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Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, is spreading worldwide rapidly.¹ As of 9 August 2020, the total death toll had reached about 0.72 million with approximately 19.4 million confirmed cases worldwide.² The WHO stated that “Our greatest concern is the potential for the virus to spread to countries with weaker health systems, and which are ill-prepared to deal with it”.³ In Pakistan, a lower-middle-income country, the outbreak of COVID-19 constitutes a significant challenge - a struggling economy with limited resources, inadequate healthcare system and infrastructure. The role of the Government of Pakistan in the dissemination of COVID-19 related information through various media sources is appreciable. However, a clamoring issue is to deal with rumors, and wide-spread of misinformation and disinformation regarding COVID-19 treatment

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