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ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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eradication and impact of diabetes

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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT	CONCLUSION
[] Grade A: Excellent	[] Grade A: Priority publishing	Google Search:	[] Accept
[] Grade B: Very good	[Y] Grade B: Minor language	[] The same title	[] High priority for
[Y] Grade C: Good	polishing	[] Duplicate publication	publication
[] Grade D: Fair	[] Grade C: A great deal of	[] Plagiarism	[] Rejection
[] Grade E: Poor	language polishing	[Y]No	[Y] Minor revision
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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript reports on the efficacy of the seven days second-line bismuth-containing quadruple therapy for Hp eradication and the impact of diabetes. The studies were conducted with 636 patients who failed first-line therapy, and the eradication rate of Hp was assessed 4 week following the completion of the second-line quadruple therapy by the 13Curea breath test or urease assay. The results revealed that 7 days bismuth-containing quadruple therapy resulted in an 80% eradication rate, with less than 15% adverse effects frequency. Interestingly, the rate of Hp eradication failure was not affected by such factors as gender, smoking, alcohol consumption or even aspirin. However, the eradication rate was affected by diabetes mellitus, probably, as suggested, due to microcirculatory complications and resulting gastric mucosal impaired absorption of antibiotics. This study offers only lateral extension of our knowledge on Hp eradication.



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		[Y] No	

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Interesting study in a large cohort of patients using bismuth conaining therapy as second line therapy, in patients failed trile, clarithromycin containing regimen. The limitations of this study are the absence of any sensitivity data to antibiotics, the use of rapid urease test to evaluate eradication and its retrospective design. In the introduction the authors have to state that the use of the triple, clarithromycin containing regimen is given only in areas with low (<20%) resistance to clarithromycin, and that other first line regimens have emerged. They have also to give data on how many patients have tested with rapid urease test, to evaluate eradication success as this might influenced the results. Minor language polishing is needed



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		[] The same title	
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		[] Plagiarism	
		[Y]No	

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well-designed, although retrospective study including a high number of patients. The methods used are appropriate, the statistics is sound. The differende between ITT and PP eradication rates reflects the real life, while a proportion of patients lost to follow up is high.

Please comment on followings:

- Proportion of patients with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes and eradication results in these 2 types
- Proportion of patients loss in diabetics and non-diabetics
- Were antimicrobial resistance studies performed before 2nd line treatments?



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The efficacy and safety of the second-line bismuth-containing quadruple therapy for Helicobacter pylori eradication is interesting and the conclusions are reasonable, but I have some questions as follows. 1, The author confirmed H. pylori eradication by a 13C-urea breath test or a rapid urease test. The rapid urease test is known to have higher false negative rate comparing 13C-urea breath test. Is there any difference of eradication rate among these two methods? 2, The 13C-urea breath test or rapid urease test needs to avoid taking PPI at least two weeks to prevent false negative. This matter should be mentioned in manuscript. 3, There are difference between kinds of PPI in eradication rates. The kinds of PPI and those eradication rate needs to be described.