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Dr. Hicham Oumzil, PhD, is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, Mohammed V University in Rabat, Morocco, and the Head of the Virology Department at the National Institute of Hygiene.

As a referral virologist to the Ministry of Health, Dr. Oumzil actively contributes to the capacity building of health laboratories and the management of several public health programs including HIV, Hepatitis, Polio, Measles, Rubella, and respiratory viruses (SARS-CoV2). During the COVID-19 pandemic, he was at the forefront of the management and implementation of the SARS-CoV2 diagnostic strategy and was appointed as a member of the national scientific committee of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Oumzil has made significant contributions to the field of virology throughout his career. He is the principal investigator of several applied research projects in virology and good laboratory practice (GLP), initiated with the support of CDC Atlanta (USA), BEP (CRDF, USA), Global Fund, and WHO. Dr. Oumzil obtained his PhD in Biology from the University Mohamed V of Rabat in 2002 and is a certified specialist in laboratory management by WHO and the University of Washington, USA.