

Review of: "A brief overview on COVID-19 and its comparison with SARS, MERS, and H1N1"

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I appreciate the effort put into this review, but I noticed that much of the data comes from early 2020, during the initial phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, there have been numerous advances in our understanding of the virus and its impact.

The review would benefit from discussing how our understanding of key factors such as clinical features, epidemiological parameters, and diagnostic methods have evolved with recent research, especially given the impact of variants like Omicron on the virus's R0.

Moreover, it's important to use up-to-date terminology, referring to the virus as 'SARS-CoV-2' rather than '2019-nCoV'. Also, consider being more selective with citations to strengthen the arguments without overwhelming readers with numerous references at the same point.

Finally, the conclusion could offer more insights beyond stating that SARS-CoV-2 is more likely to cause a pandemic than MERS, H1N1, and SARS, as this is now a widely accepted fact.

Overall, updating the paper with more recent findings and fine-tuning the focus would greatly enhance its value. Thank you for your work on this important topic.

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