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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting and well written paper I feel there are 2-3 questions that should be addressed in the discussion 1)is there a possibility that the reason for the incidence is genetic and not environmental(H Pylori) related? 2)you mention it a bit but you should expand on the reason for higher HPylori in some areas 3)why is the mortality so low , if patients presented at such advanced stage? are the records regarding mortality accurate? This is extremely important Finally, please see some language npolishing in the uploaded copy