

Editorial

The SARS-CoV-2, when first originated in Wuhan, China, little did humanity know that the virus would bring the civilized world to its knees. But now, nearly 6 months after it was discovered, the COVID-19 pandemic has spread to 212 countries claiming nearly 350,000 lives and devastating countless others.

The most powerful human brain, regarded as the wonderful gift of the Almighty seems to be clueless in front of this tiniest microorganism. The humanity, confronted with its preposterous morbidity and mortality is (re)learning both the cost and the necessity of peaceful cohabitation with the nature. The therapeutic and preventive armamentarium that countries have been developing, refining and perfecting has proven wanting in the face of this novel virus. And yet, we persist. Even as we stay in our homes, afraid and suspicious of this invisible enemy, countless healthcare workers have dedicated their lives in combating the disease and protecting those afflicted by it. Many other unsung essential workers also continue to put their lives on the line so that the rest of us can continue to retain some semblance of normalcy. In this, the virus has laid bare a stark paradox of modern life: the people whose work matters the most, often are recognized and rewarded the least.

This edition of the Asian Journal of Medicine and Health Sciences (AJMHS) is therefore dedicated to the selfless and tireless work of those frontline COVID-19 warriors, as a small token of gratitude.

This edition's first review article is extremely timely, with a deep exploration of human behaviour in times of a global crisis like COVID-19. Another article draws a correlation between personality and depression. Not only is this a commonly

observed phenomenon among medical students at different stages of their careers, but assumes enormous importance in the middle of the pandemic – as people continue to struggle with mental health conditions and the lack of access to therapeutic services.

The other manuscripts decorating this issue of AJMHS are: a review article focusing on the genetic and environmental aspects of a life threatening disease like Hemophilia and another one depicting the tradition and process of artistic modification and beautification of human body; a section of original articles exemplifying the creative minds of our young student researchers with a touch of refinedness by their supervisors; a brief communication; and few interesting case reports.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to all the authors for contributing their research and the reviewers for spending their valuable time in reviewing the manuscripts despite such trying times. I have my deep appreciation for the associate editor Dr Vignesh for his help in editing and formatting the articles and Mr. Ekhwan Ahmadi for uploading the articles to the website.

This time we have included some objective type questions to create interest among the readers. The questions can be attempted through the link provided at the end of the journal and also by scanning the QR code. The names, affiliations and email IDs of the participants with first 10 correct entries will be published in the next issue of the journal.

I thank AP Dr. FS Malhi for this novel idea. We hope that as you read this, you and your loved ones are safe and are practicing necessary hygiene and social distancing.

Thank you.

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