remarks are: ? The effectiveness of quadruple regimens based on levofloxacin needs to be discussed on the light of rapidly increasing resistance rates to this antibiotic due to the possibility of a cross-resistance among quinolones. ? In "Concomitant therapy" section, a study including only four patients could be omitted for its statistical poor relevance. ? Clarithromycin resistance is due to different point mutations which have a different therapeutic impact on current regimens. This concept may be usefully enclosed in the section dedicated to this topic. ? A minor linguistic review must be



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performed and some mistakes (such as *Helicobacter pylorus* or Grahm) corrected. ? References from 52 to 56 are not reported in the text.



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The authors try to suggest timely suitable approaches to the patients with H. pylori infection. The review was uniquely designed and the results were very interesting. However, some questions were raised as follows: 1. How about other fluoroquinolone antibiotic based triple therapy? For example, triple therapy with PPI, AMPC, and STFX for one week might be an effective regimen for H. pylori (Murakami K, et al: Journal of Gastroenterology 48: 1128-1135, 2013). 2. Misspellings and grammatical errors should be corrected by the native English copyeditors.