



## Sensory Disturbances in Pandemics

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### Message from the Guest Editors

COVID-19 is dramatically affecting the quality of life of people worldwide, from both clinical and socio-economic points of view. Its global prevalence is continuously increasing. Considering this, recognizing early signs possibly related to pandemics is of paramount importance in order to decrease as much as possible the impact of COVID-19 and related conditions on human health.

Among such early signs, chemosensory modifications have gained importance in recent weeks, and national and international regulatory bodies are taking them into account in an unprecedented manner. The rationale for such involvement is not yet clear, even though the inflammatory mechanisms related to the cytokine storm occurring due to the SARS-CoV-2 infection could partially explain such occurrences.

Therefore, the aim of this Special Issue is to collect papers about this topic, in order to represent a useful repository, also taking advantage of the journal's open-access policy to share advances in this specific field, possibly attracting a wide audience setting the foundations for further studies related to future pandemics with similar characteristics to COVID-19.





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