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Cases continued to increase

exponentially and modelling studies

reported an epidemic doubling time of

1.8 d [10]. In fact on the 12th of

February, China changed its definition

of confirmed cases to include patients

with negative/ pending molecular tests

but with clinical, radiologic and

epidemiologic features of COVID-19

leading to an increase in cases by

15,000 in a single day [6]. As of

05/03/2020 96,000 cases worldwide

(80,000 in China) and 87 other

countries and 1 international

conveyance (696, in the cruise ship

Diamond Princess parked off the coast

of Japan) have been reported [2]. It is

important to note that while the

number of new cases has reduced in

China lately, they have increased

exponentially in other countries

including South Korea, Italy and Iran.

Of those infected, 20% are in critical

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