

# COVID-19 pneumonia with scant respiratory symptoms

Dear Editor,

The novel coronavirus COVID-19 is spreading rapidly all around the world.<sup>[1]</sup> Gradually, we are getting familiar with this virus behavior. As a clinician who is working every day in the main hospital of coronavirus – Khorshid hospital – in Isfahan, Iran, I want to write about the strange behavior of this virus.

What we see in the outpatient clinic of this hospital is a noticeable percentage of patients coming with scant signs of upper respiratory tract infection or only signs of common cold with stable vital signs and high O<sub>2</sub> saturation that in high-resolution computed tomography scan of lungs, the typical pattern of COVID-19 viral pneumonia is apparent. This viral pneumonia with scant signs of upper respiratory tract infection and stable vital signs with good patient general condition makes us worry.<sup>[2]</sup>

Most of these patients have normal vital signs and are managed outpatient. After few days, some of them get worse. This feature shows that the clinical presentation is not enough for decision about the care of patients with new emerging infections.

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