

## Editorial

The world continues to face the pandemic. It is noteworthy to know that the Mekong river countries such as Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos have not faced serious issues so far with low case counts and low case fatality rates (CFR). In fact Vietnam so far has not had a single death to the virus. Italy had a high CFR of 14% at one time and now UK has come up with this rate as well; India has a mixed bag and now CFR are levelled off at around 3% whereas USA and the Americas - Brazil and other south American countries have very high case loads and CFR. Why South East Asia and South Asia have low CFR - diet, life style and genetic immunity since they often face local epidemic such as Dengue etc. Caucasians seem to have low resistance whereas Asians and to some extent Africans have high immunity. Good topic for future research in Public health. One thing is for sure, this virus has unified humanity without prejudice - rich or poor; educated or illiterate; black, white or yellow; urban or rural; all have become equally untouchable!

Stay safe, move safe, read safe!

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Subramanian', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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