equipped with facilities and professionals. (5) Overall, we should encourage and promote GPs or physicians in scientifically remote areas such as Al-Madinah to produce their scientific research at their available capacity, facility and sources. I am not trying to protect and defend Ahmed et al.2 but, I had to clarify and make some fair points. I hope I have succeeded in making this message clear.

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The Editor would like to thank Dr. Bener for his comments. The comments of the authors1,2 have been clarified in a previous issue. We now consider the matter closed.

Reply

Sir,

We thank Dr. Kinsara for his comment concerning our recent paper. We agree with his observation, that the incidence of metronidazole resistance in helicobacter pylori can vary from 45-66%.1,2,3 Furthermore, our recent data (in press) on in vitro sensitivity pattern of H. Pylori revealed that the strain is highly resistant (64.4%) to metronidazole.

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H. Pylori in Saudi Arabia.

Sir,

We read with interest the report of Dr. Al-Amri et al.1 which was published recently in the Saudi Medical Journal. However, we would like to draw the attention of Dr. Amri to our pioneer work2 which was published more than a year ago and in a sample that is four times larger, 215 patients. We found 66.6% metronidazole resistant H. Pylori. I believe this work, Dr. Al-Knawy3 and other similar reports from other parts of the Kingdom will give more insight into determining the epidemiology of this organism that has great clinical importance in many gastrointestinal disorders.

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Chloroquine-resistant plasmodium falciparum malaria in Saudi patients.

Sir,

We read with interest the case report by Dr. Malik et al.1 We also reported a similar observation in two Saudi patients with no history of travel, who received supervised therapy in the hospital and had no clinical response to chloroquine.2 The first patient was from Giza and the second from Allith. These cases are "ringing the bells" of a threat of chloroquine resistance, as a unique position of the Kingdom as a land for millions of pilgrims and expatriates,