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COVID-19's Epidemiology and Clinical Information

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EDITORIAL

In the fight against any disease, epidemiology is crucial. In the fight to understand, contain, and respond to COVID-19, the study of how illnesses spread and why has loomed big. Data on infections and deaths, as well as forecasts from research that model the viruses spread have influenced policy around the world. Many of them are now conventional, such as the isolation of countries, the imposition of quarantines, and the requirement of social separation and mask-wearing. It's been more than a year since reports of a previously unknown coronavirus generating pneumonia like symptoms began to surface. The virus's transmissibility was initially unknown, but that swiftly altered. Epidemiologists began reporting the results of modelling studies indicated that case numbers were likely to be significantly higher than previously reported. Coronaviruses are enclosed, single-stranded positive-sense RNA viruses that are classified into four genera: Alphacoronavirus, Betacoronavirus, Gammacoronavirus, and Deltacoronavirus. The Alpha- and Betacoronaviruses primarily infect mammals, while the other two primarily infect birds. Seven coronaviruses linked to human disease were discovered. Four human coronaviruses HCoV 229E, NL63, OC43, and HKU1 were widespread over the world and only caused infections in adult's upper respiratory tracts. The most severe strains include SARS-CoV, MERS-CoV, and SARS-CoV-2, which cause lower respiratory tract infections and Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS), which can result in patient death. A codon use analysis revealed that the virus was recombinant. Paraskevi's full-genome evolutionary analysis and Chen's Simplot analysis, however, contradicted this conclusion. The SARS-CoV-2 virus was discovered to be a new positive sense RNA virus belonging to the Betacoronavirus genus in the Coronaviridae family. The SARS-CoV-2 genome has two Untranslated Regions (UTRs) one is a 5′ cap structure and the second is a 3′ poly-A tail, similar to the SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV genomes, and a single Open Reading Frame (ORF) encoding a polyprotein. SARS-CoV-2 is spread mostly through close contact or droplet transmission from pre-symptomatic, asymptomatic, or symptomatic patients who are infected with the virus. The dissemination of COVID-19 has also been linked to airborne transmission using aerosol generating methods. However, evidence of SARS-CoV-2 transmission via the air in the absence of aerosol generating methods is emerging and being assessed. This technique of communication, however, is not universally accepted. Many investigations documenting the survivability of SARS-CoV-2 on various porous and nonporous surfaces have helped to describe fomite transmission from SARS-CoV-2 contamination of inanimate surfaces. SARS-CoV-2 was found to be more stable on stainless steel and plastic surfaces than copper and cardboard surfaces under experimental conditions, with viable viruses discovered up to 72 hours after inoculating the surfaces with the virus. Nonporous surfaces such as glass and stainless steel were used to isolate viable viruses for up to 28 days at 20 degrees C. SARS-CoV-2 recovery on porous materials, on the other hand, was lower than on nonporous surfaces. For up to 2-3 days, SARS-CoV-2 can be discovered on plastic and stainless steel, for up to 1 day on cardboard, and up to 4 hours on copper. SARS-CoV-2 has been detected on floors, computer mice, garbage cans, and sickbed railings, as well as in the air up to 4 meters away from patients, implying both nosocomial and fomite transmission. Individuals can become infected by coming into touch with virus-infected surfaces, but the risk is modest and this is not the virus's primary mode of transmission. Live virus is found in the faeces of infected patients, implying faecal oral transmission. Many healthcare systems throughout the world have been strained by COVID-19. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved three vaccinations for use in the United States under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), and other approvals have been given around the world. COVID-19 will continue to be a hazard to global public health until the majority of the world's population is immunised against it, with the introduction of potentially treatment-resistant variations.