

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: *World Journal of Experimental Medicine*

Manuscript NO: 73448

Title: The use of hydroxychloroquine and azithromycin combination to treat the COVID-19 infection

Provenance and peer review: Invited manuscript; externally peer reviewed

Peer-review model: Single blind

Reviewer's code: 05630825

Position: Peer Reviewer

Academic degree: PhD

Professional title: Lecturer

Reviewer's Country/Territory: Romania

Author's Country/Territory: India

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Reviewer chosen by: AI Technique

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Reviewer performed review: 2021-12-06 16:28

Review time: 8 Days and 10 Hours

Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

There are many open access articles with the same subject on the internet. Based on this argument, it is recommended to see the data resulted after a systematic review instead of a narrative one.

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Author's Country/Territory: India

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Reviewer accepted review: 2021-12-22 19:22

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Review time: 1 Day and 21 Hours

Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I have reviewed the manuscript entitled 'The use of hydroxychloroquine and azithromycin combination to treat the COVID-19 infection'. The manuscript is well-written and instructive however I have several comments to be added to the article. These drugs were tried to prescribed in the beginning of the pandemic. We knew very less about Covid-19 at that time. The Covid infection appears to be highly procoagulant disease and the role of these therapies may be limited due to the nature of covid-19 disease in terms of high risk for thrombus and emboli formation. D-dimer and fibrinogen follow-ups are very important for the disease severity and anticoagulation therapy has a great value in highly risk patients. The authors should discuss the potential roles of these treatment (hydroxychloroquine and azithromycin combination) in highly risk patients which was defined with the help of d-dimer levels. Please consider 'Fibrinogen and D-dimer variances and anticoagulation recommendations in Covid-19: current literature review' and 'Mean serum D-dimer level to predict in-hospital mortality in COVID-19'

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Professional title: Lecturer

Reviewer's Country/Territory: Romania

Author's Country/Territory: India

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Reviewer chosen by: Ji-Hong Liu

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The submitted article: The use of hydroxychloroquine and azithromycin combination to treat the COVID-19 infection was greatly improved after the first peer-review step. Seeing that the authors have resolved the initial concerns, in my opinion, the article has now a very good quality and, meeting all the criteria, it is recommended for publishing.