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Prof. Ahmed M

Editor-in-chief

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RE: Submission of manuscript for publication

Dear Prof. Ahmed M:

I would like to submit my article titled “Uncontrolled mass use of hydroxychloroquine” for consideration for publication as a Medical students speak (Student’s corner) in the esteemed *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics (IJME).*

HCQ has previously been shown to inhibit coronavirus replication in vitro. However, results from preliminary clinical studies have drawn inconclusive results regarding the efficacy of HCQ in coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), due to several important weaknesses in research methodologies. Currently, only doctors should be allowed to prescribe HCQ, and treatment should be restricted to hospital settings, with adequate cardiac and therapeutic drug monitoring.

*IJME* is a highly influential and important journal in Asia. When I started my research on COVID-19, I aspired to publish my study in your prestigious journal.

Furthermore, I believe that this paper will be of interest to your readership because our findings have the potential to expand our knowledge regarding the risks of uncontrolled mass use of HCQ.

I will act as the guarantor and will correspond with the journal from this point onward.

**Prior publication:** This paper has not been previously published elsewhere and is not under consideration for publication in another journal.

**Support:** None.

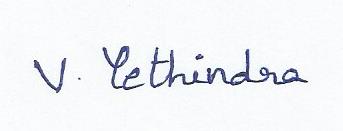
**Conflicts of interest:** None.

The author has read and approved the manuscript. Additionally, the author meets the requirements for authorship and believes that this manuscript represents honest work.

The author has read the terms and conditions of authorship of IJME and accept them.

Thanking you,

Yours’ sincerely,



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