

Review of: "[Case Report] Supplementation with Vitamin D, Zinc, and Quercetin to Treat COVID-19: A Case Report"

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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

- 1. "In the U.S., COVID-19 was the third leading cause of death in 2020 with 375,000 deaths": please add after and state the other two causes of death at 2020.
- 2. However, one study found that 37.7% of hospitalized patients in a cohort of 434 were fully vaccinated.: Please clarify the statement with mentioning of the total number of hospitalized patients.
- 3. Author stated that "She took a 200 mg tablet of over-thecounter (OTC) Advil 3 times a day on days 1, 2, and 3 of her infection" then Table 1 symptoms are prior to infection, please clarify it. You mean these symptoms are even before starting to take Advil?
- 4. Authors mentioned that "to blow her nose every 10-15 minutes" then "to blow her nose 5 times every 30 minutes": please unify your reporting about nose blow to facilitate the comparison to the readers.
- 5. Eight references after this sentence is too much, better to be reduced to the two most recent ones. "Vitamin D is essential for treating COVID. Studies indicate that individuals with low serum vitamin D are more susceptible to upper respiratory tract infections, especially COVID, and that a vitamin D deficiency is associated with a severe infection. [12] [13][14][15][16][17][18][19] "
- 6. The same comment for "Vitamin D, zinc, and quercetin have the ability to down-regulate the activation of NF-κB and inhibit the secretion of IL-1, IL-6, IL-8, TNF-α, MCP-1, and CRP.[3][22][23][24]: only 1-2 references are more than enough for this info.
- 7. Author mentioned that "Oxidative stress contributes to the pathophysiology of COVID.[7]" please give more details in 2-3 sentences explaining how this happens.

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