

## Special Issue

# Respiratory Disease in the COVID-19 Era

### Message from the Guest Editor

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a new respiratory disease caused by infection with severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) that has caused a global pandemic. Various symptoms such as persistent fatigue, myalgia, and insomnia can persist after recovery from COVID-19; these symptoms are called “long COVID-19”. Patients with COVID-19 who survive but develop pulmonary fibrosis may experience persistent dyspnea upon exertion, a decrease in pulmonary function, and/or an radiological abnormal shadow. Antifibrotic drugs including nintedanib and pirfenidone are candidate drugs for the treatment of pulmonary fibrosis due to COVID-19; randomized controlled trials are ongoing. However, limited studies about pulmonary fibrosis due to long-COVID-19 exist. Given the clinical significance of this topic and its impact on clinical practice and public health, *Medicina* is launching a Special Issue entitled “Pulmonary Fibrosis in the COVID-19” with the aim of gathering together accurate and up-to-date scientific information of this topic. We are pleased to invite you and your co-workers to submit your original articles.

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