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COVID-19 in Italy: passing through bitter waters

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To the Editor:

The catastrophic impact of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) epidemic in Italy has previously been described [1, 2]. In a recent editorial, NAVA *et al.* [3] paid a well-deserved tribute to the almost 200 healthcare workers who succumbed to COVID-19 in the country in less than 3 months since the first case was reported. We would like to contribute with some considerations on the shortcomings of Italy's response to the pandemic.