Dear editor:

RE: Ethical review of off-label drugs during the COVID-19 pandemic

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It’s our pleasure to have the chance to revise our manuscript entitled “Ethical review of off-label drugs during the COVID-19 pandemic” (Manuscript ID: 75464). After reading the editors’ and referees’ comments carefully, we have revised our manuscript and answered the questions and comments raised by the editors and referees one by one. The answers for the comments were listed in the attached pages. All changes were marked in red in the latest manuscript. We also formatted the manuscript according to your journal style strictly. We hope that the revised version of our manuscript will be suitable for publication in your journal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours

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Answers to editor-in-chief:

Comment to the Author: I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Clinical Cases, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office’s comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. Authors are required to provide standard three-line tables, that is, only the top line, bottom line, and column line are displayed, while other table lines are hidden. The contents of each cell in the table should conform to the editing specifications, and the lines of each row or column of the table should be aligned. Do not use carriage returns or spaces to replace lines or vertical lines and do not segment cell content.

Answer: Thank you for your suggestion. We had revised the standard three-line tables according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office’s comments.

Answers to reviewer 1:

Comments to the Author: This study reviewed the ethics of off-label chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine research during the COVID-19 epidemic, and achieving full ethics supervision of research conducted during an emergency. The study is very well interesting and very well written. After a minor editing, this study can be accepted.

Answer: Thank you for your suggestion. Our manuscript has been carefully run a spelling test to correct spelling mistakes and revised with the help of an experienced editor of English journals. All of the changes have been highlighted in the revised manuscript.
Answers to reviewer 2

Comments to the Author: Dear Authors, the manuscript is well written and provide an interesting review about a hot topic in the context of COVID-19 pandemic. As a suggestion, I propose to make a note about this issue in people with rare diseases where off label drugs for COVID-19 might even lead to severe complications, such as those with neuromuscular diseases (Liguori S, Moretti A, Paoletta M, Gimigliano F, Iolascon G. Rehabilitation of Neuromuscular Diseases During COVID-19: Pitfalls and Opportunities. Front Neurol. 2021 Feb 19;12:626319. doi: 10.3389/fneur.2021.626319.)

Answer: Thank you for your suggestion. We had added the sentence “We should also pay attention to people with rare diseases where off-label drugs for COVID-19 might lead to severe complications, such as patients with neuromuscular diseases (Liguori Sara et al, 2021).” All of the changes have been marked in red in the revised manuscript.