

LETTER TO EDITOR THE JOURNAL OF SUSTAINABILITY SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT RESPONDS TO CORONAVIRUS SARS-COV-2 EMERGENCE

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Needs for Rapid Publications

The emergence of coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (now officially known as COVID-19) in Wuhan in December 2019 has caused unprecedented changes in socio-economic fabric of the whole world (Lu *et al.*, 2020; WHO, 2020). The COVID-19 disease spread at a quick pace and many of us are now under movement control order since 18 March 2020 or in completely locked down of highly susceptible areas. The COVID-19 might be a once-in-a-century pandemic (Gate, 2020) even though the impact so far less than those other recorded pandemics like Bubonic plague (1347-1351) and Spanish influenza (1918-1919) that had killed more than 40 million people (LePan, 2020). However, the impact of COVID-19 or other pandemic in future might even be worse than the Bulbonic plague and Spanish flu if we are not ready for it. This requires more systematic zoonotic studies, human genetics to preparedness, economic recovery models, and big data management system (Gate, 2020; Hunter, 2020). We can no longer work in silo and our policy makers and planners should rapidly disseminate confidential data from institutional inter-disciplinary research for making practical informed assessment on our healthcare system and environmental security.

It is timely that JSSM has now introduced a rapid peer review process for COVID-19 manuscripts which is parallel with the mission to publish scientific articles related to sustainable science i.e. an interaction between natural sciences, social science, technologies and management for sustainable development and wise use of resources and to encourage manuscripts that discuss contemporary

research that can be used directly or indirectly in addressing critical issues and sharing of advanced knowledge and best practices in sustainable development.

Rapid peer review for COVID-19 manuscripts should be applied all year round and submission must follow JSSM format and the guidelines adopted (see <https://mc04.manuscriptcentral.com/jsusm>). We believe that this rapid peer review is timely to provide the highly essential information on COVID-19 to scientific, healthcare, and environmental communities around the world.

Finally, we would like to recognise all of our front liners, doctors, nurses, the police, the army, scientists, citizens, caregivers, volunteers, administrators, managers and NGOs who have and will continue to contribute towards our healthcare system of our population and environmental health.

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