

To whom it may concern:

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I have read the manuscript by Mantero et al, concerning Helicobacter, and found it is clear, and written in excellent English.

Although I now retired, I spent 24 years at the Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, reading, and editing many manuscripts on Campylobacter, and later Helicobacter, and other bacterial diseases. My administrative responsibilities included, during that time, Chief, Special Pathogens Branch, Chief of the Enteric Disease Branch, Chief of the CDC's Central American Malaria Field Station, and later the Chief of the Bacterial Disease Division. Indeed, one of the major contributors to this subject was Dr Martin Blaser, now himself retired, but even when he was in our group, was a highly productive researcher.

My last teaching position was as Professor of Public Health at the London Hospital Medical College, During which time I worked with Professor Normal Williams on an evaluation of his work on the development of electrically stimulated replacement of bowel control after rectal surgery.

I am submitting this letter, written after I had read and evaluated the article which is now being submitted for publication

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roger A. Feldman, MD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

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