In the beginning of 2020, a new viral outbreak originating from China established itself as one of the world’s biggest threats. In December 2019 a viral pneumonia of unknown aetiology was identified in Wuhan, Hubei, China (H. Lu et al., 2020). Later, on the 7th of January, the Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention identified the causative agent of these viral pneumonias as a new strain of coronavirus, which was subsequently named by the World Health Organization (WHO) SARS-CoV-2 (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2) (World Health Organization, 11 February 2020). The WHO has also named the disease caused by SARS-CoV-2 COVID-19. SARS-CoV-2 is a betacoronavirus belonging to the *Coronavirinae* subfamily, part of the Coronaviridae family (Sohrabi et al., 2020). Its genome presents 8 conserved SARS-CoV amino acids responsible for interaction with human angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (Fehr & Perlman, 2015). SARS-CoV is a previously identified coronavirus strain which caused the 2003 SARS outbreak (R. Lu et al., 2020). COVID-19 is an acute resolved respiratory disease that can lead to death, with a reported 2 % fatality rate (Bassetti et al., 2020; Chan et al., 2020; Huang et al., 2020). Symptoms present themselves usually after an incubation period of approximately 5.2 days (Rothan & Byrareddy, 2020).

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