Congregational prayers in the mosques and the risk of spread of COVID-19
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BACKGROUND

Congregational prayers, particularly the Friday prayer (Jumu’ah), is a key Islamic obligation and Islamic symbol (1). In accordance with the Shari’a rules, when Muslims gather in the mosques for congregational prayers, five times a day, they set the rows in order, stand shoulder to shoulder, and close the gaps in between two individuals (2).

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The aim of this analytic study is to assess the importance of preventative measures to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 infection in the during congregational prayers.

METHODS

The risk factors of the transmission of COVID-19 were examined in the mosque setting. Risk assessment of spread of the disease was carried out.

The recent comprehensive deliberations by
• Representatives of Wifaqul Ulama (3)
• Muslim Council of Britain (4)
• Decree (fatawa) from other Islamic jurists (5) on this issue were analysed.

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CONCLUSION

Adherence to the guidelines for congregational prayers in the mosques is important for safety of health and to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 infection.