A Review on coronavirus family persistency and considerations of novel type, covid-19 features

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The arrival of new types of viral diseases, namely coronavirus family, have posed a serious threat for global health. A new kind of coronavirus (CoV) named intense respiratory syndrome CoV-2 (SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19) firstly diagnosed in Huanan Seafood Wholesale, Wuhan City, China. The COVID-19 origination is likely to be from an animal host like bat and followed by person-person transmission unless the other routes possibility should be taken into account. The COVID-19 has been spread so fast all over the world, with more than 1,569,504 infected cases and 95,269 mortality as of April, 11th 2020, regardless of potent control and quarantine policy in more countries. Moreover, the SARS-CoV2 known as a novel coronavirus as it’s initial genomic was less likely to be matched with the former CoV types. The human-human transmission range reported to be 2-14 days and its spread expansions would be comforted by surfaces, infected hands and droplets. This review focused on the persistency of different coronaviruses, like avain H7H9, SARS-CoV, MERS-CoV, Ebola virus and COVID-19, on varied surfaces as well as considering of COVID-19 features such as transmission, preventable policies, symptoms and suggested treatment ways to combat COVID-19.

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Introduction

The hospitals of Wuhan, China, reported some novel and unknown pneumonia cases with unknown cause, in December 31, 2019, which have been considered as the most critical problem which human being has experienced over the last decades [1]. The Huanan Seafood Wholesale economic activities then ceased as the local public health suspected to its relation with the disease outbreak. Finally, researches figured out the arrival of a new type of coronavirus named SARS-CoV2 or COVID-19 by using next-generation sequencing as well as real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) [2]. As the infected cases number in Wuhan was growly increasing because of holding a Chinese festival, public transport was first in Wuhan, and then in whole cities of Hubei province was suspended. The number of proved-PT-PCR cases has grown so fast that the World Health Organization (WHO) announced a pandemic in January 30, 2020. A new kind of coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19) has diagnosed with a general increasing number of 1,569,564 proved cases (as of April 8th, 2020) [3]. It could be asserted that this new type of CoV can be regarded as the third widely pathogenic coronavirus after SARS and MERS over the last 20 years [4]. Human-human transferring has been detected not only in family settings also in hospitals [3], so further spread in the public restriction should be put as the first criteria [5]. The hypothesis of coronaviruses transmission has been
A. Zarei et al. reported from polluted dry surfaces, including touching mucous membranes of nose, mouth, and eyes provides an opportunity to advance our understanding of coronavirus resistance on inanimate surfaces [6-8]. Recently, biocidal agents and disinfectants such as benzalkonium chloride, alcohols, hydrogen peroxide, and sodium hypochlorite, have been globally suggested for healthcare settings disinfection [9]. G. Kampf et al. reported the existed information of various types of coronaviruses, such as MERS-CoV, SARS-CoV, mouse hepatitis virus (MHV), transmissible gastroenteritis virus (TGEV) and canine coronavirus (CCV), persistency on varied insentient surfaces and classification of a variety of applied surface disinfectants against coronaviruses (Tables 1, 2, and 3) [10]. This research reviewed different coronaviruses persistency on varied surfaces and considering the essential features of COVID-19 such as persistency on variable surfaces, transmissions, preventable policies, symptoms and globally reported treatment ways for curing patients who suffer from COVID-19.

![Infected person with COVID-19](Image)

**FIGURE 1** The schematic of COVID-19 and its turning into a pandemic

*Coronavirus persistency on intimate surfaces*

More information ascribed with the (HCoV) 229E on a variable of surfaces and it could persist between 2 h and 9 days. Although, the TGEV and MHV persistency would increase up to 28 days at 40 °C, the pathogenic persistency of the mentioned two as well as MERS-CoV would be decreased at higher temperatures between 30 °C and 400 °C. Lesser related information gained with SARS-CoV delineated a longer persistency with larger inoculum (Table 1). It was also found that, the HCoV-229E has a longer persistency of 50% in comparison with respective moisture of 30% at ambient temperature [11]. As for the persistence of COVID-19 on different surfaces, Neeltje van Doremalen et al. studied the aerosol and persistency of COVID-19 on a variable surfaces, such as copper, plastic, stainless steel and cardboard, and compared it with SARS-CoV. They reported that though persistency of two different coronaviruses was so similar to each other, COVID-19 could remain in the air about a couple of hours (up to 3 h) and around 4 days on different surfaces (Table 1) [12].
TABLE 1 Comparing half-life and persistency of COVID-19 with SARS-CoV [12]

| Different surfaces | Anticipated persistency of SARS-CoV on varied surfaces | Anticipated persistency of COVID-19 on various surfaces | Half life of SARS-CoV on various surfaces | Half life of COVID-19 on varied surfaces |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Copper             | <8 hours                                                | <4 hours                                               | ≤2 hours                                 | 1 hour                                  |
| Cardboard          | <8 hours                                                | <1 day                                                 | ≤1 hour                                  | ≤5 hours                                |
| Stainless steel    | ≥2 days                                                 | ≥2 days                                                | ≤5 hours                                 | 5.6 hours                               |
| Plastic            | ≥3 days                                                 | ≥3 days                                                | ≤9 hours                                 | 6.8 hours                               |
| Air                | 3 hours                                                 | 3 hours                                                | 1.1 hour                                 | 1.1 hour                                |

TABLE 2 Coronaviruses persistency on varied surfaces (MHV: mouse hepatitis virus, HCoV: human coronavirus, SARS: Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome; RT: ambient temperature, MERS: Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, TGEV: transmissible gastroenteritis virus)

| Surface type       | Virus         | Strain                  | Inoculum (viral titer) | Temperature | Persistency period | Ref. |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------------|------|
| Steel              | MHV           | Isolate HCoV-EMC/2012   | 10⁵                    | 20 °C       | 48 d               | [13] |
|                    | MERS-CoV      |                         | 10⁶                    | 20 °C       | 48 d               | [14] |
|                    | TGEV          | Unknown                 | 10⁶                    | 21 °C       | 5 d                | [15] |
| Ceramic            | HCoV          | Strain 229E             | 10⁴                    | 21 °C       | 5 d                | [16] |
| Silicon rubber     | HCoV          | Strain 229E             | 10⁴                    | 21 °C       | 5 d                | [16] |
| Paper              | SARS-CoV      | Strain P9               | 10⁶                    | AT          | 4-5 d              | [17] |
|                    | SARS-CoV      | Strain GVU6109          | 10⁶                    | AT          | 24 h               | [17] |
| Surgical glove     | HCoV          | Strains OC43 and 229E   | 5×10³                  | 21 °C       | ≤8 h               | [18] |
| PVC               | HCoV          | Strain 229E             | 10³                    | 21 °C       | 5 d                | [14] |
| Metal              | SARS-CoV      | Strain P9               | 10⁵                    | AT          | 5 d                | [16] |
|                    | SARS-CoV      | Strain P9               | 10⁵                    | AT          | 5 d                | [16] |
| Aluminum           | HCoV          | Strains 229E and OC43   | 5×10³                  | 21 °C       | 2-8 h              | [19] |
| Teflon             | HCoV          | Strain 229E             | 10³                    | 21 °C       | 5 d                | [15] |
| Plastic            | SARS-CoV      | Strain FFM1 Isolate HCoV-EMC/2012 | 10⁷ | AT | 6-9 d | [16] |
|                    | MERS-CoV      |                         | 10⁵                    | 20 °C       | 48 d               | [14] |
|                    | HCoV          | Strain 229E             | 10⁷                    | 30 °C       | 2-6 d              | [16] |
|                    | SARS-CoV      | Strain P9               | 10⁵                    | AT          | 4 d                | [20] |
|                    | SARS-CoV      | Strain HKU39849         | 10⁵                    | 22-25 °C    | ≤5 d               | [16] |
| Wood               | SARS-CoV      | Strain P9               | 10⁵                    | AT          | 4-5 d              | [14] |
| Disposable gown    | SARS-CoV      | Strain GVU6109          | 10⁶                    | AT          | 2 d                | [17] |
| Glass              | HCoV          | Strain 229E             | 10³                    | 21 °C       | 5 d                | [15] |
|                    | SARS-CoV      | Strain P9               | 10⁵                    | AT          | 4 d                | [16] |
TABLE 3 Varied types of inactivated coronaviruses using a variety of disinfectants (MERS: Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, CCV: canine coronavirus, HCoV: human coronavirus, MHV: mouse hepatitis virus, SARS: Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome)

| Biocidal agent          | Concentration | Virus   | Strain/isolate                      | Exposure time | Decreasing of viral infectivity (log10) | Ref. |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------|------|
| 2-Propanol              | 50%           | MHV     | Strains MHV-N and MHV2              | 10 min        | ≥3.7                                   | [21] |
|                         | 75%           | MERS-CoV| Strain EMC                          | 30 s          | ≥4.0                                   | [22] |
|                         | 70%           | SARS-CoV| Isolate FFM-1                       | 30 s          | ≥3.3                                   | [20] |
|                         | 75%           | SARS-CoV| Isolate FFM-1                       | 30 s          | ≥4.0                                   | [22] |
|                         | 100%          | SARS-CoV| Isolate FFM-1                       | 30 s          | ≥3.3                                   | [20] |
| Sodium hypochlorite     | 0.21%         | MHV     | Strain MHV-1                        | 30 s          | ≥4.0                                   | [23] |
|                         | 0.01%         | MHV     | Strain MHV-2                        | 10 min        | 2.3-2.8                                |      |
|                         | 0.01%         | CCV     | Strain 1-71                         | 10 min        | 1.1                                    | [21] |
|                         | 0.001%        | MHV     | Strain MHV-2 and MHV-N              | 10 min        | 0.3-0.6                                | [21] |
| Ethanol                 | 78%           | SARS-CoV| Isolate FFM-1                       | 30 s          | ≥4.3                                   | [20] |
|                         | 80%           | MERS-CoV| Strain EMC                          | 30 s          | ≥4.0                                   | [22] |
|                         | 80%           | SARS-CoV| Isolate FFM-1                       | 30 s          | ≥5.0                                   | [24] |
|                         | 95%           | SARS-CoV| Isolate FFM-1                       | 30 s          | >3.9                                   | [24] |
|                         | 85%           | SARS-CoV| Isolate FFM-1                       | 30 s          | >3.3                                   | [24] |
| Benzalkonium chloride   | 0.05%         | MHV     | Strain MHV-N and MHV-2              | 10 min        | 0.0                                    | [21] |
|                         | 0.00175%      | CCV     | Strain S378                         | 3 d           | >3.7                                   | [25] |
|                         | 0.05%         | CCV     | Strain 1-71 and ATCC VR-759 (strain OC43) | 10 min | 3.0                                    | [26] |
| Formaldehyde            | 0.7%          | MHV     |                                           | 10 min        | ≥3.0                                   | [21] |
|                         | 1%            | SARS-CoV| Isolate FFM-1                       | 2 min         | ≥3.0                                   | [20] |
|                         | 0.009%        | CCV     |                                           | 24 h          | ≥3.5                                   | [27] |
|                         | 0.7%          | SARS-CoV| Isolate FFM-1                       | 2 min         | ≥3.7                                   | [20] |
|                         | 0.7%          | CCV     | Strain 1-71                         | 10 min        | ≥4.0                                   | [21] |
| Hydrogen peroxide       | 0.5%          | HCoV    | Strain 229E                         | 1 min         | ≥4.0                                   | [28] |
| Povidone-iodine         | 0.23%         | MERS-CoV| Isolate HCoV-EMC/2012               | 15 s          | 4.6                                    | [29] |
|                         | 0.25%         | SARS-CoV| Hanoi strain                        | 1 min         | 5.0                                    | [30] |
|                         | 0.47%         | SARS-CoV| Hanoi strain                        | 1 min         | >4.0                                   | [30] |
|                         | 1%            | MERS-CoV| Isolate HCoV-EMC/2012               | 1 min         | 4.3                                    | [31] |
|                         | 4%            | MERS-CoV| Isolate HCoV-EMC/2012               | 15 s          | 3.8                                    | [31] |
|                         | 1%            | SARS-CoV| Hanoi strain                        | 1 min         | >4.0                                   | [30] |
|                         | 0.23%         | SARS-CoV| Isolate FFM-1                       | 15 s          | >4.0                                   | [29] |
|                         | 7.5%          | MERS-CoV| Isolate HCoV-EMC/2012               | 15 s          | >4.4                                   | [31] |
|                         | 0.23%         | SARS-CoV| Hanoi strain                        | 1 min         | >4.4                                   | [30] |
| Glutardialdehyde        | 2.5%          | SARS-CoV| Hanoi strain                        | 5 min         | >4.0                                   | [30] |
|                         | 0.5%          | SARS-CoV| Isolate FFM-1                       | 2 min         | >4.0                                   | [20] |
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Didecyl dimethyl ammonium chloride 0.0025% CCV Strain S378 3 d > 4.0 [25]

Chlorhexidine di gluconate 0.02% MHV Strains MHV-2 and MHV-N 10 min 0.7-0.8 [25]

2-Propanol 45% SARS-CoV Isolate FFM-1 30 s ≥ 4.3 [24]

1-propanol 30% SARS-CoV Isolate FFM-1 30 s ≥ 2.8 [24]

Chlorhexidine di gluconate 0.02% MHV Strains MHV-2 and MHV-N 10 min 0.7-0.8 [21]

TABLE 4 Inactivation of coronaviruses by different types of biocidal agents in carrier tests (MHV: mouse hepatitis virus, HCoV: human coronavirus, TGEV: transmissible gastroenteritis virus)

| Biocidal agent | Concentration | Virus | Strain/isolate | Volume/material | Organic load | Exposure time | Reduction of viral infectivity (log10) | Ref. |
|----------------|---------------|-------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|------|
| Benzalkonium chloride | 0.04% | HCoV | Strain 229E | 20 ml/stainless steel | 5% serum | 1 min | < 3.0 | [32] |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Hydrogen peroxide | Vapor of unknown concentration | TGEV | Purdue strain type 1 | 20 ml/stainless steel | None | 2-3 h | 4.9-5.3 | [33] |
| Glutardialdehyde | 2% | HCoV | Strain 229E | 20 ml/stainless steel | 5% serum | 1 min | > 3.0 | [32] |
| Ortho-phtalaldehyde | 0.55% | TGEV | Unknown | 50 ml/stainless steel | None | 1 min | 2.3 | [34] |
| Ethanol | 71% | TGEV | Unknown | 50 ml/stainless steel | None | 1 min | 3.5 | [34] |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Sodium hypochlorite | 0.06% | TGEV | Unknown | 50 ml/stainless steel | None | 1 min | 0.4 | [34] |
| | | | | | | | | |

Coronaviruses inactivation by different surfactants

As seen in Table 2, more trusted and applicable agents, such as 45% 2-propanol with 30% 1-propanol combination, ethanol (78-95%), 2-propanol (70-100%), formaldehyde (0.7-1%), povidone-iodine (0.23-7.5%), glutardialdehyde (0.5-2.5%), have been reported by G.Kampf et al. They reported that, the range of inactivation infectious coronavirus was around 4 log10 or
more [10]. Approximately 0.21% of sodium hypochlorite proved to be sufficient. The 0.5% hydrogen peroxide with 1 min incubation time was also suitable. Information on benzalkonium chloride indicated a sensible contrast. Unless the concentration of 0.2% was less likely to be sufficient over 10 min, the 0.05% concentration was sufficient over the same time against coronavirus. Finally, a 0.02% concentration of chlorhexidine digluconate had no efficacy.

*Inactivation of coronaviruses by biocidal agents in carrier tests*

Although different concentrations of ethanol, 62% and 71%, were a suitable candidate for decreasing coronavirus infectious during just 1 min time of exposure by 0.2-0.4 log10, 0.55% orthophtalaldehyde, benzalkonium chloride and 0.06% sodium hypochlorite revealed much less sufficiency against the virus. However, the concentrations of 2% glutardialdehyde and 0.1-0.5% sodium hypochlorite had great affectivity by 2.0-4.0 log10 (Table 3). G. Kampf et al. reported that, the infection durability of coronavirus, like SARS-CoV, around 9 days on a variety of solid surfaces. Surface decontamination using 62-71% ethanol and 0.1% sodium hypochlorite have a potential ability for the degradation of coronavirus infectivity on different surfaces for 1 min, so it has been suggested to have a similar impact on SARS-CoV-2 [10].

**Transmission**

Recent studies have attempted to explain the zoonotic origin of COVID-19, so it is believed that initial infected people, who have been exposed to Seafood Wholesale Market in Wuhan City, might be come down with COVID-19 by animals like bat and snake [35, 36]. Conducted researches on the COVID-19 genomic sequence showed an existed similarity up to 88% with known SARS coronavirus [37,38]. It has also been demonstrated that there had been a linkage between mammals, as the main COVID-19 host, and humans. As for the further spread, human-human transmission is the most reasonable factor for COVID-19 infection. This claim has been proved by increasing detected cases within the families and among people who exposed of seafood market and those who did not visit it in Wuhan [39,40]. But how person-person transmission happen? It occurs in two different ways: firstly, by spreading droplets of sneezing or coughing an infected person in the environment, secondly, by direct contact of non-infected people with the infected individual. As for the aerosol transmission, prevent study focused on persistency of COVID-19 on variable surfaces, like copper, plastic, stainless steel and cardboard as well as in air, and made a comparison between COVID-19 and SARS-CoV. The researches figured out that fomite and aerosol transferring is possible as COVID-19 can persist in the air about a couple of hours (up to 3 h) and around 4 days on different surfaces [12]. Moreover, mother to newborn transmission has not yet been reported due to the lack of trusted evidence. Although in recent study whole of studied pregnant women experienced cesarean sections, one question that needs to be asked, however, is whether transmission happened over natural birth. Therefore, susceptibility of pregnant females to COVID-19 infectivity by severe pneumonia is a crucial issue that should be taken into account [41]. Unless Qi Lu et al. reported the infectivity of 3 neonates and also 230 children aged below 18 with COVID-19 in January 2020, the disease condition was unlikely to be severe and no death has been detected in such age-group. Moreover, as there is no enough and reliable evidence for mother to infant transmission, more research should be fulfilled to give more information to neonatologists to control and treat the COVID-19 [42]. Furthermore, though human to animals, such as pets, wildlife, and livestock, the transmission has not been yet approved by
to prove the fact that any pets are likely to get sick with COVID-19 and to be a cause of the further spread of viral infection. As there is no evidence to demonstrate such a transmission, protection criteria, such as washing hands whenever pets and their foods are touched, having a proper personal hygiene and take some advice from a veterinarian if there is needed questions about pets health, must be followed by people who are in touch with domestic animals [43]. As for the entrance of coronavirus into host cells, the host cells will express a receptor binding at the first step of viral infection and then it can be fused with membrane cell. Generally speaking, the main and initial target of the virus is the lung mucous cells, so person to person transferring of SARS-CoV happened when spikes of virus receptor-binding domain and a cell receptor named ACE2 (angiotensin-converting enzyme 2) would bind to each other [40,44]. Therefore, since receptor-binding domain COVID-19 spikes have a high similarity to that of SARS-CoV, the COVID-19 is likely to enter into the host cells by the ACE2 receptor [40,45].

Preventable Policies

To inhibit the further viral spread of COVID-19, international health organizations like WHO as well as CDC (US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) have introduced some useful actions such as washing hands and follow recommended personal hygiene like continuous hand washing per a day as well as PPE usage like face masks and the use of alcoholic disinfectants, avoid meeting suspected people to COVID-19, do not use meat and eat foods in outdoors as they might make individual sick and unnecessary travel avoiding to places in which viral infectious have been reported [1, 46]. A Japanese company proceeded a symptom checker along with a humanmade intelligence-self-driven named Bebot which can show the updated information about the COVID-19 spread [47]. As for the other preventable policies, China and some European countries such as Spain and Italy have made rough house quarantine to inhibit the further spread of new coronavirus. Britain has also made some preventive measures like social distancing at least up to 1.5 m, which was then followed by some countries including Iran, as well as house quarantine to some point.

Symptoms

It has clarified that the appearance of clinical properties of COVID-19, such as vomiting, myalgia, dry cough, fever and diarrhea [47], will take after incubation time up to 5.2 days [48]. Emergence of initial symptoms of COVID-19 to death will take in a range of 6-41 days with an average period of 14 days [49]. The mentioned incubation period also is patient age dependent and it is related to the immune system of a patient. For example, the incubation time has been dedicated to be longer in the aged below 70 years compared to that of older people [49]. The other known symptoms of COVID-19 are dyspnea, haemoptysis, headache, and lymphopenia [39, 49-51]. Although the clinical features have been proved by chest CT scan, abnormal properties like acute respiratory distress syndrome and acute cardiac injury detected [51]. The people who are suffering from previous diseases are more likely to be come down with a severe infection. Some important clinical properties of SARS compared to COVID-19 are presented in Table 5. Recently, catrin sohrabi et al. made a comparison between found information on vital epidemiological and clinical by CDC and WHO [47,52] (Table 6). It is noteworthy saying that while the COVID-19 might have some same features, such as dyspnea, fever, dry cough, and ground-glass opacities [51], with the other coronaviruses, it delineates some unique clinical properties for example the lower airway is engaged with symptoms like
sneezing, sore throat and rhinorrhea [53]. Furthermore, chest radiographs of some patients presented infiltration in the upper lung lobe due to increasing shortness of breath with hypoxemia [54]. COVID-19 sufferers revealed severe diarrhea whereas a low number of SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV patients experienced the mentioned symptom [55, 56], so it is undeniable that identification of different transmission modes, like urine samples and faecal test, has a high importance to find trusted minimization or inhibition transmission ways and to develop clinical trials to find a vaccine for control the disease. Table 7 presents a brief information of the studied clinical cases have collected by Jiang et al. [57].

**TABLE 5** Comparing of SARS-CoV versus COVID-19. Data accurate as of 11th April [47, 58, 59]

|                      | SARS-CoV       | COVID-19      |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| **Clinical properties** |                |               |
| Fever                | Fever          |               |
| Cough                | Cough          |               |
| Shortness of breath  |                |               |
| **Total number of deaths globally** | 774            | 95,269        |
| **Number infected globally** | 8096           | 1,569,504     |
| **Incubation time**  | 2-7 days       | 2-14 days     |
| **Mortality**        | 9.6%           | 3%            |

**TABLE 6** Comparing of WHO diagnostic factors and CDC criteria based on travel and symptoms [58, 60]

|                      | CDC                                                  | WHO                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| **Epidemiological Risk** | • Close contact with proved COVID-19 patients during 14 days of initial symptom onset  
                              • Visited Hubei Province and traveled to elsewhere  
                              • Visited mainland China and traveled to elsewhere  | • Healthcare staff who have exposed of place where patients with ARI are being cared for  
                              • Unprecedented clinical course follows regardless of treatment, including rapid deterioration  
                              • Present in healthcare facilities and hospitals in countries where COVID-19 has been reported  
                              • Close contact (with distance of 2 meters for over 15 minutes) with confirmed COVID-19 infection  
                              • Traveled from Hubei Province to elsewhere  
                              • All of the above can happen within 14 days prior to symptom onset |
| **Clinical features**  | • Lower respiratory tract infection (likely hospitalization needed)  
                              • Fever                                                      | • Cough  
                              • Onset during the last ~10 days  
                              • Measured temperature ≥38°C or fever  
                              • Hospitalization needed  
                              • Acute respiratory infection |
| Author       | Wang et al. [46] | Song et al. [48] | Li et al. [49] | Chen et al. [52] | Huang et al. [52] | Chen et al. [63] |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| **Study setting** | Zhongnan Hospital of Wuhan University between Jan 1 and Jan 28, 2020, until Feb 3, 2020 | Shanghai Public Health Clinical Center in the time range of Jan 20 to Jan 27, 2020 | Some of Hospitals in Wuhan on Jan 22, 2020 | Wuhan Jinyintan Hospital in the time period of Jan 1 to Jan 20, 2020 | Wuhan Jinyintan Hospital between Dec 16, 2019 and Jan 2, 2020 | Tongji Hospital between Jan 14 and Jan 29, 2020 |
| **City** | Wuhan, China | Wuhan, China | Wuhan, China | Wuhan, China | Wuhan, China | Wuhan, China |
| **Total patients Age, mean (IQR or mean ± SD, year)** | 56 (42–68) 56.0 ± 16.0 | 25 (49%) | 31 (66%) | 49 (41–58) | 56 (26–79) |
| **Gender, male** | 75 (54.3%) | 56 (26–82) | 67 (68%) | 30 (73%) | 21 (72%) |
| **Exposure history, cases** | 12 (8.7%) visited Seafood Wholesale Market Haunan | 50 (98%) met Wuhan | 26 (55%) visited Seafood Wholesale Market Haunan | 27 (66%) met Seafood Wholesale Market Haunan | exposed to Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market |
| **CT findings, X-ray and cases** | Ground glass opacity, 38 (100%) | Ground glass opacity, 39 (77%) | Radiographic revealed symptoms of pneumonia | Bilateral ground glass opacity, 40 (98%) | NU |
| **Signs and symptoms** | Headache, 9 (6.5%) | Pain, 7 (14%) Headache and dizziness, 8 (16%) | Diarrhea, 14 (10.1%) | Sputum production, 11 (28%) | Dyspnea, 17 (59%) | Fever, 28 (97%) |
| | Abdominal pain, 3 (2.2%) | Loss of appetite, 9 (18%) | Nausea, 14 (10.1%) | Fever, 82 (83%) | Myalgia or fatigue, 12 (41%) | Diarrhea, 4 (14%) |
| | Myalgia, 48 (34.8%) | Diarrhea, 5, (10%) | Headache, 9 (6.5%) | Rhinorrhea, 4 (4%) | Diarrhea, 2 (2%) | Cough, 81 (82%) |
| | Dizziness, 13 (9.4%) | Stuffy and runny nose, 2 (4%) | Nausea, 14 (10.1%) | Cough, 24 (47%) | Nausea and vomiting, 1 (1%) | Sore throat, 23 (29%) |
| | Abdominal pain, 3 (2.2%) | Sore throat, 3 (6%) | Dyspnea or chest vomiting, 3 (6%) | Fever, 49 (96%) | Dyspnea or chest production, 1 (1%) | ARDS, 12 (29%) |
| | Dry cough, 82 (59.4%) | Fever, 49 (96%) | Headache, 3 (3%) | Cough, 24 (4%) | Dyspnea, 22 (55%) Muscles of fatigue, 18 (44%) |
| | Anorexia, 55 (39.9%) | Cough or fatigue, 16 (31%) | Headache, 8 (8%) | Dyspnea, 2 (2%) | Headache, 3/38 (8%) |
| | Fatigue, 96 (69.6%) | Dyspnea, 43 (31.2%) | Headache, 8 (8%) | Fever, 82 (83%) | Headache, 2 (2%) |
| | Dyspnea, 43 (31.2%) | Expectoration, 37 (26.8%) | Dyspnea, 43 (31.2%) | ARDS, 17 (17%) | Dyspnea, 2 (2%) |
| | Pharyngalgia, 24 (17.4%) | Fever, 136 (98.6%) | Pharyngalgia, 24 (17.4%) | Acute respiratory injury, 8 (8%) | Myalgia or fatigue, 16 (31%) |
| | Fever, 136 (98.6%) | Vomiting, 5 (3.6%) | Fever, 136 (98.6%) | Septic shock, 4 (4%) | Dyspnea, 2 (2%) |
| | Complications | AKI, 10 (7.2%) | Shock, 12 (8.7%) | ARD, 17 (17%) | AKI, 3 (7%) | RNAemia, 6 (15%) |
| | | NU | NU | ARDS, 17 (17%) | RDS, 12 (29%) | Secondary infection, 4 (10%) |
| | | | | Ventilator-associated pneumonia, 1 (1%) | Acute cardiac injury, 5 (12%) | Secondary infection, 4 (10%) |
| | | | | | Secondary infection, 4 (10%) | NU |
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| Treatment       |                  |                  |                 |                 |                |                  |
| Discharged      | 47 (34.1%)       | NU               | NU              | 31 (31%)        | NU             | 28 (68%)         |
| Death           | 6 (4.3%)         | NU               | 2 (7%)          | 11 (11%)        | NU             | 6 (15%)          |

**TABLE 8** Coronavirus cases: discharged and death

AKI acute kidney injury, ECMO extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, ARDS acute respiratory syndrome distress, IMV invasive mechanical ventilation, NIV noninvasive ventilation, NA not useful, CRRT continuous renal replacement therapy, ARI acute renal injury

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**Treatment**

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recommended to be 1-2 mg/kg/day for a 5-day-period [46,71]. In the other study, W.Zhong et al. demonstrated the efficacy of favipiravir on COVID-19 and made a comparison between it and lopinavir as well as ritonavir. Interestingly, there was a shorter viral improvement time compared to that of the other used drugs, with the range of 2.5-9 days (average of 4 days) and 8-13 days with an average of 11 days. As for chest imaging clearance, FVP also revealed to be a better candidate with more than 91% improvement compared to 62.2% caused clearance by ritonavir and lopinavir. They finally mentioned that favipiravir could be a suitable treatment tool for COVID-19 infection [72]. Xinghuan Wang et al. also conducted comparative research between two drug usages like favipiravir and arbidol for 120 infected patients with SARS-CoV2 to figure out the highly efficient antiviral drug to combat COVID-19. Their findings revealed that favipiravir is likely to be preferable antiviral drug, due to its supreme clinical improvement over a week with an average clinical improvement rate of 71.43% compared to the lower rate of 55% of arbidol, favipiravir can also make a considerable decrease in fever incidence and cough, over the arbidol [73]. A recent study proposed some approval FDA drugs such as chloroquine, nafamostat, penciclovir, nitazoxanide, and two familiar antiviral medicines named favipiravir and remdisivir versus isolated COVID-19 in vitro. Although ribavirin, favipiravir and penciclovir approved to be useful in infection decrease, favipiravir released 100% protection efficacy in mice in vero E6 cells, and however, more studies are needed to make its real antiviral potential clear. As for nafamostat and nitazoxanide antiviral affectivity, the findings showed a good capability to some point unless chloroquine and remdisivir have a high ability to block viral infection [74]. It was reported that, the ACE2 is the known receptor for SARS-CoV2 infections. Also, it has been suggested that if the interaction between the mentioned receptor and COVID-19 spikes is blocked, it will be a possible treat for the COVID-19. Though no evidence yet exited to prove the fact that if hrsACE2, human recombinant soluble ACE2, can COVID-19 growth blockage, Josef M Penninger et al. dedicated that hrsACE2 capability to decrease COVID-19 growth in Vero cells between a factor of 1,000 and 5,000 and its ability to make a sustainable blockage in initial steps of SARS-CoV2 infectivity, so they proposed that it might be an applicable tool for SARS-CoV2 treatment. The researchers also mentioned that COVID-19 is more likely to be responsible for kidney and blood vessel organoids [45].

Conclusion

The international deadly and new viral infection named COVID-19 or SARS-CoV has been spread throughout the world and it has been turned into a pandemic. The number of dedicated COVID-19 cases is continuously increasing; and it placed at 1,569,564 confirmed cases with 95,269 reported deaths. It is believed that prevention policies like quarantine are less likely to be sufficient to prohibit and full control of the disease. The exact mechanism of animal to human as well as human to animal transferring should be estimated as it has high importance to find an antiviral drug to treat COVID-19. As is undeniable that COVID-19 possesses a large pandemic potential, careful monitoring and strict surveillance are strongly required because the mentioned two factors can significantly decrease the mortality rates and prevent the further prevalence of the disease. More news and daily information about the COVID-19 presents the fast changing of the virus nature, so it which will restrict a general overview of the COVID-19 and its unknown features. The WHO and international healthcare societies have to be aware of the mentioned symptoms and signs and diagnose new suspected cases to be able to control the further viral spread.
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