

Table 1Classification of Infection, Evaluability, and Eradication Based on Endoscopic Tests for *H. pylori*

Pre-therapy Diagnosis			Post-therapy Diagnosis			
Test Result		Patient Status	Test Result		Patient Status	
Cult	Hist	CLO	Cult	Hist	CLO	
<u>Three Tests Available</u>						
+	+/-	+/-	+	+/-	+/-	Infected
-	+	+	-	+	+	Infected
-	-	+	-	-	+	Infected
-	+	-	-	+	-	Infected
-	-	-	-	-	-	Eradicated
<u>Two Tests Available</u>						
+	+	N/A	+	+	N/A	Infected
+	-	N/A	+	-	N/A	Infected
-	+	N/A	-	+	N/A	Infected
-	-	N/A	-	-	N/A	Eradicated
+	N/A	+	+	N/A	+	Infected
+	N/A	-	+	N/A	-	Infected
-	N/A	+	-	N/A	+	Infected
-	N/A	-	-	N/A	-	Eradicated
N/A	+	+	N/A	+	+	Infected
N/A	+	-	N/A	+	-	Infected
N/A	-	+	N/A	-	+	Infected
N/A	-	-	N/A	-	-	Eradicated
<u>One Test Available</u>						
+	N/A	N/A	+	N/A	N/A	Infected
-	N/A	N/A	-	N/A	N/A	Not evaluable
N/A	N/A	+	N/A	N/A	+	Infected
N/A	N/A	-	N/A	N/A	-	Not evaluable
N/A	+	N/A	N/A	+	N/A	Infected
N/A	-	N/A	N/A	-	N/A	Not evaluable

N/A

Indicates not evaluable or missing result

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Patients with a single positive CLOtest at baseline may be more appropriately considered infected since the specificity of this test is related to gastric colonization of other urease-producing organisms. Colonization is most likely to occur in patients achlorhydria; a uncommon condition in patients who present with acid-peptic disorders such as peptic ulcer disease. However, this has not been decided to date.