Reviewer's report

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

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**Major**

1. The author has to clarify the definition of cardia site in this study, because you say that cardia site is a part of proximal portion of the stomach. Anybody usually imagine that cardia cancer located the anatomical term for the junction orifice of the stomach and the esophagus. The author should avoid to using the terminology of cardia and non-cardia.

2. Non-neoplastic mucosa was removed from the middle or upper third of the stomach in the case of cardia site cancer or antrum in the case non-cadia site cancer. The features of gastritis such as atrophy, intestinal metaplasia, and inflammation are different between antrum and corpus in gastric cancer patient. H. pylori load depend on the severity of atrophic change and the presence of intestinal metaplasia. Comparison with the number of H. pylori copies between antrum and corpus does not make sense. To find out the differences, comparison in same site (antrum or corpus) is necessary.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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