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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In the regular time, it is considered that this kind of proposal or recommendation should be made on the basis of careful verification of experimental results and clinico-epidemiological investigation. However, we believe that active recommendations are acceptable if there is a possibility of even a small increase in risk at present during a pandemic state. In view of this, we agree that ACE inhibitor and ARBs should not be prioritized as drugs used in patients with new-onset hypertension. However, scientific validation is not sufficient to agree whether verapamil or carbesirol can be actively recommended because referred animal experiments are too limited. It is reasonable to present the experimental results in mice more specifically and describe them as an option. We believe that sentence expressions giving definitive impressions should be modified.