

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in word format (file name: 21475-Review.doc).

Title: Current views of the relationship between *Helicobacter pylori* and Henoch-Schonlein purpura in children

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

To Reviewer 3261349:

1. A meta-analysis (ref. 51) was cited. Authors must report the pooled measures of risk (OR or RR) calculated in this paper.

Re: Thank you for your suggestion. We have added the detailed OR and OR value with 95% CI and p value in the manuscript.

2. The main limitation of the present paper is that it encloses mainly studies conducted in China. For this reason, it would be hypothesizable that a relationship HP-SH purpura exists only in Eastern populations.

Re: Thank you for your comment. In our manuscript, we reviewed several case reports from Europe, which reported the HSP children recovered after *H. pylori* eradication therapy. It has to be admitted that the *H. pylori* infection rate was really low in Europe, thus there might be no such large sample capable of cohort study focusing on their association. We add the description as "Thus, the current foundation of assuming the relationship between *H. pylori* infection and HSP in Western population might not be that solid as in Eastern population." in the article to emphasize the relationship was just a hypothesis.

3. Since SH purpura may be triggered by other infectious conditions (notably upper respiratory infections), Authors should precise whether these infections had been excluded in studies reported in table 1.

Re: Thank you for the suggestion. We truly know that other infectious disease, even allergic condition, might be the trigger of HSP. However, the limitation of their retrospective background made it impossible to exclude all the infectious or allergic diseases. We'll discuss it in our manuscript.

To Reviewer 2536365:

1. However there is a lack of the author's own works on the topic except the authors' meta-analysis study.

Re: Thank you for your suggestion. We have planned a district-wide screening for *H. pylori*

infection and an institution-based study on the *H. pylori* infection rate among HSP children. These studies are on-going, thus there is no detailed data can be published. We'll report the result if our studies meet their endpoint.

2. The linguistic problems

Re: We have revised the errors you mentioned in the review opinions. Thank you for your consideration.

To Reviewer 2941672:

Re: Thank you for your correction. The revised part are highlighted in the manuscript.