

A scanning electron micrograph (SEM) showing a dense field of blue, rod-shaped bacteria. Interspersed among these rods are numerous small, bright yellow clusters, which likely represent viral particles or specific cellular components. The background is a dark, textured blue.

# PubMed Central & COVID-19

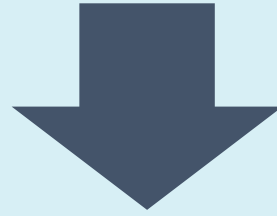
Leveraging the literature as a dataset during a pandemic

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Credit: National Institute of Allergy  
and Infectious Diseases, NIH

# COVID-19 Initiative

Publishers and societies

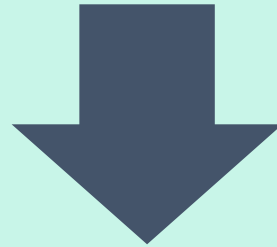


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The countries listed below  
urge publishers to voluntarily agree to make  
their **COVID-19 and coronavirus-related**  
**publications, and the available data supporting**  
**them, immediately accessible in PubMed**  
**Central** and other appropriate public repositories  
... to support the ongoing public health  
emergency response efforts.







# Scope of COVID-19 Initiative

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**Subject:** Publications on COVID-19 and coronaviruses, more broadly.

**Date Range:** Applies to articles published to date as well as future articles for the duration of this crisis.

**Format:** Human- and machine-readable formats

**License:** Must allow for research re-use and secondary analysis

# Covid-19 Initiative To Date

- Nearly 50 publishers participating
- More than 38,000 coronavirus-related articles deposited with licenses that allow re-use and secondary analysis
- More than 3,000 COVID-19 specific articles deposited

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# Call to Action to the Tech Community on New Machine Readable COVID-19 Dataset

— **HEALTHCARE** | Issued on: March 16, 2020



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Today, researchers and leaders from the Allen Institute for AI, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI), Georgetown University's Center for Security and Emerging Technology (CSET), Microsoft, and the National Library of Medicine (NLM) at the National Institutes of Health released the *COVID-19 Open Research Dataset (CORD-19)* of scholarly literature about COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2, and the Coronavirus group.



# Covid-19 Open Research Dataset (CORD-19)

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Zuckerberg  
Initiative** 



Microsoft®  
**Research**

<https://pages.semanticscholar.org/coronavirus-research>

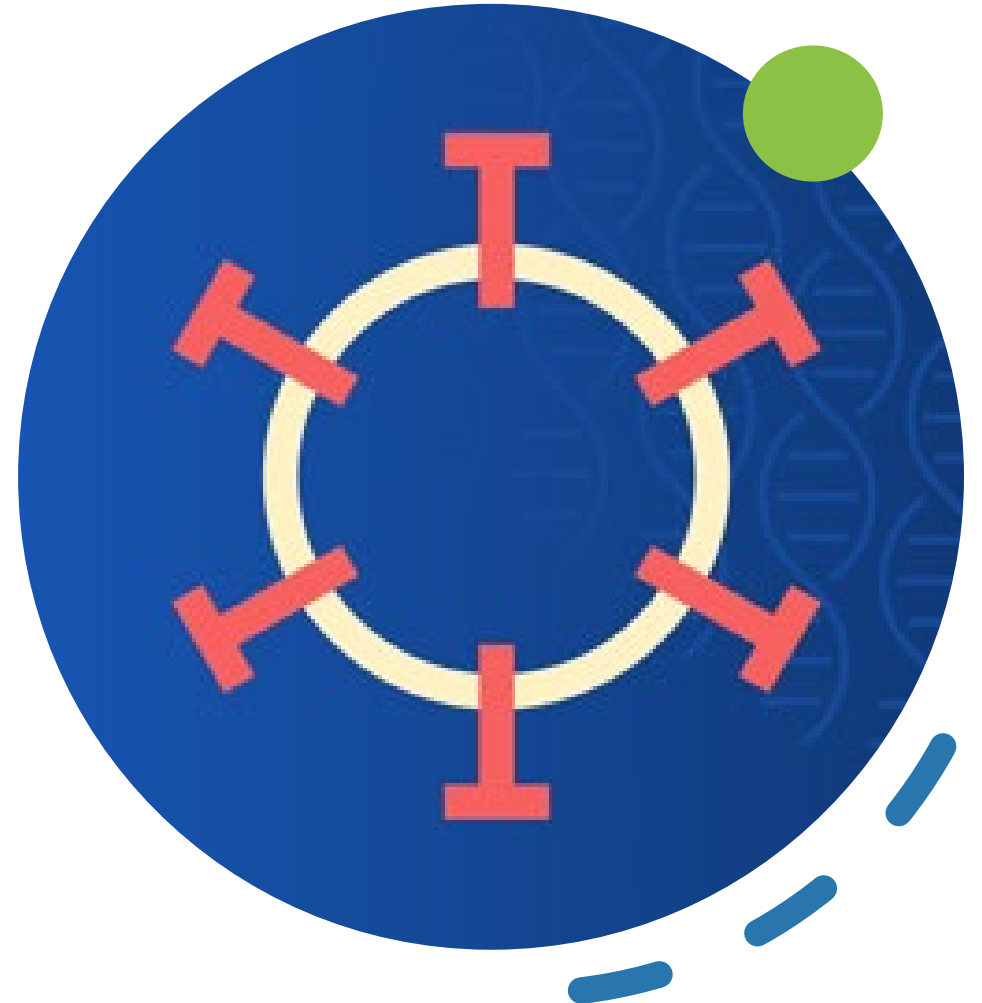


# Scope of CORD-19

The dataset contains all COVID-19 and coronavirus-related research (e.g. SARS, MERS, etc.) from the following sources:

- NLM's PMC open access subset
- Additional COVID-19 research articles from a corpus maintained by the [WHO](#)
- bioRxiv and medRxiv pre-prints

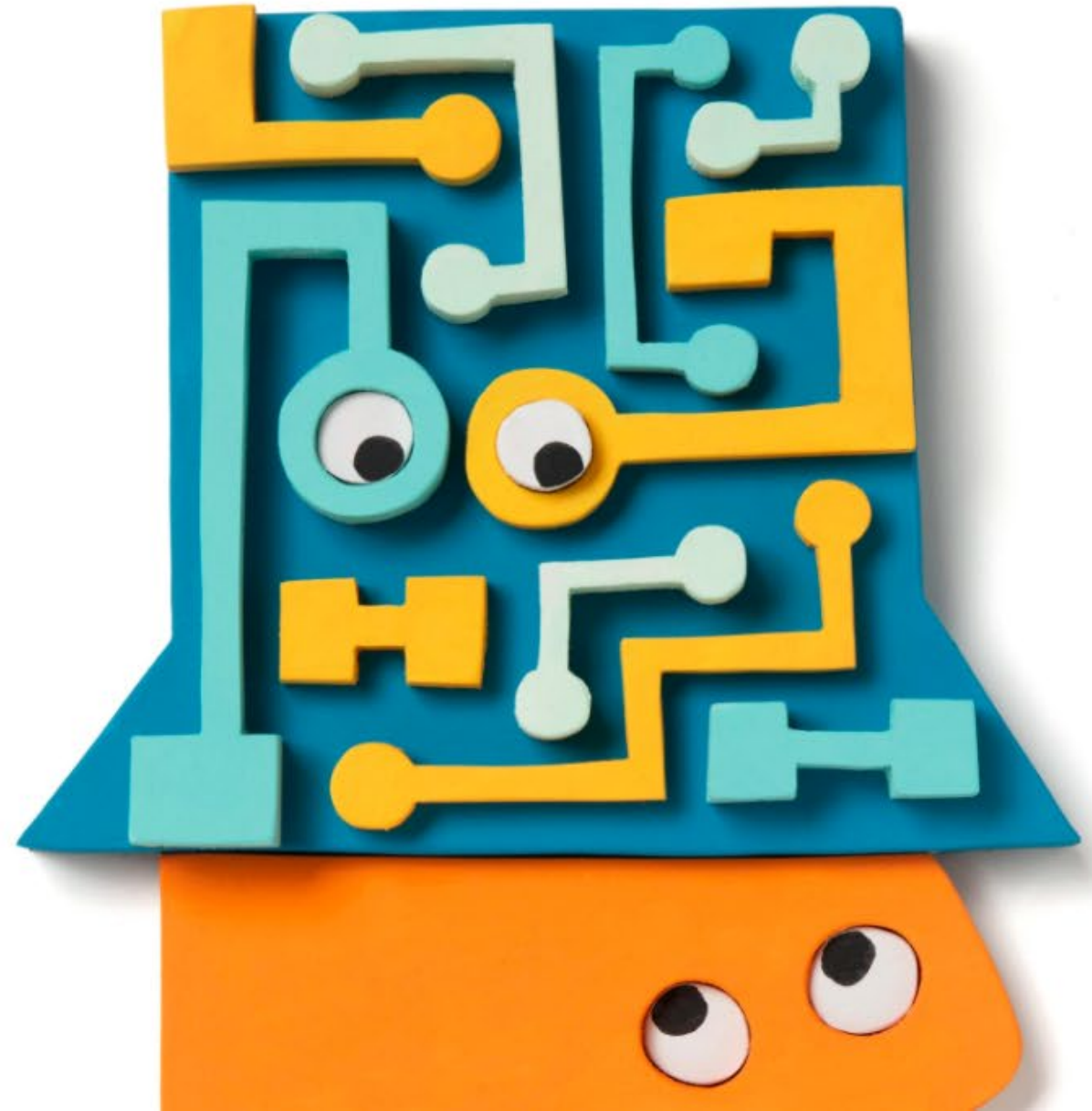
Also provides a metadata file of 51,078 articles with links to [PubMed](#), [Microsoft Academic](#) and the [WHO COVID-19 database of publications](#).





# You Can't Spell Creative Without A.I.

Advances in software applications that process human language lie at the heart of the debate over whether computer technologies will enhance or even substitute for human creativity.



“There has long been a dream of using A.I. to help with scientific discovery, and now the question is, can we do that?”

-- Oren Etzioni, the chief executive of the [Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence](#)



# COVID-19 Open Research Dataset Challenge

(hosted by  
Kaggle)

## What is it?

A series of important questions designed to inspire the community to use COVID-19 to find new insights about the COVID-19 pandemic including the

natural history, transmission, and diagnostics for the virus,

- ✓ management measures at the human-animal interface,
- ✓ lessons from previous epidemiological studies,
- ✓ and more.

# NIST and OSTP Launch Effort to Improve Search Engines for COVID-19 Research

April 15, 2020



".... The TREC-COVID program goals include creating datasets and using an independent assessment process that will help search engine developers to evaluate and optimize their systems in meeting the needs of the research and health-care communities."

<https://www.nist.gov/news-events/news/2020/04/nist-and-ostp-launch-effort-improve-search-engines-covid-19-research>



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Drug re-repurposing  
analysis [*still early stage*]



ASReview

Tool for researchers and medical doctors  
to facilitate the reading of literature on  
the coronavirus.



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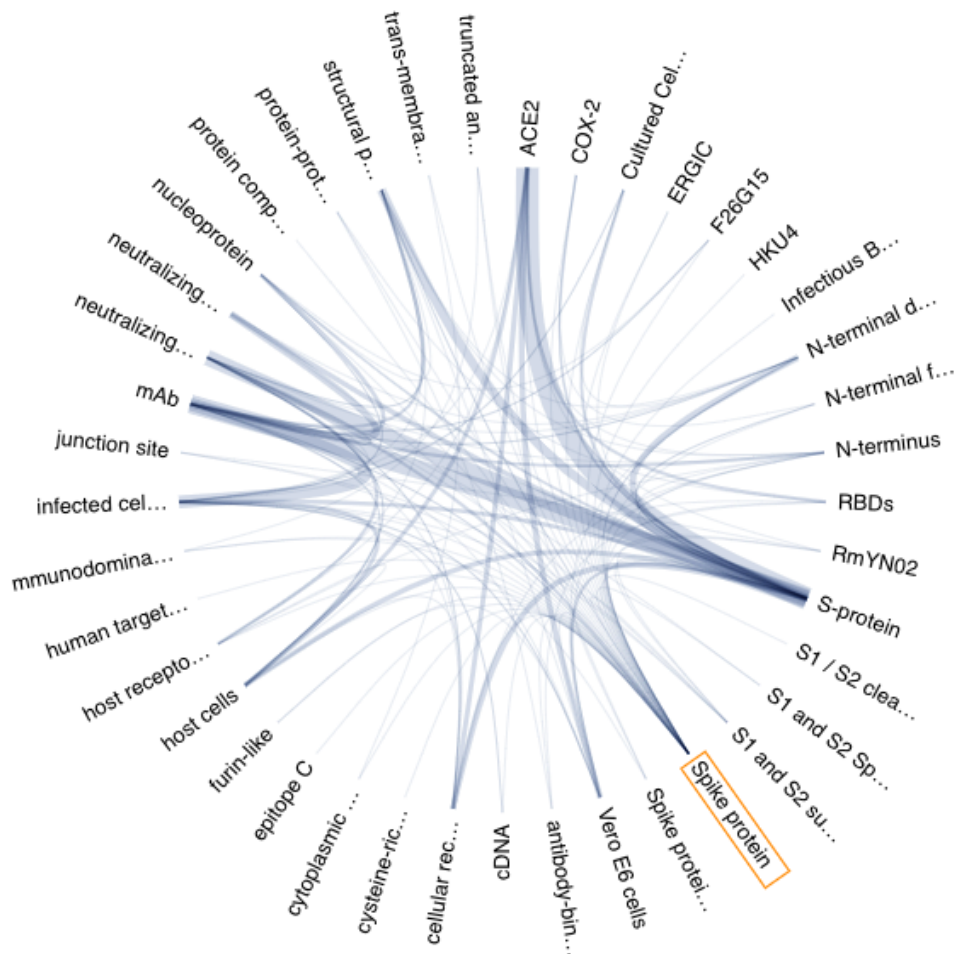
Semantic annotations [*still early stage*]





# CoViz

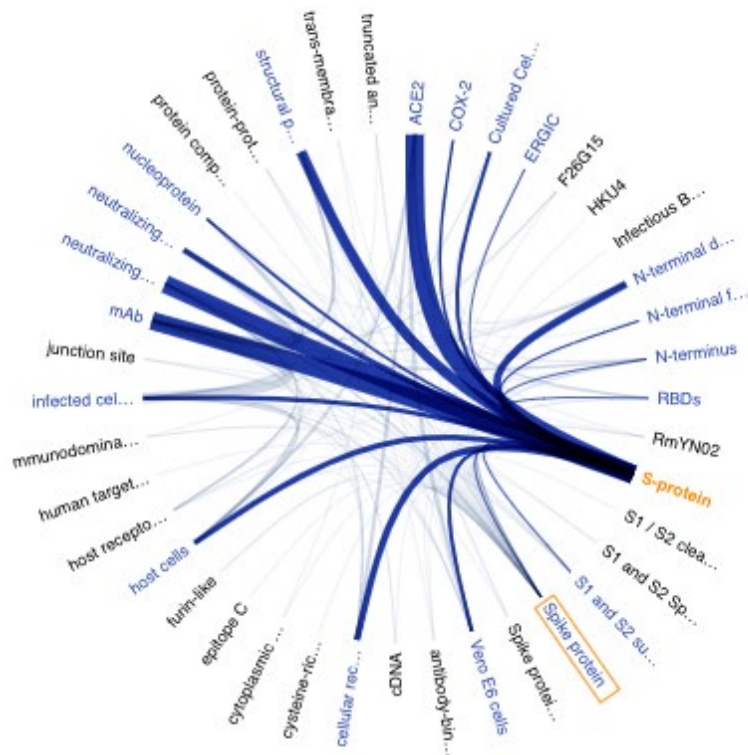
The network of top proteins/genes/cells associated with "Spike protein" in the corpus



Click on an edge above to see associated papers

<https://coviz.apps.allenai.org/jnlpba/>

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Papers with co-references to "S-protein" and "ACE2"

## A Multiscale and Comparative Model for Receptor Binding of 2019 Novel Coronavirus and the Implication of its Life Cycle in Host Cells

Zhaoqian Su, Yinghao Wu  
biorxiv • 2020-02-21

The respiratory syndrome caused by a new type of coronavirus has been emerging from 2 China and caused more than 1000 death globally since December 2019. This new virus, 3 called 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) uses the same receptor called... [more](#)

## The sequence of human ACE2 is suboptimal for binding the S spike protein of SARS coronavirus 2

biorxiv • 2020-03-17

The rapid and escalating spread of SARS coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) 6 poses an immediate public health emergency, and no approved therapeutics or 7 vaccines are currently available. The viral spike protein S binds ACE2 on host cells to 8 initiate... [more](#)



The background of the slide is a microscopic image showing a dense field of blue, rod-like structures, possibly bacteria or viruses, with many small yellow dots scattered throughout. A dark blue semi-transparent box is overlaid on the left side, containing white text.

## Early results by the numbers:

- More than 2 million retrievals of articles in PMC Collection in first weeks of COVID-19 Initiative
- 1.45M page views across all pages where the CORD-19 dataset is posted
- 71k+ downloads of CORD-19 dataset

Thanks!