Prevalence of *Helicobacter pylori* Seropositivity Among Patients Undergoing Bariatric Surgery: A Preliminary Study

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I read with great interest the article by Erim et al. [1] about the prevalence of *H. pylori* infection among patients with morbid obesity. I was surprised that our article was not mentioned [2]. We performed a prospective endoscopic study of 426 patients with morbid obesity. It is the only study with pathologic findings at the esophagus, stomach, and duodenum, while *H. pylori* was present at the antrum in 53% of the patients and at the gastroesophageal junction in 17% of the patients. Erim et al. performed only serologic studies and no endoscopic findings were reported. I would ask the authors to review more completely the published evidence when performing such a study.

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