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SARS-CoV, MERS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2 were 3 pathogenic pandemics impacted the global population over the last few decades. This study analysed the prevalence of some mental health outcomes to the outbreaks of MERS, SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2 and compared the prevalence of the participants and the prevalence of different occupational groups and age groups. In terms of mental illness like anxiety, depression and PTSD, the prevalence of depression (33.65% with 95%CI: 22.02%-51.42%) and PTSD (35.97% with 95%CI: 29.6%-43.72%) is higher during MERS, while the prevalence of anxiety (33.16% with 95%CI: 25.99%-34.5%) is higher during SARS-CoV-2. Patients and healthcare workers are the first and second most likely groups to suffer from mental health problem. Young people are more likely to be caught up in depressive and anxiety emotions than old people. In comparison to MERS and SARS-CoV, it is evident SAR-CoV-2 has an ongoing mental health impact with emphasis on depression, anxiety and PTSD. The limited of this results is having a high heterogeneity for depression, anxiety and PTSD in different studys that could be due to differences in the reporting criteria and assessment tools used, geographical location and the difference in study designs which had differing data collection time points.



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This systematic review and meta-analysis presents a comprehensive evaluation about the negative impact of pandemics caused by coronaviruses on the mental health (MH) across healthcare professionals, patients and the general public. Such study is very important and timely, and should be published if the authors are willing to make the following minor revisions. The following typos and grammatical errors should be corrected: 1) The name and acronym for healthcare professionals (HCPs) should be unified throughout the manuscript (for example: on page 2, line 57, it is HCPs; on page 13, line 418, it is changed to healthcare workers; on page 20, line 638, it is GCWs) 2)

Page 3, line 108, "it is vital to understand the coronavirus family is vital to develop..." should be "it is vital to understand the coronavirus family for the development of ..." 3)

Page 3, line 110, "2003" should be "2003 Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS)-associated coronavirus (SARS-CoV)"; "(MERS-CoV), which Coronavirus is a family of ..." should be "(MERS-CoV) are a family of ..." 4) Page 3, line 114, "adult" should be "acute"; 5) Page 3, line 115-116, "... was the first outbreak because of these coronaviruses was first identified in 2012." Should be "... was the first outbreak. Coronaviruses were first identified in 1968. [1]" 6) Page 4, line 122, "effected" should be "affected"; line 129, "SARS-CovV-2" should be "SARS-CoV-2" 7) Page 4, line 141, "ITU" should be "ICU"; line 144, "Severe SARS-CoV-2" should be "severe COVID-19 disease"

All literatures included in the Figures and Tables of the manuscript with detailed data cited from these literatures should be included as references for the easy check and verification of data by the readers. Beside the global rolling out of vaccination, the



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negative impact of this COVID-19 pandemic on mental health will be greatly relieved if a better understanding about infectious diseases can be communicated to the HCPs, patients, and the public in general. Basically, every one of us needs to get the knowledge that the real problem of this pandemic is not the SARS-CoV-2 viral infection, but the overnutrition state in the patients of severe cases of COVID-19 disease [2]. In talking about infectious diseases, it would be better if we distinguish infections from diseases. Infection is the presence of pathogen, which is not a sufficient condition for disease. [3] Like most of the other viral and bacterial infections, the SARS-COV-2 viral infection is self-limiting [4], due to the strong innate immune response (necrosis or necroptosis - an inflammation-inducing cell self-destruction) inside every human being [5] to destroy the infected cells as well as the virus particles in the infected cell. This inflammation-inducing cell self-destruction is a powerful immune response to stop the viral infection and to initiate tissue regeneration. Therefore, most of the COVID-19 cases are asymptomatic or very mild. Most of the common diseases are the overreaction of the strong and violent immune response, as Sir William Osler stated more than 100 years ago: "Except on few occasions, the patient appears to die from the body's response to infection rather than from it. Sir William Osler (1904)". [6] As the human immune system also plays a virtual role in nutrition acquisition from the degradation of viral damaged epithelial cells, the transient nutrition surge coupled with the overnutrition state in some patients with obesity or metabolic syndromes may contribute to lipotoxicity and damage in non-adipose tissues, triggering hyperinflammation and cytokine storms observed in severe cases of COVID-19 [2]. So the SARS-CoV-2 viral infection is only the trigger, not the real cause for the severe cases of COVID-19 disease. A lot of reported evidences shows that severe cases of COVID-19 are autoimmune disorder caused by overnutrition and expressed in the form of hyperinflammation [7,8].

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