

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6263-review.doc).

Title: Exploring alternative treatments for *Helicobacter pylori* infection

Authors: Guadalupe Ayala, Wendy Itzel Escobedo-Hinojosa, Carlos Felipe de la Cruz-Herrera, Irma Romero

Name of Journal: *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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The manuscript has been improved according to the reviewers' suggestions.

1 Format has been updated to TOPIC HIGHLIGHT.

2 Editing was carried out according to the reviewers' suggestions:

- (1) **Reviewer 02445715:** Thank you very much for giving a chance to read your excellent review article on alternative treatments on anti-*H. pylori* infection. The following is my minor comments. 1. title; your ms title is a little bit unclear. How about this title. "Alternative treatments on anti-*H. pylori* biotherapy" 2. The ms has too much information. Why don't you shorten your ms? Please make compact and I recommend you to reduce your references.

Authors:

1. As the reviewer suggested, the title has been modified to: "Exploring alternative treatments for *Helicobacter pylori* infection", in order to make it clearer and taking into account that we are describing some of the most relevant research carried out on this topic. 2. We have also tried to shorten the manuscript and the references as much as possible, while keeping the fundamental points.

- (2) **Reviewer 00503926:** In this excellent manuscript, Ayala et al. discusses the advances in the development of vaccine for *H. pylori* treatment. They also present and discuss concerning other adjuvant therapies, such as based in plants, probiotics, nutraceuticals, microorganisms, peptides and intragastric violet light irradiation. The manuscript is extremely relevant and must be accepted for publication after a minor changes. Indeed, the authors are encourage to present some figures, in order to "capture the reader's attention".

Authors: According to the reviewer's suggestion, we are now including two figures. The first one contains all the alternative strategies for the treatment of *H. pylori* described in the manuscript. The second one graphically shows the mechanisms used in these strategies and their targets.

- (3) **Reviewer 00224475:**

1) Anti-HP effects of polysaccharides should be added 2) Description of more mechanisms could be added

Authors:

1. A paragraph entitled POLYSACCHARIDES was added in the manuscript (page 29, second paragraph, continued on page 30). **2.** As the reviewer indicated, there could be more mechanisms of action. Nevertheless, we circumscribed our manuscript to the ones we considered to be more relevant. In order to summarize the mechanisms and the targets mentioned throughout the document, Figure 2 was added.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

The number of references was reduced, and all references are presented according to the journal format.

We thank the reviewers for sharing their observations. We hope we have dealt with their concerns satisfactorily.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Irma Romero', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

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Other comments:

We were asked to add the street name of the Corresponding author's address (Comment 2 of 6263 edited file). The correct address is as it appears, there is no street name.