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**On The Cover:** A view into the thorax of a human body is shown with the human stomach in the middle containing *Helicobacter pylori*. The pathogen can be found in more than 50% of the human world population and colonizes the gastric epithelial cell surface, where it is associated with the development of serious diseases such as peptic ulceration and stomach cancer in a subset of patients. On pages 731–738, Knorr *et al.* discuss whether CagA from *Helicobacter pylori* acts as a toxin. Image courtesy Steffen Backert and is a hand-drawn aquarelle painting.

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