

ANSWERS TO THE REVIEWERS

1) Reviewer's code: 01852130

1. The term *Helicobacter pylori* has been corrected in the article as you suggested
2. In our case anemia could have been attributed at first to the presence of Hp-associated duodenal ulcers, but melena and hematochezia persisted despite the healing of the ulcers, observed at repeated EGDs and at WCE. While, on the contrary, these two signs stopped after niclosamide therapy and subsequent expulsion of the tapeworm.

2) Reviewer's code: 00043256

1. Anemia is not officially recognized as a possible sign of taeniasis. Taeniasis is thus not listed among the conventionally accepted causes of anemia. Nonetheless the association between anemia and/or hemorrhage and taeniasis has already been reported in some other case reports.

Please find this new paragraphs in the article where we discuss WCE as the novel aspect of the case, as you suggested:

"De Simone, Barnett and Howell initially used upper and/or lower endoscopy to diagnose the cause of the blood loss. These procedures didn't reveal the tapeworm. The diagnosis could only be obtained using WCE. WCE allows physicians to have a look at the entire bowel, especially at those intestinal tracts that are not reachable by EGD or colonoscopy. Our case, as well, highlights the ability of WCE to diagnose taeniasis and to follow abnormalities after treatment."

"The use of WCE as diagnostic tool in obscure anemia should be supported, as its ability to reveal the presence of tapeworms, after negative EGD and colonoscopy, has been described in this and other case reports."

2. Please find these new paragraphs in the article where we discuss the background of the patient and the possible correlations between patient characteristics and risk of being raw meat eaters:

“He was a retired farmer, who had been suffering of hematochezia mixed with melena for two weeks.”

“Our patient was a retired farmer who occasionally ate raw beef. We can speculate his rural family background and poor education have led him to take this habit. In any case, we have no evidence for any specific demographics, that could include an increased number of raw meat eaters.”

3. Please find this new paragraph in the article where we state that we performed a CT scan and that it could not show the presence of the tapeworm:

“We performed a contrast-enhanced computed tomography (CT) scan of the abdomen and of the abdominal aorta, which showed no bleeding cause and only minor findings like parietal calcifications of blood vessels, a small hepatic cyst, diffuse moderate intra- and extrahepatic biliary ducts dilation and benign prostatic hyperplasia.”