

Review of: "[Commentary] Polymerized Type I Collagen (Fibroquel) as a treatment for COVID-19, Mexican experience"

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REVIEW COMMENTS

The research piece by the authors provides interesting research outcome that could contribute to knowledge within the context of COVID-19 interventions. The authors however need to take a critical look at the following comments and suggestions. The authors could either respond by addressing the issues raised or provide appropriate rebuttals where necessary.

1. A brief writeup on fibroquel hinging on its active ingredient, formulation, commercial availability, pharmacokinetic and pharmacological properties could be included in the abstract or body.
2. Appropriate references should be assigned to the first two proposed mechanisms.
3. In the last eight lines of the body, the references or citations should be decoupled from each other. The exact references should be assigned to the corresponding sentences.
4. The data sampling method and size, and the appropriate statistical tools for drawing the conclusions on the finding should be clearly stated.
5. No appropriate data is assigned to the actual efficacy of fibroquel in the COVID-19 treatment intervention. The authors could reconsider this.
6. Suggestion: The author could consider this suggestion if possible.

The research paper could also be presented as a research article that encompasses the following:

- i. Background/Introduction
- ii. Methodology (Parameters and appropriate data collection methods and statistical analysis).
- iii. Results and discussion
- iv. Conclusion and recommendations

This could give room for detailed background/introduction, methodology for data collection on the efficacy, adverse effects, mortality and other relevant biostatistical data fibroquel.

