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<b>7</b>	A systematic scoping review of COVID-19 during pregnancy and childbirth	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32330287">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32330287</a>	Egypt
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<b>9</b>	COVID-19 and dermatology: a comprehensive guide for dermatologists	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32428303">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32428303</a>	Egypt
<b>10</b>	Nitazoxanide/azithromycin combination for COVID-19: a suggested new protocol for early management	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32360581">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32360581</a>	Egypt, Saudi Arabia

<b>11</b>	What dentists need to know about COVID-19	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32380453">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32380453</a>	Iran
<b>12</b>	Vertical transmission of Coronavirus Disease 19 (COVID-19) from infected pregnant mothers to neonates: a review	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32238084">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32238084</a>	Iran
<b>13</b>	A comprehensive review of COVID-19 characteristics	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32774178">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32774178</a>	Iran
<b>14</b>	The neurological manifestations of COVID-19: a review article	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32483687">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32483687</a>	Iran
<b>15</b>	COVID-19 and anosmia in Tehran, Iran	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32344276">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32344276</a>	Iran
<b>16</b>	Risks of novel Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in pregnancy; a narrative review	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32232217">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32232217</a>	Iran
<b>17</b>	Central nervous system manifestations of COVID-19: a systematic review	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32299017">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32299017</a>	Iran
<b>18</b>	COVID-19: transmission, prevention, and potential therapeutic opportunities	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32474009">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32474009</a>	Iran
<b>19</b>	The possible of immunotherapy for COVID-19: a systematic review	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32272396">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32272396</a>	Iran
<b>20</b>	All about COVID-19 in brief	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32292590">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32292590</a>	Iran

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22	Sentiment analysis and its applications in fighting COVID-19 and infectious diseases: A systematic review	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33139966">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33139966</a>	Iraq
23	The risk and impact of COVID-19 pandemic on immunosuppressed patients: cancer, HIV, and solid organ transplant recipients	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33118527">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33118527</a>	Iraq
24	The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and emergency distance teaching on the psychological status of university teachers: a cross-sectional study in Jordan	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33124547">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33124547</a>	Jordan
25	Ensemble learning model for diagnosing COVID-19 from routine blood tests	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33102686">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33102686</a>	Kuwait
26	Mental health outcomes of the COVID-19 pandemic and a collapsing economy: perspectives from a developing country	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33142145">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33142145</a>	Lebanon
27	Knowledge, attitudes, and practices toward the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) among nurses in Lebanon	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33135217">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33135217</a>	Lebanon

28	Mental health research in response to the COVID-19, Ebola, and H1N1 outbreaks: a comparative bibliometric analysis	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33131830">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33131830</a>	Lebanon
29	E-learning: depression, anxiety, and stress symptomatology among Lebanese university students during COVID-19 quarantine	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33125744">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33125744</a>	Lebanon
30	Overview of the possible role of vitamin C in management of COVID-19	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33113146">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33113146</a>	Libya
31	COVID-19 and African immigrants in North Africa; A hidden pandemic in a vulnerable setting	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33070803">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33070803</a>	Libya
32	SARS-CoV-2 in hospital wastewater during outbreak of COVID-19: a review on detection, survival and disinfection technologies	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33153744">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33153744</a>	Morocco
33	Targeting the GRP78-dependant SARS-CoV-2 cell entry by peptides and small molecules	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33149560">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33149560</a>	Morocco
34	COVID-19: oxidative preconditioning as a potential therapeutic approach	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33147964">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33147964</a>	Morocco
35	Predictors of psychological distress among the public in Oman amid coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic: a cross-sectional analytical study	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33151748">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33151748</a>	Oman
36	Preparing the community for a vaccine against COVID-19	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33110636">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33110636</a>	Oman

<b>37</b>	A national study to assess pharmacists' preparedness against COVID-19 during its rapid rise period in Pakistan	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33151984">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33151984</a>	Pakistan
<b>38</b>	The association of PPE availability, training and practices with COVID-19 sero-prevalence in nurses and paramedics in tertiary care hospitals of Peshawar, Pakistan	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33148365">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33148365</a>	Pakistan
<b>39</b>	Use of telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic: a scoping review	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33147166">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33147166</a>	Qatar
<b>40</b>	Case report: ischemic colitis in severe COVID-19 pneumonia: an unforeseen gastrointestinal complication	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33146121">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33146121</a>	Qatar
<b>41</b>	Rates of recurrent positive SARS-CoV-2 swab results among patients attending primary care in Qatar	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33144191">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33144191</a>	Qatar
<b>42</b>	Single-cell transcriptome analysis highlights a role for neutrophils and inflammatory macrophages in the pathogenesis of severe COVID-19	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33138195">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33138195</a>	Qatar
<b>43</b>	A comparative study on the strategies adopted by the United Kingdom, India, China, Italy, and Saudi Arabia to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33154693">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33154693</a>	Saudi Arabia

44	Association of COVID-19 pandemic with undergraduate medical students' perceived stress and coping	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33154682">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33154682</a>	Saudi Arabia
45	Awareness toward COVID-19 precautions among different levels of dental students in King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33154648">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33154648</a>	Saudi Arabia
46	Immunotherapy and Coronavirus Disease 2019: challenges and possibilities	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33148408">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33148408</a>	Saudi Arabia
47	Prototype development of an expert system of computerized clinical guidelines for COVID-19 diagnosis and management in Saudi Arabia	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33147715">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33147715</a>	Saudi Arabia
48	Moving from rhetoric to action: how Africa can use scientific evidence to halt the COVID-19 pandemic	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33109262">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33109262</a>	Sudan
49	Regulatory challenges in the Covid-19 era: the case of Tunisia	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33143805">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33143805</a>	Tunisia
50	Women's mental health: acute impact of COVID-19 pandemic on domestic violence	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33068161">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33068161</a>	Tunisia
51	Serial screening for COVID-19 in asymptomatic patients receiving anticancer therapy in the United Arab Emirates	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33151260">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33151260</a>	United Arab Emirates
52	First confirmed detection of SARS-COV-2 in untreated municipal and aircraft wastewater in	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33143926">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33143926</a>	United Arab Emirates

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Dubai, UAE: the use of wastewater based epidemiology as an early warning tool to monitor the prevalence of COVID-19

**53** Eating habits and lifestyle during COVID-19 lockdown in the United Arab Emirates: a cross-sectional study <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33137947> United Arab Emirates

## Reliable Websites to get Coronavirus updates



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# New Findings

## [Llama nanobodies could be a powerful weapon against COVID-19](#)

Researchers report a new method to extract tiny but extremely powerful SARS-CoV-2 antibody fragments from llamas, which could be fashioned into inhalable therapeutics with the potential to prevent and treat COVID-19.

## [Children produce different antibodies in response to SARS-CoV-2](#)

Compared with adults, children produce a very different antibody response after infection with the new coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, suggesting they clear the virus easily.

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