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Dear Editors and Reviewers,

Thank you for your invitation to submit a observational study for your journal. Also thank reviewers for a thorough review of our manuscript entitled “**Effect of *Helicobacter pylori* Eradication on Elder Cases: Observational Study in Community-based Medicine**” by Masaki Maruyama, et al. and myself.

The thoughtful comments from the reviewers are greatly appreciated. In preparing for revision, we have carefully studied reviewers’ comments and incorporated many of their suggestions into the revised manuscript. For your convenience, we have highlighted the changes made in blue. We hope this revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication in *World Journal of Clinical Cases*. **The provided ID for this invited Observational Study is (00188507).**

We declare that this work is original, the manuscript is not under consideration by other journals. All authors approved the contents submitted. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Dear Reviewers:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful comments and suggestions. In preparing the revision, we have carefully studied your comments and incorporated many of your suggestions into the revised manuscript. The following are our point-by-point responses to your comments/concerns.

Reviewer #1

The paper is a single centre experience of the effect of H. pylori eradication on anthropometric and haematological parameters in elderly patients treated in community setting. The paper is well written and does have important message. I would recommend its acceptance in the journal.

Response: We are grateful to the reviewer for the positive comments, high scores, and for recognizing the significance of our work.

Reviewer #2

It is an interesting study in old population. Usually the H. pylori has issues of infection and re-infection; how it was tackled? The improvement in body weight and anemia could be simply due to increased appetite, absorption or ant systemic effect of h. pylori infection. This need further study, analysis and explanation

Response: We are grateful to the reviewer for the positive comments, high scores, and for recognizing the significance of our work. In our study there were no cases showed re-infection. We have added the description (page 11, line 3 from the top). We also believe that the further prospective will clear the relation of *H. pylori* eradication and improvement of various symptoms. Thank you again for your positive comments.

Reviewer #3

This is an interesting paper with useful clinical information regarding HP eradication in elder patient. One minor suggestion: Maybe the authors need justified the cut point of Hb : 12.5 g/dl

Response: We are grateful to the reviewer for the positive comments, high scores, and for recognizing the significance of our work. We agree with the reviewer that further prospective study will contribute to justify the cut point of Hb level.

Reviewer #4

This is an interesting manuscript on Helicobacter pylori eradication therapy on the extra-gastrointestinal factors in elderly patients. Conclusion should be more cautious. Limitation of the study have to be addressed and a call to further ad hoc better



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designed studies has to be made in the conclusion section. Finally future perspectives have to be better described in the discussion section. The manuscript should be revised by a native speaker of English.

Response: We are grateful to the reviewer for thorough review. We have modified and added the description (page 16, line 3 from the bottom; and page 17 line 9 from the top). The manuscript was carefully edited by a native English speaker. The certificate has been attached.