

## Special Issue

# COVID-19: Defense Strategies and Technologies

### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear colleague, To limit the impact of COVID-19 on our social and economic life, it is urgent to collect and disseminate any research result. Experts such as engineers, informatics, physicists, etc., can make important contributions to eradicate it. In this view, the joint Special Issue is focused on the challenging issues covered by the journals “Smart Cities” and “Sustainability”. Forecasting models of the contagion and strategies to reduce the contagion speed must be discussed in a wide field of expertise. The comparison of the results from the data-driven and the model-driven approaches can support the important and urgent decisions of the governments. The different speed of contagion, resulting from the decisions of different governments, could also be used to create policy-driven models. Example topics of interests are big data, data fusion, IoT, telemedicine, wearable devices, artificial intelligence, deep learning, policy-driven models, model-driven strategies, impact of pollution and on pollution, impact on distribution and transmission lines. More details can be found on the special issue website.

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