

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS

Thank you reviewers for their comments.

### **Comments:**

Thanks for the invitation to review this manuscript. In this letter, R. Swarnakar et al. have precisely discussed whether Hydroxychloroquine could be used for Covid-19-induced arthritis?: A debatable hypothesis This letter discusses the mechanism as well as therapeutic use of hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19 with some physiologic correlation. The discussion raised here is important and needed to be discussed. The introduction of COVID-19 with its physiological and pathological explanation is precise, brief and to the point. The author have stated post COVID arthritis and their relation. Similarly the introduction with brief mechanism of action of Hydroxychloroquine is clear with relevant references. The authors conclusion regarding this discussion is that further research should be done for confirmation to this hypothesis which is appropriate discussion here. Since this is a letter in with interest the article by Bajpai J et al on topic "Use of hydroxychloroquine and azithromycin combination to treat the COVID-19 infection" which have made conclusion that hydroxychloroquine alone or with combination is not suitable for management for COVID-19. This point could be highlighted in the letter for stronger discussion. Also it would be more convincing if some conclusions regarding use of hydroxychloroquine for post COVID arthritis from other study done have been mentioned. Thank you.

### **Author's Reply:**

- Relevant point has been mentioned as "On the other hand, HCQ alone or with combination is not suitable for management for COVID-19."
- There are no previous study on Hydroxychloroquine for post COVID arthritis.

### **Comments:**

I think this article is great and can could be accepted. Good luck

### **Author's Reply:**

Not applicable.