



Director of IHU Méditerranée Infection: Prof. Didier Raoult

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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

We are submitting to the *Clinical Infectious Diseases* an article entitled “**New Institute to fight threats: the COVID-19 paradigm**” for the supplement CLINID 2020-03.

The Hospital-University Institute (IHU) Méditerranée Infection features a 27,000 square meter building hosting 700 employees and 75 hospitalized patients in the center of Marseille, France. We report that previous preparedness in contagious disease management allowed the IHU to manage the COVID-19 outbreak by continuing adaptation for optimal diagnosis, care and outcome for more than 14,000 patients, providing the opportunity for 155 publications and 132 videos posted on the IHU Facebook network, totaling 41.5 million views and 301,000 followers, and dealing with COVID-19, outbreaks, epistemology, and ethics in medicine.

This manuscript has been edited by a native English speaker. All of the authors have seen and approved the manuscript and contributed significantly to the work. The manuscript has not been previously published nor is not being considered for publication elsewhere.

We hope that you will find this manuscript of interest for this special issue.

Yours sincerely,

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