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10	Experience of the Egyptian physical therapy educators on the online teaching during COVID-19 outbreak 2021	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35549657">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35549657</a>	Egypt
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16	Altered hepatitis C testing and treatment beyond the COVID-19 pandemic	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35568527">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35568527</a>	Iran
17	Melatonin as a complementary and prophylactic agent against COVID-19 in high-risk populations: a narrative review of recent findings from clinical and preclinical studies	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35567287">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35567287</a>	Iran

18	An overview of current drugs and prophylactic vaccines for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35562685">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35562685</a>	Iran
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20	Exacerbation of congenital hydronephrosis as the first presentation of COVID-19 infection in children	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35558565">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35558565</a>	Iran
21	Global prevalence and subgroup analyses of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) associated <i>Candida auris</i> infections (CACa): a systematic review and meta-analysis	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35555921">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35555921</a>	Iran
22	Gastrointestinal manifestations in patients with coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19): impact on clinical outcomes	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35548178">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35548178</a>	Iran
23	New-onset acute ischemic stroke following COVID-19: a case-control study	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35548177">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35548177</a>	Iran
24	Association of systemic complications with mortality in coronavirus disease of 2019: a cohort study on intensive care unit patients	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35548176">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35548176</a>	Iran
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26	Exploring the quality of life of cosmetic users: a cross-sectional analysis from eight Arab countries in the Middle East	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35567513">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35567513</a>	Iraq, Qatar, Lebanon, United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman
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28	COVID-19 vaccination hesitancy among Iraqi general population between beliefs and barriers: an observational study	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35529280">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35529280</a>	Iraq
29	COVID-19 vaccination hesitancy: a review of the literature and recommendations	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35549859">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35549859</a>	Jordan, United Arab Emirates
30	COVID-19 epidemiology and changes in health service utilization in Azraq and Zaatari refugee camps in Jordan: a retrospective cohort study	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35536871">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35536871</a>	Jordan
31	Complex regional pain syndrome as a sequela of COVID-19 pneumonia	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35568515">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35568515</a>	Kuwait
32	Manifestation of generalized anxiety disorder and its association with somatic symptoms among occupational and physical therapists during the COVID-19 pandemic	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35548079">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35548079</a>	Kuwait
33	COVID-19 outcomes among rheumatic disease patients in Kuwait: data from the COVID-19 Global Rheumatology Alliance (C19-GRA) physician registry	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35543332">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35543332</a>	Kuwait

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35	The pathophysiology of long COVID throughout the renin-angiotensin system	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35566253">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35566253</a>	Lebanon
36	Recall of pre-existing cross-reactive B cell memory following Omicron BA.1 breakthrough infection	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35549299">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35549299</a>	Lebanon
37	Apparent association of insulin with interleukin-6 (IL-6) in severe COVID-19 patients having chronic disease comorbidities	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35530861">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35530861</a>	Libya
38	Relationship between meteorological and air quality parameters and COVID-19 in Casablanca Region, Morocco	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35564384">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35564384</a>	Morocco
39	Acute hepatitis with portal and mesenteric vein thrombosis revealing SARS-CoV-2 infection: case report and literature review	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35531429">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35531429</a>	Morocco
40	COVID-19 associated mucormycosis: opportunistic fungal infection. a case series and review	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35533833">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35533833</a>	Oman
41	<i>In silico</i> mutational analysis of ACE2 to check the susceptibility of lung cancer patients towards COVID-19	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35552474">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35552474</a>	Pakistan, Libya, Saudi Arabia

42	Bioinformatics-based approaches to study virus-host interactions during SARS-CoV-2 infection	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35554909">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35554909</a>	Pakistan
43	Suicidal ideation amid COVID-19 pandemic: a cross-sectional study among healthcare workers during the first wave of COVID-19 in Pakistan	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35548858">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35548858</a>	Pakistan, Saudi Arabia
44	Unnecessary use of corticosteroids for managing early mild symptoms of COVID-19 may lead to rhino-orbital-cerebral mucormycosis in patients with diabetes - a case series from Lahore, Pakistan	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35547833">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35547833</a>	Pakistan
45	Aspergillosis and mucormycosis in COVID-19 patients: a systematic review	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35546702">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35546702</a>	Pakistan
46	Indirect effects of COVID-19 pandemic on reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health services in Pakistan	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35545906">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35545906</a>	Pakistan
47	Immune-related therapeutics: an update on antiviral drugs and vaccines to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35538681">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35538681</a>	Pakistan
48	Developing mental health competency in undergraduate nursing students amid pandemic: a hybrid model approach	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35528609">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35528609</a>	Pakistan
49	Susceptibility of children with congenital heart disease to coronavirus disease 2019: a potential challenge as schools reopen	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35527754">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35527754</a>	Pakistan

50	Development of evidence-based COVID-19 management guidelines for local context: the methodological challenges	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35492871">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35492871</a>	Pakistan
51	Analyzing inherent biases in SARS-CoV-2 PCR and serological epidemiologic metrics	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35562700">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35562700</a>	Qatar, Lebanon
52	Soluble ACE2 and angiotensin II levels are modulated in hypertensive COVID-19 patients treated with different antihypertension drugs	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35548940">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35548940</a>	Qatar
53	Nitric oxide in the management of respiratory consequences in COVID-19: a scoping review of a different treatment approach	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35530860">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35530860</a>	Qatar
54	Mental health problems, burnout and resilience in community pharmacists during the COVID-19 pandemic: a cross-sectional study	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35529886">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35529886</a>	Qatar
55	<i>Nigella sativa</i> L. and COVID-19: a glance at the anti-COVID-19 chemical constituents, clinical trials, inventions, and patent literature	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35566101">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35566101</a>	Saudi Arabia, Oman
56	Sleep quality, insomnia, anxiety, fatigue, stress, memory and active coping during the COVID-19 pandemic	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35564337">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35564337</a>	Saudi Arabia, Jordan
57	The role of <i>Cannabis sativa</i> L. as a source of cannabinoids against Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2): an <i>in silico</i> study to evaluate their activities and ADMET properties	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35566148">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35566148</a>	Saudi Arabia, Egypt



58	Sampling inspection plan to test daily COVID-19 cases using gamma distribution under indeterminacy based on multiple dependent scheme	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35564703">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35564703</a>	Saudi Arabia
59	COVID-19 clinical profiles and fatality rates in hospitalized patients reveal case aggravation and selective co-infection by limited Gram-negative bacteria	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35564665">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35564665</a>	Saudi Arabia
60	Sociodemographic predictors of confirmed COVID-19 mortality and hospitalization among patients in Saudi Arabia: analyzing a national COVID-19 database	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35550940">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35550940</a>	Saudi Arabia
61	The severity and clinical characteristics of COVID-19 among patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus in Jazan, Saudi Arabia	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35550472">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35550472</a>	Saudi Arabia
62	Changes in feeding behavior and feeding stress among mothers of preschoolers before and during the novel coronavirus pandemic	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35548557">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35548557</a>	Saudi Arabia
63	Perceived stress and resilience levels during the COVID-19 pandemic among critical care nurses in Saudi Arabia: a correlational cross-sectional study	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35547190">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35547190</a>	Saudi Arabia
64	Neuropsychiatric symptoms in post COVID-19 long haulers	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35543105">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35543105</a>	Saudi Arabia

65	Women mental health status and behaviour change during the COVID-19 in Sudan	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35529700">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35529700</a>	Sudan, Saudi Arabia
66	Eating disorder and anxiety during COVID-19 pandemic: the Maghrebian experience	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35535952">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35535952</a>	Tunisia, Morocco
67	Phylogenetic and amino acid signature analysis of the SARS-CoV-2s lineages circulating in Tunisia	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35552003">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35552003</a>	Tunisia
68	Guillain-Barré syndrome in a child with multisystem inflammatory syndrome related to COVID-19	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35544724">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35544724</a>	Tunisia
69	Impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on geopolitics, health, economics, education and sociocultural events	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35547647">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35547647</a>	United Arab Emirates, Libya
70	Lessons learned and recommendations from the COVID-19 pandemic: content analysis of semi-structured interviews with intensive care unit nurse managers in the United Arab Emirates	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35569817">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35569817</a>	United Arab Emirates, Egypt
71	Key dimer interface residues impact the catalytic activity of 3CLpro, the main protease of SARS-CoV-2	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35568197">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35568197</a>	United Arab Emirates
72	Clinical characteristics, risk factors for severity and pharmacotherapy in hospitalized COVID-19 patients in the United Arab Emirates	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35566563">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35566563</a>	United Arab Emirates

**73** Identifying immunological and clinical predictors of COVID-19 severity and sequelae by mathematical modeling

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35529862>

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## Websites to get Coronavirus updates/reports



[Post-COVID-19  
conditions in children  
and adolescents  
diagnosed with  
COVID-19](#)

[Sex differences in  
global metabolomic  
profiles of COVID-19  
patients](#)

[Prevalence of post-  
intensive care  
syndrome in  
mechanically  
ventilated patients with  
COVID-19](#)

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# New Findings

## [Nearly 13 percent of COVID-19 hospitalized patients had serious neurologic symptoms, study finds](#)

To describe the prevalence, associated risk factors and outcomes of serious neurologic manifestations among patients hospitalized with severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) infection, researchers studied 16,225 patients from 179 hospitals in 24 countries as part of the Society for Critical Care Medicine's Viral Infection and Respiratory Illness University Study.

## [Correct dosage for ultraviolet disinfection against COVID](#)

When the COVID-19 pandemic emerged, ultraviolet radiation became one of the go-to methods for preventing the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, along with facemasks, hand sanitizer and social distancing. The problem: There was little research showing what UV dosage kills the virus. In a new study, researchers lay the foundation for health standards about what offers true disinfection.

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