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Dear Editor:

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Title: Medical Management of Gastric Cancer: A 2014 Update

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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) The title has been modified to better describe the contents of the manuscript ie. Medical management for gastric cancer. We also expanded on the other indications for H.pylori eradication as was suggested. Early stage disease was changed to localized disease as suggested.
 - (2) The sentence about staging and table reference was removed as suggested. The typographical errors were corrected and descriptions in tables and formatting changed.
 - (3) References for the various trials have been inserted into the table as suggested. The abbreviation for NR has been updated, we would prefer not to include the extent of lymph node dissection into our tables as we feel it would make them too busy and difficult to read. We have corrected early stage and replaced with localized as previously mentioned. We would prefer not to discuss methodological issues with meta-analysis as this is not the main focus of our article and have therefore not included this part. Other reason for differing outcomes between North American and Asian patients have been acknowledged. The study by Kang et al has been described in the body of the text as suggested. The subtitle has been modified as suggested by the reviewer. Spelling errors have been corrected.
 - (4) Reference on incidence of gastric cancer has been updated as suggested to a more recent one. Pathogenesis section has been renamed to "Risk factors for Gastric Cancer" and have now mentioned that inflammatory gene polymorphisms are associated with the risk of gastric cancer. It was clarified that E-cadherin-1 is encoded by CDH1 gene. We have added the new references and text as suggested to further describe prevention studies previously published and modified our concluding sentence.
3. References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,



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