A SARS-CoV-2 overview for people in a hurry

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Abstract

SARS-CoV-2 is the etiologic agent of the current COVID-19 pandemic which has wreaked unprecedented economic and health-care calamity. It is a deadly virus belonging to the Coronaviridae family, with high sequence similarity to the 2003 SARS epidemic coronavirus 1. The global race to produce vaccines to stem the disease-as well as the public health urgency-has spurred tremendous growth in the litany of literature which attempts to uncover the enigma of this deadly virus. Amidst this evergrowing list of literature, this paper seeks to concisely elaborate on key progresses made in the understanding of SARS-CoV-2 in the realms of its life cycle, epidemiology, methods for detection, and vaccine research into an easily assimilable paper for readers.

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