

Preface

Severe acute respiratory syndrome- coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV2), a member of the coronavirus family, spread rapidly from the Wuhan city of China to the whole world at the end of December according to Chinese officials and has stopped life and left its mark on the future after 2020 by causing coronavirus disease-19 (COVID-19). This situation has been declared by the World Health Organization as a pandemic and emergency. The most essential characteristic of the virus, the source of which has not yet been clarified, is the rapid spread from person to person through droplets containing virus and contaminated surface. The virus has thus affected a large number of people in a short time. It has caused thousands of deaths in many countries of the world, such as China, Iran, Italy, Spain, France, England, and the United States, and continues to be. The spread of the virus has still not been controlled in many countries, and it continues to spread and be active. Unfortunately, the predictions about the pandemic are still insufficient.

The disease caused by SARS-CoV2 has been called COVID-19. COVID-19 can affect many organs such as the brain, kidney, liver, and especially the lungs. The lung is the most affected tissue and has a great impact on mortality. Chest disease physicians play an essential role in the management of patients hospitalized or need intensive care unit because of COVID-19. On the other hand, the management of COVID-19 requires a special effort in patients with chronic lung diseases.

As Turkish Respiratory Society, we aimed to review the literature about the COVID-19 that our colleagues need during the COVID-19 pandemic in a supplementary issue entitled "COVID-19 and the Lung: What Pulmonologists Need to Know" of the *Eurasian Journal of Pulmonology*. The supplemental issue includes all aspects of COVID-19, from epidemiology to pathogenesis, diagnosis to treatment, management in particular groups, postdisease period, and its effects on health-care professionals as occupational diseases. Each section has been prepared by experts to include up-to-date data. We sincerely thank

all the authors for their excellent contribution in these stressful days. We hope it will be useful.

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