

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 14610-edited.doc).

**Title:** The efficacy of moxifloxacin-based sequential therapy as first-line eradication regimen for *Helicobacter pylori* infection

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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

**Reviewer No: 00008231**

(1) In table I substitute the term HPAG with gastritis.

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We fully agree with the reviewer's comment.

We substituted the term HPAG with gastritis in Table 1.

(2) Gastric cancer is an exclusion criteria and patient included on CLA\_ST should be withdrew.

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We reviewed the patient's medical record and pathologic report and confirmed that the final diagnosis was gastric adenoma. We corrected these details in Table 1. ("Cancer" -> delete, "Adenoma": 3 (3.7) -> 4 (4.9)). We performed the analysis again, but there was no change in *P* value.

(3) All the drop-out description should skip since it has been described in Fig 1.

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We deleted all the drop-out description on the "Characteristics of patients" in the RESULTS section.

(4) Table 4 should be omitted since multivariate analysis reported is already in results section page 9 last para

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We deleted Table 4 and corrected the "Clinical factors influencing *H. pylori* eradication" and "adverse events and compliance" in the RESULTS section.

**Reviewer No: 00503571**

(1) The Introduction section could be shortened.

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We fully agree with the reviewer's comment. We deleted most sentences of the third paragraph in the Introduction section that overlap with contents in the DISCUSSION section.

(2) Authors stated that "in Korea, a region with relatively high antibiotic resistance.... the rates of resistance to levofloxacin and moxifloxacin (by agar dilution) were found to be 5.0%". However, literature data on prevalence of resistance of *Helicobacter pylori* to clarithromycin and other antibiotics in Korea was not included (in Discussion section), and this data should be added.

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We added data on the prevalence of resistance of *Helicobacter pylori* to clarithromycin and other antibiotics in Korea in the third paragraph of the DISCUSSION section and added references.

**Reviewer No: 00073418**

(1) There were 161 patients included in the study, however this number is given as "181" on at least three accounts.

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We fully agree with the reviewer's comment. We corrected "181 patients" to "161 patients".

(2) Table 1 shows that the groups are comparable, may be in too much detail (minor point).

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We attempted to analyze in detail the difference between the two groups. Therefore, we wish to retain these details in Table 1.

(3) The multivariate analysis is confusing (Table 4). All adjusted ORs have 95% CIs well above 1, yet only age remains with a p value <0.05. This must be clarified or corrected.

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We deleted Table 4 and corrected the "Clinical factors influencing *H. pylori* eradication" and "Adverse events and compliance" sections in the RESULTS section.

(4) The first part of the discussion is a repetition of results in too much detail, and should be simplified.

Answer: Thank you for the reviewer's comment. We deleted several sentences in the first paragraph in the DISCUSSION section that overlap with the contents in the INTRODUCTION section.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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