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# Risk factors for viral RNA shedding in COVID-19 patients

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## *To the Editor:*

Since there is an increasing number of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases confirmed in multiple countries around the world, resulting in alarmingly high mortality and morbidity [1], the World Health Organization has declared a global pandemic [2]. To our knowledge, most current research on COVID-19 focuses on the epidemiology, clinical features and treatment, but not on viral RNA shedding. Here, we discuss COVID-19 viral RNA conversion time and the risk factors associated with viral RNA shedding in a large patient cohort.