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Peer Review Report for "Azithromycin Treatment for SARS-CoV-2-related COVID-19 Pandemic Could Worsen Extensively Drug Resistant (XDR) Typhoid: A Risk of Losing the Last Bullet Against *Salmonella enterica* Serovar *Typhi*"

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Revision (0)

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) 5 Apr 2021

Dear AE,
The manuscript entitled as Azithromycin Treatment for COVID-19 Could Worsen Extensively
Drug Resistant (XDR) Typhoid: A Risk of Losing the Last Bullet Against Salmonella Enterica
Serovar Typhi in Pakistan, is submitted as a letter to the Editor. The manuscript has emphasized on the importance of Azithromycin in treatment of XDR S. Typhi and Covid-19 , which application of the drug in treatment of Covid-19 infection may impair treatment of S. Typhi in Pakistan.
- I think that the idea is well-prepared but it is not necessary to explain about hydroxychloroquine.
- The manuscript can be abstracted to only one page.
- I think that application of all antibiotics in any form of infection may rise another antibiotic-resistant infection whether in same patient or other individuals, The main question is which one is more important? I mean, in this case, what the authors believe about the importance

of salmonellosis or Covid-19 infections? Is there any relevant economical or clinical document to support the main idea?
- The last paragraph is totally irrelevant
Thanks.

Shahla Mansouri: Associate Editor | **Revision (0)** 7 Apr 2021

Dear EIC,
This is only a short review article without any work, and with a few references. This is not a type of research paper because there is no documented result in it.
Thanks.

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision (0)** 8 Apr 2021

Dear Author,
Thank you very much for submitting your manuscript to the JJM. After a careful review of your manuscript, we found that your manuscript cannot be accepted as “ORIGINAL ARTICLE” for publication in JJM due to the low priority assigned by the associated editor. I must inform you that, based on the received advice, the Editors have decided that your manuscript accepts for review after reformat as "LETTER to Editor" (350-450 words). Please reformat based on JJM instruction and send it back (If all authors agree with this matter). I would like to thank you very much for forwarding your manuscript to us for consideration.
Thanks.

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Reply to Reviewers

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You can read the authors' responses to the reviewers' comments in the next page.

April.12th, 2021

Editor in Chief, Jundishapur Journal of Microbiology

Dear Editor in Chief,

Re: 113874 (**Azithromycin Treatment for SARS-CoV-2 related COVID-19 Pandemic Could Worsen Extensively Drug Resistant (XDR) Typhoid: A Risk of Losing the Last Bullet Against Salmonella Enterica Serovar Typhi**)

I would like to re-submit the revised manuscript to be considered for publication in **Jundishapur Journal of Microbiology**

Newly added or revised sentences in the manuscript are highlighted with '**Purple**'.

The POINT-BY-POINT responses to the comments provided by reviewers are following:

The POINT-BY-POINT responses to reviewers

Reviewer #1 (Comments for the Author):

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I think that the idea is well-prepared but it is not necessary to explain about hydroxychloroquine.

1. Response to Reviewer 1:

1. Yes. Thank you for your valuable suggestions the manuscript has been revised more comprehensively and hydroxychloroquine related information is omitted.

The manuscript can be abstracted to only one page.

1. Response to Reviewer 1:

1. Yes. Thank you for your esteemed suggestion. The manuscript has been abstracted to one page only with 399 word count.

I think that application of all antibiotics in any form of infection may rise another antibiotic resistant infection whether in same patient or other individuals, The main question is which one is more important? I mean, in this case, what the authors believe about the importance of salmonellosis or Covid-19 infections? Is there any relevant economical or

clinical document to support the main idea?

1. Response to Reviewer 1:

Yes. Thank you for your esteemed comment. In our next study, we have been stratifying evaluation of usage of Azithromycine and Dexamethasone among COVID-19 patients and impact on delayed Ct value with respect to gender and several age groups such as children.

The last paragraph is totally irrelevant

1. Response to Reviewer 1:

2. Yes. Thank you for your valuable suggestions the irrelevant information in last paragraph has been deleted from the manuscript.

Associate Editor's Comments:

Associate Editor 1:
This is only a short review article without any work, and with a few references.
This is not a type of research paper because there is no documented result in it.

1. Response to Associate Editor 1:

Yes. Thank you for your valuable suggestions, the information has been revised accordingly.

The manuscript has been revised as Letter to Editor as per esteemed EIC Decision.

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