Author’s response to reviews

Title: Cefuroxime, levofloxacin, esomeprazole, and bismuth as first-line Helicobacter pylori eradication therapy in patients allergic to penicillin

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The point-by-point responses

1. Reviewer reports:
Chao-Hung Kuo (Reviewer 4): … However, one minor revision needs to be done. Your new references 9-12 are about the eradication rates of patients with allergy to penicillin. However, the references are from the same group, Gisbert JP from Spain. Could you please provide the reference originating from mainland China? The local data is more convincing and more realistic when it comes to Hp eradication.
Responses: I strongly agree with you that the local data from the mainland of China is more convincing and realistic than those from other regions or countries. However, we have searched the two literature engines (Pubmed and China National Knowledge Infrastructure) twice, but no relevant study report was found about the eradication rates with the combination of two antibiotics from clarithromycin, levofloxacin and metronidazole in the patients of penicillin allergy. The reference data can be only obtained from the relevant expert experiences and past related study reports from other regions or countries. So we didn't make any further changes. Sincerely hope to get your understanding. Thanks a lot.

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Responses: Ok