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1	A reliable and efficient tracking system based on deep learning for monitoring the spread of COVID-19 in closed areas	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34948549">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34948549</a>	Egypt
2	Chemical composition of the Red Sea green algae <i>Ulva lactuca</i> : Isolation and <i>in silico</i> studies of new anti-COVID-19 ceramides	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34940574">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34940574</a>	Egypt, Saudi Arabia

3	Knowledge and perceived effectiveness of infection prevention and control measures among health care workers during the COVID-19 pandemic: a national survey	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34935733">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34935733</a>	Egypt, Qatar
4	Consensus meeting report "technology enhanced assessment" in COVID-19 time, MENA regional experiences and reflections	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34934380">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34934380</a>	Egypt, Saudi Arabia
5	Characteristics and risk factors of persistent neuropathic pain in recovered COVID-19 patients	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34931670">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34931670</a>	Egypt
6	Emergence, evolution, and vaccine production approaches of SARS-CoV-2 virus: benefits of getting vaccinated and common questions	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34924802">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34924802</a>	Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan
7	Sleep in post-COVID-19 recovery period and its impact on different domains of quality of life	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34924750">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34924750</a>	Egypt, Saudi Arabia
8	Lichen planus and Lichen planopilaris flare after COVID-19 vaccination	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34953018">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34953018</a>	Iran
9	Immunological effects of convalescent plasma therapy for coronavirus: a scoping review	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34952570">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34952570</a>	Iran
10	The relationship between anxiety, stress, spiritual health, and mindfulness among patients undergoing hemodialysis: a survey during the COVID-19 outbreak in Southeast Iran	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34938901">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34938901</a>	Iran

11	Revitalization of primary health care governance: an important pillar for the tangible management of COVID-19	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34937642">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34937642</a>	Iran
12	Identifying data elements and key features of a mobile-based self-care application for patients with COVID-19 in Iran	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34936526">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34936526</a>	Iran
13	COVID-19 immunopathology with emphasis on Th17 response and cell-based immunomodulation therapy: potential targets and challenges	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34936112">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34936112</a>	Iran
14	Turnover intention among operating room nurses during the COVID-19 outbreak and its association with perceived safety climate	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34934827">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34934827</a>	Iran
15	Impact of COVID-19 acute respiratory disease on the risk factors attributed to cancer patients	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34934636">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34934636</a>	Iran
16	Ruled out of preeclampsia-like syndrome due to COVID-19: a case study	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34934502">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34934502</a>	Iran
17	Association between awareness, perceived severity, and behavioral control of COVID -19 with self-care and anxiety in pregnancy: a cross-sectional study	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34933664">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34933664</a>	Iran
18	Hemostatic system (fibrinogen level, D-dimer, and FDP) in severe and non-severe patients with COVID-19: a systematic review and meta-analysis	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34933579">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34933579</a>	Iran

19	Clinical features, risk factors and a prediction model for in-hospital mortality among diabetic patients infected with COVID-19: data from a referral center in Iran	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34933204">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34933204</a>	Iran
20	Epicatechin is a promising novel inhibitor of SARS-CoV-2 entry by disrupting interactions between angiotensin-converting enzyme type 2 and the viral receptor binding domain: a computational/simulation study	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34942397">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34942397</a>	Iraq
21	Serum troponin, D-dimer, and CRP level in severe coronavirus (COVID-19) patients	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34939346">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34939346</a>	Iraq
22	The commitment of Nineveh Governorate residents to the precautionary measures against global 2019 pandemic and dermatological affection of precautions	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34938363">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34938363</a>	Iraq
23	Remote learning during COVID-19 lockdown: a study on anatomy and histology education for pharmacy students in Jordan	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34951117">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34951117</a>	Jordan
24	Waste management of used personal protective equipment during the COVID-19 pandemic in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34927705">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34927705</a>	Jordan
25	Nutrition management in COVID-19 quarantine: hospital-based study	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34924092">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34924092</a>	Jordan, Qatar

<b>26</b>	Determinants of hesitancy towards COVID-19 vaccines in state of Kuwait: an exploratory internet-based survey	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34934372">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34934372</a>	Kuwait, Egypt
<b>27</b>	Effectiveness of BNT162b2 and ChAdOx1 vaccines against symptomatic COVID-19 among healthcare workers in Kuwait: a retrospective cohort study	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34946418">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34946418</a>	Kuwait, Egypt
<b>28</b>	Chitosan nanoparticles for antiviral drug delivery: a novel route for COVID-19 treatment	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34949922">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34949922</a>	Kuwait
<b>29</b>	Kuwaiti hospital patients' continuance intention to use telemedical systems in the wake of the COVID19 pandemic	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34938572">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34938572</a>	Kuwait
<b>30</b>	Previous COVID-19 infection and antibody levels after vaccination	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34926392">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34926392</a>	Kuwait
<b>31</b>	Prevalence and risk factors of burnout among Lebanese community pharmacists in the era of COVID-19 pandemic: results from the first national cross-sectional survey	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34952654">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34952654</a>	Lebanon
<b>32</b>	Attitudes towards COVID-19 vaccine: a survey of health care workers in Oman	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34928489">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34928489</a>	Oman
<b>33</b>	Long term impact on lung function of patients with moderate and severe COVID-19. a prospective cohort study	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34950621">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34950621</a>	Pakistan

<b>34</b>	Genomic epidemiology of SARS-CoV-2 divulge B.1, B.1.36, and B.1.1.7 as the most dominant lineages in first, second, and third wave of SARS-CoV-2 infections in Pakistan	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34946210">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34946210</a>	Pakistan
<b>35</b>	Comparison of low-versus high-dose steroids in the clinical outcome of hospitalized COVID-19 patients	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34943722">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34943722</a>	Pakistan, Saudi Arabia
<b>36</b>	Assessing the knowledge and skill of vaccination staff at adult vaccination counters for COVID-19 vaccines: simulated client method	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34941905">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34941905</a>	Pakistan
<b>37</b>	Knowledge management process, knowledge based innovation: does academic researcher's productivity mediate during the pandemic of COVID-19?	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34937055">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34937055</a>	Pakistan, Saudi Arabia
<b>38</b>	Effect of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine on cytokine release syndrome in patients with COVID-19	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34933950">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34933950</a>	Pakistan
<b>39</b>	Biopsychosocial-spiritual model of COVID-19 for healthcare practitioners amidst and post-COVID-19	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34928916">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34928916</a>	Pakistan
<b>40</b>	Adapting the ethical review process for COVID-19 research: reviewers' perspectives from Pakistan	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34927707">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34927707</a>	Pakistan

<b>41</b>	Doctors dealing with COVID-19 in Pakistan: experiences, perceptions, fear, and responsibility	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34926360">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34926360</a>	Pakistan
<b>42</b>	Psychological and clinical predictors of COVID-19 severity and outcomes	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34926030">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34926030</a>	Pakistan
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<b>44</b>	Systemic inflammation in COVID-19 patients may induce various types of venous and arterial thrombosis: a systematic review	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34940978">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34940978</a>	Qatar
<b>45</b>	Corpus callosum hematoma, as a rare complication of COVID-19	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34938554">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34938554</a>	Qatar
<b>46</b>	Severity of illness in persons infected with the SARS-CoV-2 Delta variant vs Beta variant in Qatar	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34935861">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34935861</a>	Qatar
<b>47</b>	Prevalence of depression and anxiety among male patients with COVID-19 in Lebsayyer Field Hospital, Qatar	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34926191">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34926191</a>	Qatar
<b>48</b>	Undergraduate health sciences students' response regarding COVID-19 pandemic in Saudi Arabia: an observational study	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34933641">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34933641</a>	Saudi Arabia, Egypt

49	COVID-19 intelligence-driven operational response platform: experience of a large tertiary multihospital system in the Middle East	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34943520">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34943520</a>	Saudi Arabia, Jordan
50	Psychological impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students, assistants, and faculty of a dental institute of Saudi Arabia	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34948975">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34948975</a>	Saudi Arabia, Pakistan
51	Evaluating the influence of COVID-19 among dental practitioners after lockdown	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34928738">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34928738</a>	Saudi Arabia, Pakistan
52	From epidemic to pandemic: comparing hospital staff emotional experience between MERS and COVID-19	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34933949">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34933949</a>	Saudi Arabia, Pakistan
53	Insights into the binding of receptor-binding domain (RBD) of SARS-CoV-2 wild type and B.1.620 variant with hACE2 using molecular docking and simulation approaches	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34943225">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34943225</a>	Saudi Arabia
54	Postmortem findings in COVID-19 fatalities: a systematic review of current evidence	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34952452">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34952452</a>	Saudi Arabia
55	Acceptability of the COVID-19 vaccine among patients with chronic rheumatic diseases and health-care professionals: a cross-sectional study in 19 Arab countries	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34927089">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34927089</a>	Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Iraq, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Tunisia, Lebanon
56	The effect of curfew on the general mental well-being of the population in Saudi Arabia after the COVID-19 outbreak	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34950561">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34950561</a>	Saudi Arabia



57	Response of Saudi population to strict preventive measures against COVID-19	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34949030">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34949030</a>	Saudi Arabia
58	Awareness and perception of COVID-19 among final-year dental students, Sudan	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34934655">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34934655</a>	Sudan
59	Unique SARS-CoV-2 variant exhibiting plenteous missense mutations in structural and nonstructural genes	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34924640">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34924640</a>	Sudan, Saudi Arabia
60	COVID-19 and random prescription of antibiotics in Syria	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34934492">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34934492</a>	Syria
61	Effectiveness of an online positive psychology intervention among Tunisian healthcare students on mental health and study engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34939332">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34939332</a>	Tunisia
62	Experiencing the unprecedented COVID-19 lockdown: Abu Dhabi older adults' challenges and concerns	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34949034">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34949034</a>	United Arab Emirates
63	Medication adherence in type 2 diabetes mellitus patients during COVID-19 pandemic: a cross-sectional study from the United Arab Emirates	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34925767">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34925767</a>	United Arab Emirates

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# New Findings

## [SARS-CoV-2 spreads through cell-to-cell transmission, study finds](#)

The virus that causes COVID-19 has adopted some stealth moves to stay alive and kicking, and one secret to its success is hiding from the immune system by spreading through cell-to-cell transmission, a new study has found.

## [Immune memory less durable after severe COVID-19, study suggests](#)

Patients recovering from severe COVID-19 may have a more dysfunctional B cell response than patients who had less-severe COVID-19, a new study suggests.

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