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# Virology Applications to COVID-19 Pandemic

## Message from the Guest Editors

In December 2019, a new respiratory disease was described in Wuhan, China that was found to be caused by a novel corona virus named Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), SARS-CoV-2 has caused a devastating pandemic associated with increased morbidity and mortality rates, and with serious consequences in global health and economy. The virus is highly transmissible, with a basic reproduction number approximately equal to 2.5, and during the first 15 months of its expansion, the virus has caused several pandemic waves across different geographic areas. The risk of severe disease increases significantly with age, it is of importance to know the burden of COVID-19 and COVID-19 related diseases. We are seeking contributions that will address COVID-19-related diseases and the healthcare burden, building on information of the pandemic's prevalence and incidence. Investigations on viral pathogenesis and the clinical aspects of virus infection are also welcome, as well as relevant epidemiological findings.

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