

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3210-wjgp.review; invited manuscript: ID no. 01429020)

Title: PRIMARY CLARITHROMYCIN RESISTANCE TO *HELICOBACTER PYLORI*: IS THIS THE MAIN REASON FOR TRIPLE THERAPY FAILURE?

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Name of Journal: *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Pathophysiology*

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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) These researchers have addressed the problem of clarithromycin-resistance in the treatment of *H. pylori* infection. They have examined the dimension of such chemoresistance by scrutinising the scientific literature and basing on their own experience. They have also compared the effectiveness of genotypic and phenotypic methods to detect the resistance and made cost/benefit analysis. This excursus is complete and well done. The English is acceptable and clear. Only some correction or misprints are necessary, such as "coretip, polymerse, clarithromicyn " at pages 2, 3 and 4 respectively, to be corrected in "core tip, polymerase and clarithromycin". Finally, *H. pylori* should be italicized.

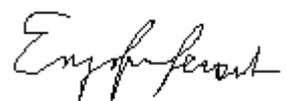
A complete linguistic review was performed and certified by a native speaker. *H. pylori* has been italicized in reviewed manuscript.

- (2) This is an interesting and informative article, detailing important methodology employed for assessing mechanisms of *H. pylori* drug resistance, and further commenting on the role of clartithromycin resistance in treatment failure. However, the writing style is poor and, in many instances, virtually incomprehensible. The entire manuscript must be re-written. Specific suggestions to the authors reagrding major and minor points of concern cannot be made until a revision is submitted.

The entire manuscript has been re-wriiten according to the linguistic review performed and certified by a native speaker.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Enzo Ierardi', written in a cursive style.

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