

Dear Professor *Saurabh Chandan*, Editor-in-Chief of the *World Journal of Meta-Analysis*,

On behalf of my coauthors, I would like to thank you for the accurate review and precious comments on our work. We really appreciate all of the efforts and time which were put into this. We carefully read your comments and tried to address your comments. We used a *green color code* to mark all new changes in the revised version of the manuscript.

### **Reviewer #1:**

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

### **Science editor:**

Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a systematic review of the Hydroxychloroquine alone or in combination with azithromycin can induce QTc prolongation in Covid-19 patients. The topic is within the scope of the WJMA. (1) Classification: Grade B; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The authors have successfully elucidated the above points. It is well written and organized paper. Figures and tables are helpful and comprehensive. The questions raised by the reviewers should be answered; (3) Format: There are 3 tables, and 3 figures; (4) References: A total of 27 references are cited, including 26 references published in the last 3 years; (5) Self-cited references: There is no self-cited reference. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade A. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors provided the Biostatistics Review Certificate. No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an unsolicited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJMA. 5 Issues raised:

1. The title is too long, and it should be no more than 18 words.

### **Reply**

Many thanks for this extremely valuable and insightful comment. We changed the title to "Hydroxychloroquine alone or in combination with azithromycin and QTc prolongation in COVID-19 patients: A systematic review and meta-analysis" to avoid using a long title (no more than 18 words).

**Action**

Amended in the *Title* page section.

2. The "Author Contributions" section is missing. Please provide the author contributions.

**Reply**

Many thanks for your constructive comment. We have provided the "Author Contributions" section according to your comment.

**Action**

Amended in the *Title* page section.

3. The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.

**Reply**

Many thanks for this valuable comment. According to your comment, we provided original figure files with the revised manuscript.

**Action**

Amended in the *Figures* section.

4. PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout.

**Reply**

Many thanks for this precious and insightful comment. We have checked and updated all references and provided the PMID and DOI numbers with all references.

**Action**

Amended in the *References* section.

5. The “Article Highlights” section is missing. Please add the “Article Highlights” section at the end of the main text.

**Reply**

Many thanks for this constructive comment. We have provided the “Article Highlights” and tried to address the most important findings within the highlight points.

**Action**

Amended in the *Article Highlights* section.

6 Re-Review: Not required. 7 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

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**Action**

None.