

Table 2 COVID-19 cases cumulative incidence, mortality and testing comparison between Eastern Mediterranean Region and the rest of the world (average)

Region	Total population in million	Total cases	Total deaths	Mean cases per million	Mean death per million	Mean reported fatality rate (%)	Reported total tests	Mean reported tests per thousand
Eastern Mediterranean Region	700	125 108	6252	251.27	4.73	4.00	1 606 714	8.45
Rest of the World	7779	2 205 685	154 391	727.56	42.35	4.96	18 240 910	10.16
P-value				0.002*	0.001*	0.733**		0.347**

*P-value was calculated using corrected Student testing (variances were heterogeneous).

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