The rapid, massive infection of the scientific literature and authors by COVID-19

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ABSTRACT

Importance: COVID-19 is a major global crisis and the scientific community has been mobilized to deal with this crisis.

Objective: To estimate the extent to which the scientific workforce in different fields has been engaged publishing papers relative to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Design, setting, and participants: We evaluated Scopus (data cut, December 1, 2020) for all indexed published papers and preprints relevant to COVID-19. We mapped this COVID-19 literature in terms of its authors across 174 subfields of science according to the Science Metrix classification. We also evaluated the extent to which the most influential scientists across science (based on a composite citation indicator) had published COVID-19-related research. Finally, we assessed the features of authors who published the highest number of COVID-19 publications and of those with the highest impact in the COVID-19 field based on the composite citation indicator limited to COVID-19 publications.

Main outcomes and measures: Publishing scientists (authors) and their published papers and citation impact.

Results: 84,180 indexed publications were relevant to COVID-19 including 322,279 unique authors. The highest rates of COVID-19 publications were seen for authors classified in Public Health and in Clinical Medicine, where 11.3% (6,388/56,516) and 11.1% (92,570/833,060) of authors, respectively, had published on COVID-19. Almost all (173/174) subfields (except for Automobile Design & Engineering) had some authors publishing on COVID-19. Among active scientists at the top 2% of citation impact, 15,803 (13.3%) had published on COVID-19 in their publications in the first 11 months of 2020.

The rates were the highest in the fields of Clinical Medicine (27.7%) and Public Health (26.8%). In 83 of the 174 subfields of science, at least one in ten active, influential authors in that field had authored something on COVID-19. 65 authors had already at least 30 (and up to 133) COVID-19 publications each. Among the 300 authors with the highest composite citation indicator for COVID-19 publications, 26 were journalists or editors publishing news stories or editorials in prestigious journals; most common countries for the remaining were China (n=77), USA (n=66), UK (n=27), and Italy (n=20).

Conclusions and relevance: The scientific literature and publishing scientists have been rapidly and massively infected by COVID-19 creating opportunities and challenges. There is evidence for hyper-prolific productivity.

The acute crisis of COVID-19 has led to a major effort by the scientific community to generate evidence about the new coronavirus and its pandemic. Here, we dissect the way that COVID-19 has spread like a rapid, widespread infection in the scientific literature and among researchers, as more and more papers and authors have focused on this exciting, timely topic. We aim to understand which scientific areas and which types of scientists have been most mobilized by the pandemic, and we discuss the implications of this rapid "covidization" of the research enterprise.

METHODS

We used a copy of the Scopus database¹ extracted on December 1, 2020. COVID-19 publications have been specified as those returned by the query: TITLE-ABS-KEY(sars-cov-2 OR "coronavirus 2" OR "corona virus 2" OR covid-19 OR {novel coronavirus} OR {novel corona virus} OR 2019-ncov OR covid OR covid19 OR ncovid-19 OR "coronavirus disease 2019" OR "corona virus disease 2019" OR corona-19 OR SARS-nCoV OR ncov-2019) AND PUBYEAR > 2018. We further filtered the dataset using the Elsevier International Center for the Study of Research (ICSR) Lab infrastructure to publications indexed (loaded) in Scopus in 2020 only, and with a publication year of 2020 or greater. In order to evaluate publication dates by month, we have used the publication month and year where available. When publication month was not available, and when the publication date exceeded the indexing date, we used the indexing date. This accounts, for example, for cases where an article is published today, but the official journal issue is due later. Our evaluation is targeted at the date at which publications became available to the public rather than official publication dates. We further focused on the 2,759,916 authors who have a Scopus-indexed publication in the first 11 months of 2020 and who have also authored in their entire career at least 5 Scopus-indexed papers classified as articles, reviews or conference papers. This allows exclusion of authors with limited presence in the scientific literature as well as some author IDs that may represent split fragments of the publication record of some more prolific authors.

Field classification

All authors were assigned to their most common field and subfield discipline of their career. We used the Science Metrix classification of science, which is a standard mapping of all science into 21 main fields and 174 subfield disciplines.^{2,3}

Influential scientists

We also examine how COVID-19 has affected the publication portfolio of researchers whose work has the largest citation impact in the literature. On the one hand, these scientists are already well established and thus may have less need or interest to venture into a new field. On the other hand, these scientists are also more productive and competitive, therefore they may be faster in moving into a rapidly emerging, new important frontier. We used the career-long statistics calculated with the Scopus database of November 1, 2020, using the code as provided with the supplemental data recently published for the most cited authors across science.⁴⁻⁶ Each author has been assigned to a main field and main subfield based on the largest proportion of publications across fields and analysis is restricted to the top 2% authors per Science Metrix subfield. We have developed a composite citation indicator^{4,5} and accordingly 140,885 scientists can be classified as being in the top 2% of their main subfield discipline based on the citations

that their work received in 2019. Of those, 118,916 were active and had published at least 1 paper also in 2020.

Topics of prominence

In order to visualize the growth and spread of the COVID-19 scientific literature across scientific fields and over time, we used a circle of scientific fields that has been previously developed⁷ and which places the 333 Scopus journal categories sequentially around the perimeter of a circle. There are 27 high-level categories that are placed first and ordered in a manner that emerges naturally from a meta-analysis of the layouts of other science maps created using multiple databases and methods.⁸ Each of the 27 categories is assigned a separate color. The remaining 306 lower-level journal categories are then ordered within the corresponding high-level categories using factor analyses based on citation patterns. Each of the 333 journal categories thus has a fixed position on the perimeter of the circle.

The full Scopus citation graph of well over 50 million articles and 1 billion citation links was used to cluster articles into over 90,000 topics using established methods.⁹ Each topic is assigned a position within the circle based on triangulation of the positions of its constituent papers, each of which takes on the positional characteristics of its journal category. Topics are colored by their dominant journal category and area-sized proportionally based on the number of objects (e.g., papers, authors) being counted for the particular analysis. This circle of science and topic visualization are used in Elsevier's SciVal tool. For the display of authors per topic, we have assigned authors to one topic by taking the topic with the highest proportion of publications per author.

Prolific authors and authors with high citation impact of their COVID-19 publication record

We also mapped the most prolific authors of the published COVID-19 corpus and the authors whose COVID-19 publications to-date had had the highest citation impact.

For prolific productivity, we ranked the authors according to decreasing number of COVID-19 published items. We show detailed data on extremely prolific authors with over 30 COVID-19 published items to-date.

Citation impact was assessed with the previously proposed citation indicator⁴⁻⁶ that combines information on 6 indices: total citations, Hirsch h-index, Schreiber hm-index, citations to single-authored papers, citations to first- or single-authored papers, and citations to first-, single- or last-authored papers. This avoids focusing simply on a single traditional metric such as citations, where it is expected that the authors of the earliest highly-cited papers would practically monopolize the top of the list, even if they had published a single paper and they were co-authors among many other authors. Self-citations are excluded from all calculations.^{5,6} We present descriptive data on the institution, country and two most common scientific subfields (per Science Metrix classification) for the top-300 authors in that list.

We avoid comparisons based on statistical tests, as the analyses presented here were aimed to be descriptive and exploratory.

RESULTS

COVID-19 papers and authors

As of December 1, 2020, Scopus classified 84,180 papers as relevant to COVID-19, which accounts for 2.8% of the 2,986,038 papers across all science published and

indexed in Scopus in the first 11 months of 2020. The 84,180 published items were classified by Scopus as articles (43,965, 52%), letters (13,757, 16%), reviews (9,302, 11%), notes (6,647, 8%), editorials (5,833, 7%), preprints from ArXiv, BioRxiv and ChemRxiv (2,027, 2%), conference papers (906, 1%), and other items (1,743, 2%).

The overall share of COVID-19 papers has steadily increased over time and has exceeded 3.7% among papers published in November 2020. The 84,180 COVID-19 papers include 322,279 unique authors (with different Scopus IDs), amounting to 4.5% of the 7,102,710 author IDs who have published at least 1 paper of any type and on any topic in 2020. Most common countries of these 322,279 authors were USA (n=63,777), China (n=40,539), Italy (n=25,044), UK (n=21,755), India (n=13,524) and Spain (n=12,784) accounting for a total of 177,423 authors (55%). China had more authors involved in COVID-19 papers until May, but USA surpassed China afterwards.

Among the 2,759,916 authors who have published anything that is Scopus-indexed in the first 11 months of 2020 and who have also authored in their entire career at least 5 Scopus-indexed papers that are classified as articles, reviews or conference papers, by the end of November 2020, 144,403 of these authors (5.2%), had at least one published and indexed COVID-19 paper.

Scientific fields and subfields

Among the 2,959,916 authors, at the field level the highest "infection" rates with COVID-19 publications were seen in authors whose main field in their career had been Public Health and in Clinical Medicine: 11.3% (6,388/56,516) and 11.1% (92,570/833,060) of authors in these two fields, respectively, were "infected" by the end of November. However, authors "infected" with COVID-19 were seen across all 21 major

fields. The lowest percentage was seen in the field of Physics & Astronomy (0.7%), from which even 1,779 authors had their work "infected" by COVID-19. At the subfield discipline level, the highest "infection" rate of authors was seen (Table 1) in Emergency and Critical Care Medicine (26.3%). However, "infection" rates were higher than 10% (i.e. at least one in ten authors in that field had authored something on COVID-19) in 32 subfield disciplines and higher than 5% (at least one in twenty authors) in 71 subfield disciplines. Almost all (173/174) subfields (except for Automobile Design & Engineering) had some authors publishing on COVID-19. Supplementary Table 1 gives detailed data for COVID-19 "infection rates" of authors across all subfield disciplines.

27% of the authors published their COVID-19 research primarily in a subfield discipline that was not among the top 3 subfield disciplines where they had published most commonly during their career. Sometimes the fields of expertise of authors seemed remote from COVID-19, e.g. an expert on solar cells publishing on COVID-19 in healthcare personnel. Even experts specializing in their past work on very remote disciplines such as fisheries, ornithology, entomology or architecture had published on COVID-19.

Influential scientists and COVID-19 publications

Influential scientists were even more likely to be "infected" with COVID-19 (Supplementary Table 2). Among the 118,916 influential scientists active in publishing in 2020, 15,803 (13.3%) had been "infected" by COVID-19 in their publications in the first 11 months of 2020. The "infection" rate was the highest in the fields of Clinical Medicine (27.7%) and Public Health (26.8%). Among subfield disciplines, the highest "infection" rate of such active, influential authors was seen (Table 2) in Emergency & Critical Care Medicine (58.1%), Allergy (50.2%) and Virology (48.0%). However, "infection" rates

were higher than 10% (i.e. at least one in ten authors in that field had authored something on COVID-19) in 83 of 174 subfield disciplines across science and higher than 5% (at least one in twenty authors) in 116 subfield disciplines.

Topics of prominence

Figure 1 shows the growth and spread of COVID-19 papers, authors of COVID-19 papers, and high-impact authors of COVID-19 papers (those who belong to the top-2% of impact, as discussed previously) across scientific topics. As shown, there is a strong response of the literature and of the scientific workforce in some specific thematic areas, but there is also increasing and substantial involvement of scientists and respective publications, even in remote topics.

Productivity for COVID-19 publications

A total of 1,560 author IDs in Scopus had 10 or more Scopus-indexed published items. Setting a threshold of at least 15, 20, 25, and 30 items, the number of such extremely prolific authors was 483, 216, 107, and 67. Table 2 shows the 65 authors with the highest productivity (30 or more COVID-19 published items indexed in Scopus; 2 authors had their papers split in two ID profiles each, which we merged). Of these 65 authors, 3 were BMJ news journalists, one was an anonymous Lancet editorial column, and one was an audio interview editor at the New England Journal of Medicine. Among the remaining 60 scientists, the most common countries were Italy (n=10), China (n=9), USA (n=8), Hong Kong (n=6), India (n=5), and UK (n=5).

Authors with highest citation impact for COVID-19 publications

Supplementary Table 3 shows the characteristics of COVID-19 authors ranked with the highest citation impact based on the composite citation indicator for their COVID-

19-related publications. Among the 300 authors with the highest composite citation indicator scores, 26 were journalists or editors publishing news stories or editorials in their high-impact general medical or science journals. Most common countries for the remaining authors were China (n=77), USA (n=66), UK (n=27), Italy (n=20), Hong Kong (n=11), and India (n=11). Of the 274 scientists, Microbiology was one of their top 2 publishing Science Metrix subfields for 89 (32.5%), followed by General & Internal Medicine (n=59, 21.5%), Virology (n=53, 19.3%), and Immunology (n=35, 12.8%).

DISCUSSION

Approximately 2.8% of the scientific literature published in the first 11 months of 2020 and more than 4% of all scientists publishing in that period were "infected" in their published work by COVID-19. The relative proportion of COVID-19 papers increased rapidly over time. The most influential scientists across science were even more commonly engaged with COVID-19 research. Roughly one in seven active, influential scientists quickly added or adjusted their publishing portfolio to include COVID-19. Scientists in some scientific fields were highly engaged with COVID-19 work, with rates exceeding 1 in 10 for scientists publishing in Clinical Medicine and Public Health, and exceeding 1 in 4 when the most influential scientists working in these fields were considered. Some subfields have even more massive involvement of scientists in COVID-19 work. However, almost every single subfield had some scientists publishing on COVID-19. The spread of COVID-19 interests across the map of science was rapid and extensive.

Our data probably even underestimate the explosive growth of COVID-19-related work, since some papers are published but not yet indexed, while some others have been released only as preprints (a popular method of disseminating information in the COVID-

19 era)^{10,11} and most COVID-19 preprints appear in medRxiv,¹² a repository not yet covered by Scopus. Probably over 100,000 COVID-19 papers are published in 2020. Undoubtedly many more papers will continue to be published in 2021 and beyond. Therefore, while 4.5% of the publishing scientific community and 13.3% of the most influential scientists had already authored COVID-19 publications at the time of our analysis, these proportions may become much larger in the future.

Many authors had published an astonishingly large number of COVID-19 items, and 65 had published 30 or more in such minimal time. Given delays in indexing, these numbers may underestimate the hyper-prolific productivity. The concentration of hyperprolific authors in countries like China, Hong Kong, and Italy may be related to the early outbreak of the pandemic in these countries, as well as prevalent co-authorship practices in these countries. Importantly, meritorious productivity versus sloppiness is difficult to disentangle without examining each case in depth.

We also addressed the citation impact of authors for their COVID-19 work. The top ranks included many journalists and editors who publish many news stories and editorials in their highly visible general medical and science journals. This news/editorial function may be helpful. These published items may be readily used for citations, as they are often published well in advance of the scientific work to which they refer. However, the quality, standards and validity of rapidly deployed non-peer-reviewed items is unknown. Flashy news, media, and editorializing may be prominent during the pandemic.¹³⁻¹⁶ It is unknown whether non-peer-reviewed news stories and in-house editorials in major journal help against the "infodemic" or sometimes contribute to make things worse. Excluding journalists and editors of prestigious journals, the key countries of

the authors with the highest composite citation indicator tended to be similar to the countries of the most prolific authors. A few subfields accounted for the lion's share of the authors with the highest composite citation indicator.

The rapid response of the scientific community to the COVID-19 crisis is largely a welcome phenomenon. Many scientists quickly focused their attention to an urgent situation and an entirely new pathogen and disease. This demonstrates that the scientific community has sufficient flexibility to shift attention rapidly to major issues. Much was swiftly learned on COVID-19. On the other hand, the quality of the published work was not assessed in our analysis, but several evaluations raise concerns about many of the COVID-19 publications being of low quality.¹⁷⁻¹⁹ Massive productivity has been described in the pre-COVID era, as affecting researchers across many fields²⁰ and may be also a feature for COVID-19 research. Extreme productivity would be worrisome if it sacrifices quality.

The spread of COVID-19 publications in topics and authors traditionally working beyond key relevant disciplines further testifies the great attractiveness of COVID-19 as a field of investigation. The favorable aspect of this expansion is the ability to bring in specialists with expertise in diverse fields, thus fostering interdisciplinarity in a multidimensional crisis. However, if many scientists have ventured to work and publish in areas where they lack fundamental expertise, their contributions may be problematic or outright erroneous.

Furthermore, there has been a rapid mobilization of funding into COVID-19 research, with some areas, e.g. vaccine development, earmarked for urgent work. This may have worked as an additional attractor of scientists to this rapidly expanding field.

However, urgency does not guarantee good quality and robustness. Much of the produced publication record may not be very informative and some may be fundamentally flawed. Flaws go beyond retractions, which account for <0.1% of published COVID-19 work.^{21,22}

Certain limitations should be discussed. First, current Scopus data have high precision and recall (98.1% and 94.4%, respectively),¹ but some authors may be split in two or more records and some ID records may include papers from two or more authors. These errors may affect single authors but are unlikely to affect the overall picture obtained in these analyses. Second, field and subfield classification follows a well-known established method, though published items are not precisely categorizable in scientific fields. Third, data on citation impact of COVID-19 authors are too early to appraise with confidence, and the ranking of specific scientists is highly tenuous and can quickly change with relatively small changes in citation counts. The bigger picture of author characteristics rather than specific names should be the focus of these data. Fourth, since many COVID-19 accepted papers and preprints are not yet indexed in Scopus, fields with slower publication and indexing may be relatively under-represented in the analyses.

As the pandemic matures, the science of COVID-19 should also mature. Important remaining questions can be raised about the extent and duration of this "covidization" of research. Will scientists continue to flock from different disciplines into COVID-19 research? What consequences might this have for other areas of important investigation – could non-COVID-19 topics be unfairly neglected? Is the response proportional to the magnitude of the crisis? What is the validity and utility of all these publications? Tracking both the pandemic and the scientific response to the pandemic will be useful to make

decisions about planning for the growth, reallocation of interest, and old-versus-new

priorities for science.

Table 1. Subfields with highest rates of authors publishing on COVID-19*

Subfield	Number of authors	Authors with COVID-19 paper(s)	%	Number of influential authors	Influential authors with COVID-19 paper(s)	%
Emergency & Critical Care Medicine	12620	3317	26.3%	516	300	58.1%
Anesthesiology	11874	2712	22.8%	608	196	32.2%
Applied Ethics	1956	432	22.1%	87	39	44.8%
Virology	23307	4633	19.9%	1030	494	48.0%
Allergy	5408	1023	18.9%	271	136	50.2%
Respiratory System	20245	3740	18.5%	939	428	45.6%
Epidemiology	2965	521	17.6%	160	60	37.5%
General & Internal Medicine	37069	6271	16.9%	1853	744	40.2%
Surgery	30363	4898	16.1%	1394	489	35.1%
Geriatrics	3585	574	16.0%	168	76	45.2%
Otorhinolaryngology	11754	1724	14.7%	533	184	34.5%
Cardiovascular System & Hematology	61073	8916	14.6%	2729	1062	38.9%

*the subfields shown are those with the highest proportions of authors with COVID-19 papers among all authors. See Methods for definition of being an influential author.

Table 2. Extremely prolific authors with at least 30 COVID-19 publications indexed in

Scopus by December 1, 2020

AUTHOR	INSTITUTION	COUNTRY	COVID-19 ITEMS
Wiwanitkit, Viroj	Hainan Medical University	China	133
Mahase, Elisabeth	BMJ		129
Iacobucci, Gareth	BMJ		105
Rodriguez-Morales, Alfonso J.	Universidad Tecnológica de Pereira	Colombia	89
Lippi, Giuseppe	Università degli Studi di Verona	Italy	87
Rimmer, Abi	BMJ		69
Dhama, Kuldeep	Indian Veterinary Research Institute	India	65
Goldust, Mohamad	Universitätsspital Basel	Switzerland	55
Joob, Beuy	Sanitation 1 Medical Academic Center	Thailand	50
Henry, Brandon M.	Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center	USA	48
Rezaei, Nima	Tehran University of Medical Sciences	Iran	48
Zhong, Nanshan	Guangzhou Medical University	China	47
Liu, Lei	Second Affiliated Hospital of Southern University of Science and Technology	China	46
Raoult, Didier	Aix Marseille Université	France	45
Lechien, Jerome R.	Universitat de Barcelona	Spain	45
Hasan, Syed Shahzad	The University of Newcastle, Australia	Austria	45
Baden, Lindsey	Brigham and Women's Hospital	USA	44
Buonsenso, Danilo	Fondazione Policlinico Universitario Agostino Gemelli IRCCS Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore	Italy	43
Kow, Chia Siang	International Medical University	Malaysia	43
Lu, Hongzhou	Fudan University	China	42
Chan, Jasper Fuk Woo	The University of Hong Kong, State Key Laboratory of Emerging Infectious Diseases	Hong Kong	42
Harky, Amer	Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital	UK	42
Saussez, Sven	Université de Mons	Belgium	41
To, Kelvin Kai Wang	The University of Hong Kong, State Key Laboratory of Emerging Infectious Diseases	Hong Kong	40
Rubin, Eric J.	Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health	USA	40
Lotti, Torello	Università degli Studi di Roma La Sapienza	Italy	39
Sahu, Kamal Kant	Saint Vincent Hospital Worcester	USA	38
Fabbrocini, Gabriella	Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II	Italy	38
Landoni, Giovanni	IRCCS San Raffaele Scientific Institute	Italy	38
The Lancet	The Lancet		37
Bruno, Raffaele	Università degli Studi di Pavia	Italy	37
Morrissey, Stephen	New England Journal of Medicine		37
Sah, Ranjit	Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital	Nepal	36
Zangrillo, Alberto	IRCCS San Raffaele Scientific Institute	Italy	35
He, Daihai	Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Hong Kong	35
Sheng, Jifang	The State Key Laboratory for Diagnosis and Treatment of Infectious Diseases	China	35

Yuen, K. Y.	The University of Hong Kong Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine	Hong Kong	34
Zhao, Shi	Chinese University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong	34
Bonilla-Aldana, D. Katterine	Universidad Tecnológica de Pereira	Colombia	34
Greninger, Alexander L.	University of Washington, Seattle	USA	34
Nau, Jean Yves	Haschich	Switzerland	34
Plebani, Mario	Azienda Ospedaliera Di Padova	Italy	33
Bragazzi, Nicola L.	Università degli Studi di Genova	Italy	33
Gostin, Lawrence O.	Georgetown Law	USA	32
Young, Barnaby Edward	Tan Tock Seng Hospital	Singapore	32
Hopkins, Claire	Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust	UK	32
Hung, Ivan Fan Ngai	The University of Hong Kong Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine	China	32
Vaishya, Raju	Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals	India	32
Wang, Xinghuan	Zhongnan Hospital of Wuhan University	China	32
Griffiths, Mark D.	Nottingham Trent University	UK	32
Signorelli, Carlo	Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele	Italy	32
Tiwari, Ruchi	College of Veterinary Science India	India	32
Jerome, Keith R.	Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center	USA	32
Cowling, Benjamin J.	The University of Hong Kong Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine	Hong Kong	31
Memish, Ziad A.	Ministry of Health Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabia	31
Leo, Yee Sin	Tan Tock Seng Hospital	Singapore	31
Eggo, Rosalind M.	London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine	UK	31
Grover, Sandeep	Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh	India	31
Drosten, Christian	Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin	Germany	30
Khunti, Kamlesh	University of Leicester	UK	30
Hu, Yu	Tongji Medical College	China	30
Gholamrezanezhad, Ali	Keck School of Medicine of USC	USA	30
Yang, Lin	Hong Kong Polytechnic University	China	30
Chiesa-Estomba, Carlos M.	Universitat de Barcelona	Spain	30
Bhatnagar, Sushma	Institute Rotary Cancer Hospital India	India	30

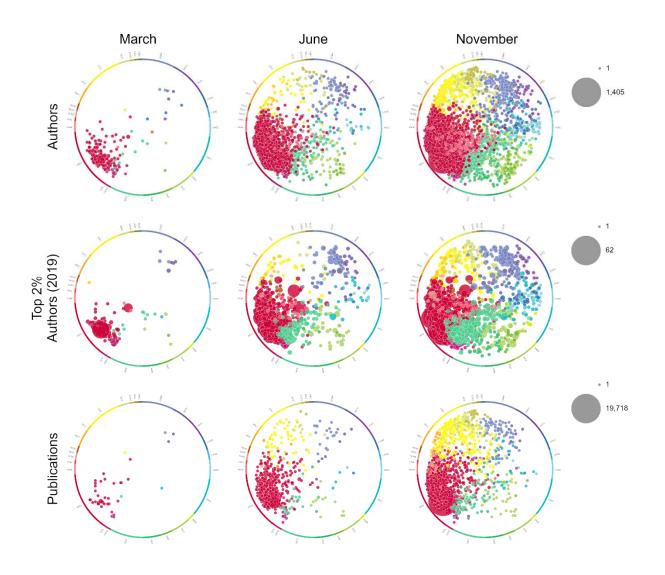


Figure 1 Topics of prominence for COVID-19 authors and publications. The columns represent the progress of the spread at 3 different measuring points: by end of March, June and November. The first row represents the spread of authors of COVID-19 papers. The authors are assigned to their most dominant topic in their career. The data is filtered to include only topics with >=5 authors assigned. The second row shows similarly the topics of the top 2% authors by field (2019) according to a composite citations indicator.

Only topics with 2 or more authors are displayed. The third row displays the spread of COVID-19 publications across topics. The minimum threshold for a topic to be displayed is set to 5 COVID-19 publications.

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Supplementary Table 1. Number of authors and number of authors with at least 1 COVID-19-related publication. Data are limited to authors who have published anything that is Scopus-indexed in the first 11 months of 2020 and who have also authored in their entire career at least 5 Scopus-indexed papers that are classified as articles, reviews or conference papers, by the end of November 2020. Of a total of 2,759,916 such authors, 144,403 had at least one published and indexed COVID-19 paper. The Table shows data on 2,750,728 and 144,259 authors who can be classified in a subfield (the most common subfield for the papers that they have published in their career).

SUBFIELD	FIELD	Number of authors	Authors with COVID-19 paper(s)	%
Emergency & Critical Care Medicine	Clinical Medicine	12620	3317	26,3%
Anesthesiology	Clinical Medicine	11874	2712	22,8%
Applied Ethics	Philosophy & Theology	1956	432	22,1%
Virology	Biomedical Research	23307	4633	19,9%
Allergy	Clinical Medicine	5408	1023	18,9%
Respiratory System	Clinical Medicine	20245	3740	18,5%
Epidemiology	Public Health & Health Services	2965	521	17,6%
General & Internal Medicine	Clinical Medicine	37069	6271	16,9%
Surgery	Clinical Medicine	30363	4898	16,1%
Geriatrics	Clinical Medicine	3585	574	16,0%
Otorhinolaryngology	Clinical Medicine	11754	1724	14,7%
Cardiovascular System & Hematology	Clinical Medicine	61073	8916	14,6%
Public Health	Public Health & Health Services	22942	3168	13,8%
Medical Informatics	Information & Communication Technologies	4642	636	13,7%
Microbiology	Biomedical Research	57643	7879	13,7%
Urology & Nephrology	Clinical Medicine	23611	3224	13,7%
Pediatrics	Clinical Medicine	18589	2525	13,6%
Dermatology & Venereal Diseases	Clinical Medicine	13924	1824	13,1%
Gastroenterology & Hepatology	Clinical Medicine	27848	3586	12,9%

Arthritis & Rheumatology	Clinical Medicine	12853	1640	12,8%
Gerontology	Public Health & Health	3497	438	12,5%
	Services	10.62	500	10 50/
General Clinical Medicine	Clinical Medicine	4063	508	12,5%
Environmental & Occupational Health	Clinical Medicine	3277	406	12,4%
Tropical Medicine	Clinical Medicine	11433	1414	12,4%
Psychiatry	Clinical Medicine	23870	2936	12,3%
Health Policy & Services	Public Health & Health	6733	790	11,7%
Nursing	Services Public Health & Health	13651	1472	10,8%
Ivuising	Services	13031	1472	10,870
Development Studies	Economics & Business	1340	143	10,7%
Immunology	Clinical Medicine	44219	4712	10,7%
Substance Abuse	Public Health & Health	5085	529	10,4%
	Services			-,
Clinical Psychology	Psychology & Cognitive	4564	474	10,4%
	Sciences			
Obstetrics & Reproductive Medicine	Clinical Medicine	23953	2421	10,1%
Sport, Leisure & Tourism	Economics & Business	3294	327	9,9%
Nuclear Medicine & Medical Imaging	Clinical Medicine	32747	3110	9,5%
Demography	Social Sciences	1055	97	9,2%
Legal & Forensic Medicine	Clinical Medicine	3380	292	8,6%
Endocrinology & Metabolism	Clinical Medicine	27361	2281	8,3%
Social Work	Social Sciences	2410	196	8,1%
Social Psychology	Psychology & Cognitive Sciences	7615	616	8,1%
Political Science & Public	Social Sciences	7065	564	8,0%
Administration				
Oncology & Carcinogenesis	Clinical Medicine	109975	8562	7,8%
Ophthalmology & Optometry	Clinical Medicine	19390	1507	7,8%
Bioinformatics	Enabling & Strategic	8031	623	7,8%
Law	Technologies Social Sciences	2238	168	7,5%
	Clinical Medicine	101228	7355	
Neurology & Neurosurgery Dentistry	Clinical Medicine	20842	1491	7,3% 7,2%
Complementary & Alternative Medicine	Clinical Medicine	4026	287	7,2%
Agricultural Economics & Policy	Economics & Business	4020 2223	158	7,1%
	Social Sciences		213	
Sociology	Social Sciences	3182		6,7%
Information & Library Sciences		2620 6089	175	6,7%
Pathology	Clinical Medicine		405	6,7%
Pharmacology & Pharmacy	Clinical Medicine	31268	2068	6,6%
Industrial Relations	Economics & Business	721	47	6,5%
Orthopedics Debabilitation	Clinical Medicine	24133	1565	6,5%
Rehabilitation	Public Health & Health Services	8585	548	6,4%
Communication & Media Studies	Communication &	3676	230	6,3%
	Textual Studies	2010		0,070

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Family Studies	Social Sciences	1074	66 05	6,1%
Science Studies	Social Sciences	1546	95 845	6,1%
Nutrition & Dietetics	Biomedical Research	14175	845	6,0%
International Relations	Social Sciences	2013	119	5,9%
Criminology	Social Sciences	3804	223	5,9%
Economics	Economics & Business	15657	913 22	5,8%
History of Science, Technology & Medicine	Historical Studies	556	32	5,8%
Sport Sciences	Clinical Medicine	11318	648	5,7%
General Psychology & Cognitive	Psychology & Cognitive	997	57	5,7%
Sciences	Sciences	///	57	5,770
Urban & Regional Planning	Built Environment & Design	3948	222	5,6%
Econometrics	Economics & Business	560	31	5,5%
Statistics & Probability	Mathematics &	9073	487	5,4%
	Statistics			
Toxicology	Biomedical Research	15751	808	5,1%
Business & Management	Economics & Business	16190	819	5,1%
Geography	Social Sciences	5437	274	5,0%
Medicinal & Biomolecular Chemistry	Chemistry	28199	1375	4,9%
Developmental & Child Psychology	Psychology & Cognitive Sciences	6970	339	4,9%
Anatomy & Morphology	Biomedical Research	1777	86	4,8%
Gender Studies	Social Sciences	615	29	4,7%
Marketing	Economics & Business	4905	227	4,6%
Information Systems	Information & Communication	5481	246	4,5%
Discharging	Technologies	5201	224	4 20/
Biophysics	Biomedical Research	5201	224	4,3%
Anthropology	Historical Studies	2561	107	4,2%
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	Biomedical Research	43945	1833	4,2%
Social Sciences Methods	Social Sciences	964	40	4,1%
Psychoanalysis	Psychology & Cognitive Sciences	623	25	4,0%
Strategic, Defence & Security Studies	Enabling & Strategic Technologies	5691	222	3,9%
Education	Social Sciences	22159	854	3,9%
Developmental Biology	Biomedical Research	46014	1713	3,7%
Genetics & Heredity	Biomedical Research	12863	475	3,7%
Veterinary Sciences	Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	17316	607	3,5%
Experimental Psychology	Psychology & Cognitive Sciences	11769	404	3,4%
Physiology	Biomedical Research	6196	207	3,3%
Cultural Studies	Social Sciences	1402	46	3,3%
Accounting	Economics & Business	1914	61	3,2%
Finance	Economics & Business	4477	137	3,1%

Human Factors	Psychology & Cognitive Sciences	4973	151	3,0%
Logistics & Transportation	Economics & Business	8846	268	3,0%
Religions & Theology	Philosophy & Theology	1651	47	2,8%
Fluids & Plasmas	Physics & Astronomy	17674	500	2,8%
Environmental Sciences	Earth & Environmental	33010	926	2,8%
	Sciences			
Artificial Intelligence & Image	Information &	92623	2490	2,7%
Processing	Communication			
	Technologies	7001	101	0 (0)
Applied Mathematics	Mathematics & Statistics	7231	191	2,6%
Operations Research	Engineering	10099	263	2,6%
Speech-Language Pathology &	Public Health & Health	3497	91	2,6%
Audiology	Services	5471	71	2,070
Biomedical Engineering	Engineering	19096	496	2,6%
Mycology & Parasitology	Biomedical Research	8680	222	2,6%
Meteorology & Atmospheric Sciences	Earth & Environmental	26306	642	2,4%
	Sciences			
Evolutionary Biology	Biology	11772	269	2,3%
Architecture	Built Environment &	229	5	2,2%
	Design			
Economic Theory	Economics & Business	733	16	2,2%
History of Social Sciences	Historical Studies	598	13	2,2%
Numerical & Computational	Mathematics &	6317	132	2,1%
Mathematics	Statistics	25002	516	2 10/
Ecology	Biology Viewal & Declamation	25093	516	2,1%
Drama & Theater	Visual & Performing Arts	200	4	2,0%
Analytical Chemistry	Chemistry	31961	634	2,0%
Software Engineering	Information &	6910	136	2,0%
Software Engineering	Communication	0710	150	2,070
	Technologies			
Behavioral Science & Comparative	Psychology & Cognitive	3838	74	1,9%
Psychology	Sciences			
Distributed Computing	Information &	3012	56	1,9%
	Communication			
Biotechnology	Technologies Enabling & Strategic	18585	341	1,8%
Biotechnology	Technologies	16565	341	1,070
Mathematical Physics	Physics & Astronomy	2017	37	1,8%
Languages & Linguistics	Communication &	4400	75	1,7%
	Textual Studies			-,
Geological & Geomatics Engineering	Engineering	19978	332	1,7%
Microscopy	Biomedical Research	807	13	1,6%
Chemical Physics	Physics & Astronomy	27566	437	1,6%
Philosophy	Philosophy & Theology	2807	42	1,5%
History	Historical Studies	2137	31	1,5%

Networking & Telecommunications	Information &	56227	813	1,4%
	Communication			
Environmental Engineering	Technologies	17124	247	1 40/
Environmental Engineering	Engineering			1,4%
Organic Chemistry	Chemistry	40706	555	1,4%
Building & Construction	Built Environment & Design	11876	157	1,3%
General Chemistry	Chemistry	11963	158	1,3%
Food Science	Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	22825	300	1,3%
Design Practice & Management	Built Environment & Design	2852	34	1,2%
Computation Theory & Mathematics	Information & Communication	7676	90	1,2%
	Technologies			
Folklore	Visual & Performing Arts	86	1	1,2%
Acoustics	Physics & Astronomy	9055	97	1,1%
Industrial Engineering & Automation	Engineering	34144	340	1,0%
Dairy & Animal Science	Agriculture, Fisheries &	19125	187	1,0%
Dan y & Annhar Science	Forestry	17125	107	1,070
Nanoscience & Nanotechnology	Enabling & Strategic Technologies	41310	401	1,0%
Literary Studies	Communication &	2061	20	1,0%
	Textual Studies		-	y - · · -
Chemical Engineering	Engineering	20051	185	0,9%
Classics	Historical Studies	462	4	0,9%
Plant Biology & Botany	Biology	50847	426	0,8%
Computer Hardware & Architecture	Information &	5051	41	0,8%
	Communication Technologies	0001		0,070
Inorganic & Nuclear Chemistry	Chemistry	19345	156	0,8%
Energy	Enabling & Strategic	69935	562	0,8%
	Technologies			·
Fisheries	Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	12513	94	0,8%
Art Practice, History & Theory	Visual & Performing Arts	267	2	0,7%
Music	Visual & Performing Arts	404	3	0,7%
Marine Biology & Hydrobiology	Biology	17028	125	0,7%
Entomology	Biology	9946	70	0,7%
Polymers	Chemistry	27068	190	0,7%
Ornithology	Biology	2161	15	0,7%
General Physics	Physics & Astronomy	22850	13	0,7%
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Agronomy & Agriculture	Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	24841	150	0,6%
Zoology	Biology	6379	38	0,6%

Forestry	Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	9365	54	0,6%
Nuclear & Particle Physics	Physics & Astronomy	49810	277	0,6%
Mechanical Engineering & Transports	Engineering	36046	190	0,5%
Horticulture	Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	1768	9	0,5%
General Mathematics	Mathematics & Statistics	24846	126	0,5%
Geochemistry & Geophysics	Earth & Environmental Sciences	30332	146	0,5%
Archaeology	Historical Studies	4501	20	0,4%
Optics	Physics & Astronomy	21071	90	0,4%
Electrical & Electronic Engineering	Engineering	26785	112	0,4%
Optoelectronics & Photonics	Enabling & Strategic Technologies	25577	99	0,4%
Mining & Metallurgy	Engineering	7837	30	0,4%
Applied Physics	Physics & Astronomy	74683	277	0,4%
Physical Chemistry	Chemistry	11784	43	0,4%
Aerospace & Aeronautics	Engineering	11841	43	0,4%
Materials	Enabling & Strategic Technologies	71353	256	0,4%
Astronomy & Astrophysics	Physics & Astronomy	21905	69	0,3%
Civil Engineering	Engineering	16967	51	0,3%
Oceanography	Earth & Environmental Sciences	5420	16	0,3%
Geology	Earth & Environmental Sciences	4455	11	0,2%
Paleontology	Earth & Environmental Sciences	8916	20	0,2%
Automobile Design & Engineering	Engineering	391	0	0,0%

Supplementary Table 2. Number of influential authors and number of them who had at

least 1 COVID-19-related publication. The construct is similar to Supplementary Table 1,

but is limited to those authors who are the top 2% of their subfield for their career-long

work based on a composite citation indicator.

SUBFIELD	FIELD	Number of authors	Authors with COVID- 19 paper(s)	%
Emergency & Critical Care Medicine	Clinical Medicine	516	300	58,1%
Allergy	Clinical Medicine	271	136	50,2%
Virology	Biomedical Research	1030	494	48,0%
Respiratory System	Clinical Medicine	939	428	45,6%
Geriatrics	Clinical Medicine	168	76	45,2%
Applied Ethics	Philosophy & Theology	87	39	44,8%
General & Internal Medicine	Clinical Medicine	1853	744	40,2%
Cardiovascular System & Hematology	Clinical Medicine	2729	1062	38,9%
Epidemiology	Public Health & Health Services	160	60	37,5%
Gerontology	Public Health & Health Services	151	54	35,8%
Tropical Medicine	Clinical Medicine	483	170	35,2%
Medical Informatics	Information & Communication Technologies	219	77	35,2%
Surgery	Clinical Medicine	1394	489	35,1%
Otorhinolaryngology	Clinical Medicine	533	184	34,5%
Gastroenterology & Hepatology	Clinical Medicine	1370	466	34,0%
Anesthesiology	Clinical Medicine	608	196	32,2%
Public Health	Public Health & Health Services	870	280	32,2%
General Clinical Medicine	Clinical Medicine	231	74	32,0%
Dermatology & Venereal Diseases	Clinical Medicine	727	224	30,8%
Arthritis & Rheumatology	Clinical Medicine	533	164	30,8%
Sport, Leisure & Tourism	Economics & Business	111	34	30,6%
Psychiatry	Clinical Medicine	1010	305	30,2%
Urology & Nephrology	Clinical Medicine	1137	340	29,9%
Immunology	Clinical Medicine	1959	576	29,4%
Agricultural Economics & Policy	Economics & Business	82	24	29,3%
Clinical Psychology	Psychology & Cognitive Sciences	207	60	29,0%
Pediatrics	Clinical Medicine	852	240	28,2%
Development Studies	Economics & Business	51	14	27,5%
Environmental & Occupational Health	Clinical Medicine	197	54	27,4%

History of Science, Technology &	Historical Studies	22	6	27,3%
Medicine			0	27,370
Health Policy & Services	Public Health & Health Services	292	79	27,1%
Obstetrics & Reproductive Medicine	Clinical Medicine	1137	301	26,5%
Endocrinology & Metabolism	Clinical Medicine	1209	310	25,6%
Nursing	Public Health & Health Services	585	149	25,5%
Microbiology	Biomedical Research	2326	592	25,5%
Industrial Relations	Economics & Business	29	7	24,1%
Complementary & Alternative	Clinical Medicine	146	34	23,3%
Medicine		41.4.4	0.47	22.00/
Oncology & Carcinogenesis	Clinical Medicine	4144	947	22,9%
Nuclear Medicine & Medical	Clinical Medicine	1469	311	21,2%
Imaging Substance Abuse	Public Health & Health Services	223	46	20,6%
Legal & Forensic Medicine	Clinical Medicine	158	31	19,6%
General Psychology & Cognitive	Psychology & Cognitive Sciences	41	8	19,5%
Sciences	i sychology & cognitive belences	71	0	17,570
Bioinformatics	Enabling & Strategic Technologies	328	63	19,2%
Social Psychology	Psychology & Cognitive Sciences	278	53	19,1%
Ophthalmology & Optometry	Clinical Medicine	906	166	18,3%
Sport Sciences	Clinical Medicine	402	71	17,7%
Pharmacology & Pharmacy	Clinical Medicine	1564	276	17,6%
Pathology	Clinical Medicine	336	59	17,6%
Rehabilitation	Public Health & Health Services	359	63	17,5%
Neurology & Neurosurgery	Clinical Medicine	4010	686	17,1%
Political Science & Public	Social Sciences	243	41	16,9%
Administration			_	
Family Studies	Social Sciences	43	7	16,3%
Anatomy & Morphology	Biomedical Research	81	13	16,0%
Orthopedics	Clinical Medicine	976	154	15,8%
Dentistry	Clinical Medicine	856	135	15,8%
Geography	Social Sciences	214	33	15,4%
Urban & Regional Planning	Built Environment & Design	144	22	15,3%
Nutrition & Dietetics	Biomedical Research	590	90	15,3%
Economics	Economics & Business	515	76	14,8%
Medicinal & Biomolecular	Chemistry	1330	196	14,7%
Chemistry	Information & Communication	272	39	1/1 20/
Information Systems	Information & Communication Technologies	212	39	14,3%
Developmental & Child Psychology	Psychology & Cognitive Sciences	267	37	13,9%
Sociology	Social Sciences	103	14	13,6%
Toxicology	Biomedical Research	752	102	13,6%
Econometrics	Economics & Business	15	2	13,3%
Strategic, Defence & Security	Enabling & Strategic Technologies	270	35	13,0%
Studies				,
Criminology	Social Sciences	165	21	12,7%

Business & Management	Economics & Business	581	72	12,4%
Communication & Media Studies	Communication & Textual Studies	146	18	12,1%
Accounting	Economics & Business	68	8	11,8%
Marketing	Economics & Business	181	21	11,6%
Anthropology	Historical Studies	95	11	11,6%
Statistics & Probability	Mathematics & Statistics	279	32	11,5%
Law	Social Sciences	88	10	11,3%
Social Work	Social Sciences	97	10	11,4%
Psychoanalysis	Psychology & Cognitive Sciences	36	4	11,5%
Developmental Biology	Biomedical Research	30 1884	4 205	10,9%
Veterinary Sciences	Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	730	205 79	10,9%
Genetics & Heredity	Biomedical Research	730 550	59	10,8%
•	Social Sciences	330 39	4	10,7%
Demography	Economics & Business	39 373	4 38	
Logistics & Transportation				10,2%
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Fluids & Plasmas	Biomedical Research	2097 722	213 72	10,2%
	Physics & Astronomy	723		10,0%
Environmental Sciences	Earth & Environmental Sciences	1235	122	9,9%
Cultural Studies	Social Sciences	61	6	9,8%
Science Studies	Social Sciences	62 200	6	9,7%
Human Factors	Psychology & Cognitive Sciences	209	20	9,6%
International Relations	Social Sciences	84	8	9,5%
Distributed Computing	Information & Communication Technologies	160	15	9,4%
Religions & Theology	Philosophy & Theology	78	7	9,0%
Literary Studies	Communication & Textual Studies	90	8	8,9%
Biophysics	Biomedical Research	277	24	8,7%
Meteorology & Atmospheric Sciences	Earth & Environmental Sciences	961	83	8,6%
Information & Library Sciences	Social Sciences	139	12	8,6%
Artificial Intelligence & Image Processing	Information & Communication Technologies	3830	322	8,4%
Applied Mathematics	Mathematics & Statistics	284	23	8,1%
Education	Social Sciences	867	69	8,0%
Evolutionary Biology	Biology	415	32	7,7%
Finance	Economics & Business	132	10	7,6%
Ecology	Biology	864	64	7,4%
Mycology & Parasitology	Biomedical Research	348	25	7,2%
Software Engineering	Information & Communication Technologies	365	26	7,1%
Mathematical Physics	Physics & Astronomy	74	5	6,8%
Experimental Psychology	Psychology & Cognitive Sciences	387	26	6,7%
Biomedical Engineering	Engineering	876	58	6,6%
History	Historical Studies	79	5	6,3%
Operations Research	Engineering	388	24	6,2%
Analytical Chemistry	Chemistry	1565	95	6,1%
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Physiology	Biomedical Research	307	18	5,9%
Philosophy	Philosophy & Theology	90	5	5,6%
Numerical & Computational Mathematics	Mathematics & Statistics	234	13	5,6%
Building & Construction	Built Environment & Design	478	26	5,4%
Biotechnology	Enabling & Strategic Technologies	853	45	5,3%
Classics	Historical Studies	19	1	5,3%
Social Sciences Methods	Social Sciences	39	2	5,1%
Networking & Telecommunications	Information & Communication Technologies	2823	142	5,0%
Nanoscience & Nanotechnology	Enabling & Strategic Technologies	1464	67	4,6%
Economic Theory	Economics & Business	23	1	4,3%
Geological & Geomatics Engineering	Engineering	772	32	4,1%
Languages & Linguistics	Communication & Textual Studies	171	7	4,1%
Computer Hardware & Architecture	Information & Communication Technologies	304	12	3,9%
Industrial Engineering & Automation	Engineering	1577	62	3,9%
History of Social Sciences	Historical Studies	26	1	3,8%
Environmental Engineering	Engineering	744	27	3,6%
Organic Chemistry	Chemistry	1968	69	3,5%
Chemical Physics	Physics & Astronomy	1233	41	3,3%
Agronomy & Agriculture	Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	938	31	3,3%
Energy	Enabling & Strategic Technologies	3286	105	3,2%
Food Science	Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	846	27	3,2%
Dairy & Animal Science	Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	756	23	3,0%
Fisheries	Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	440	13	3,0%
Design Practice & Management	Built Environment & Design	138	4	2,9%
Polymers	Chemistry	1375	39	2,8%
Acoustics	Physics & Astronomy	462	13	2,8%
Behavioral Science & Comparative Psychology	Psychology & Cognitive Sciences	155	4	2,6%
Forestry	Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	396	10	2,5%
Chemical Engineering	Engineering	993	25	2,5%
Entomology	Biology	403	10	2,5%
Plant Biology & Botany	Biology	1916	45	2,3%
Computation Theory & Mathematics	Information & Communication Technologies	262	6	2,3%
Marine Biology & Hydrobiology	Biology	617	14	2,3%
General Chemistry	Chemistry	707	15	2,1%
Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology	Public Health & Health Services	150	3	2,0%
Microscopy	Biomedical Research	52	1	1,9%
Mechanical Engineering & Transports	Engineering	1591	29	1,8%

Inorganic & Nuclear Chemistry	Chemistry	971	16	1,6%
General Mathematics	Mathematics & Statistics	800	12	1,5%
General Physics	Physics & Astronomy	1031	15	1,5%
Civil Engineering	Engineering	744	10	1,3%
Astronomy & Astrophysics	Physics & Astronomy	781	10	1,3%
Physical Chemistry	Chemistry	558	7	1,3%
Mining & Metallurgy	Engineering	400	5	1,3%
Electrical & Electronic Engineering	Engineering	1484	18	1,2%
Archaeology	Historical Studies	170	2	1,2%
Applied Physics	Physics & Astronomy	3814	44	1,2%
Nuclear & Particle Physics	Physics & Astronomy	1924	22	1,1%
Optics	Physics & Astronomy	980	11	1,1%
Aerospace & Aeronautics	Engineering	652	7	1,1%
Geochemistry & Geophysics	Earth & Environmental Sciences	1142	9	0,8%
Optoelectronics & Photonics	Enabling & Strategic Technologies	1544	12	0,8%
Materials	Enabling & Strategic Technologies	3059	21	0,7%
Paleontology	Earth & Environmental Sciences	314	2	0,6%
Zoology	Biology	211	1	0,5%
Folklore	Visual & Performing Arts	2	0	0,0%
Horticulture	Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	63	0	0,0%
Geology	Earth & Environmental Sciences	183	0	0,0%
Ornithology	Biology	91	0	0,0%
Art Practice, History & Theory	Visual & Performing Arts	8	0	0,0%
Gender Studies	Social Sciences	23	0	0,0%
Automobile Design & Engineering	Engineering	24	0	0,0%
Architecture	Built Environment & Design	14	0	0,0%
Music	Visual & Performing Arts	25	0	0,0%
Oceanography	Earth & Environmental Sciences	215	0	0,0%
Drama & Theater	Visual & Performing Arts	6	0	0,0%

Supplementary Table 3. Scientists with highest composite citation indicator based on their

COVID-19 publications indexed in Scopus as of December 1, 2020 (in order of ranking

per the composite indicator).

AUTHOR	INSTITUTION	COUNTRY	MOST COMMON SUBFIELD	SECOND MOST COMMON SUBFIELD
Lu, Hongzhou	Fudan University	chn	Microbiology	Oncology & Carcinogenesis
Henry, Brandon M.	Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center	usa	Anatomy & Morphology	Surgery
Tang, Ning	Tongji Medical College	chn	Cardiovascular System & Hematology	General Clinical Medicine
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