

## Special Issue

# Epidemiology and Clinical Characteristics of COVID-19

### Message from the Guest Editor

The severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), which causes the corona virus disease 2019 (COVID-19), has spread worldwide since December 2019. Since the first detection, more than 430 million cases have been reported worldwide. To date, five variants of concern of SARS-CoV-2 have been reported, with the Omicron variant being the predominant variant since its first description in November 2021. Of note, COVID-19 caused almost 6 million deaths all over the world. Risk factors for mortality from COVID-19 include older age, male gender, and comorbidities (such as obesity, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, or chronic pulmonary disease). COVID-19 may present as mild respiratory disease, but may progress to acute respiratory distress syndrome, ultimately requiring mechanical ventilation or extracorporeal support. The scope of this Special Issue is to provide an overview of the epidemiology and clinical characteristics of COVID-19. Therefore, researchers in the field of COVID-19 are encouraged to submit an original research article or review to this Special Issue. The deadline for submissions is 20 October 2022.

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