Reviewer's report

Title: Relationship between H. Pylori Infection and Clinicopathological Features and Prognosis of Gastric Cancer

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This work investigated the relationship between H. pylori and the clinicopathological features and prognosis of gastric cancer. The results appear to have potentially practical value. However, the following issues compromise the overall impact of the present version of this manuscript:

(1) H. pylori was detected only by using real-time PCR in this manuscript. Since the essential application is not limited to H. pylori detection, real-time PCR will be reviewed with susceptibility and specificity testing.

(2) In this study, patients who underwent non-resective surgery, and those with Siewert type I cardia adenocarcinoma were excluded. In my view, patients with H. pylori eradication therapy or treatment with antibiotics, bismuth-containing compounds, H2-receptor blockers or proton pump inhibitors within 4 weeks should also be excluded from the study.

(3) There are a number of instances of poor grammar and unclear phrasing throughout the text of this manuscript. This greatly detracts from a reader's ability to follow the logical progression of the described experiments.

(4) The reference format is not uniformed.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests: none