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Title: Is *H. pylori* an initial factor of Hematological Diseases?

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) It would be useful for the readers to include the discussion of PMID: 15596126.

Answers: Thank you for your advice. We have cited some opinions from it.

(2) The underlying concept that infection in gerbils will represent human infection in regards these outcomes of concern may be oversimplified.

Answers: Thank you very much for your suggestion. Although the data is not very abundant now, more researches will be done in the future. Some immunity indicators or other factor which may contribute to hematology diseases will be considered in the following study.

(3) Did the animals have persisting infection at the three time points? did the animals all have gastritis? or other manifestations of infection. Rapid clearance of infection would not be expected to lead to the same consequences as persistent and/or complicated infection

Answers: Thank you for your questions. In fact, all of this work we have done for make sure that *H. pylori* were persisting infection during the experiment. All of the gastric mucosa were collected from the gerbils. *H. pylori* detection were detected by Giemsa staining. Pathology of gastric mucosa were detected by HE staining. All the animals has gastritis. This content were in other paper which mainly concerned about the relationships between *H. pylori* and gastric carcinogenesis.

(4) Was the diet and the amount of intake the same for all animals?

Answers: Yes, all animals were fed with same diet and amount.

(5) Facts of error such as those in para two of page three where the numbers do not add up need to be clarified.

Answers: Thank you for your suggestions, the error has been corrected in the updated version.

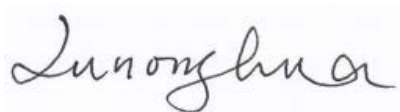
(6) The manuscript needs to be shortened to only focus on the main issue.

Answers: Thank you for your suggestions, some burdensome content were deleted in the updated version.

3 Language errors were corrected by AmEditor.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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