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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The paper from Rabelo-Gonçalves E and co-workers is a well-written and well-documented review about the role of Helicobacter pylori infection in some liver and pancreatic diseases. Other reviews were written about the hypothetical role of this bacterium in various extragastric diseases, and in all cases some studies cited have low quality as well as low level of evidence. I think that the conclusion section of the review ‘Extragastric manifestations of Helicobacter pylori infection: possible role of bacterium in liver and pancreas diseases’ may contain some limitations points. Besides the heterogeneous quality of the studies cited, the risk is that Hp infection may represent a surrogate variable for some liver and pancreatic diseases, indicating only poor sanitary conditions for some countries. Moreover, in patients with advanced liver disease, the large use of antibiotics or proton pump inhibitors in some countries may represent a bias for those studies searching for Hp infection.