## COVID-19 Pandemic: A Call to Action

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## **Abstract**

The Covid-19 pandemic is having a dramatic impact on the world's population. Currently, there are more than half a million new cases per day and there are more than 10, 000 daily deaths. The effects of this pandemic far outweigh the direct consequences of the disease. In several industrialized countries there is an excess of all-cause mortality, not only due to deaths due to COVID-19, but due to an excess of mortality due to other causes. The lock-down of