

**Editorial**

# COVID: Desist Dire Discombobulation! Nothing Novel, Several Subtle Septic Strains Shall Still Surely Surreptitiously Surface!

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There's been a lot of hubbub in the media about the emergence of new corona virus strains. I am no prophet of doom, but I predict that even more COVID virus strains will appear, including recombinant strains. To deny this is to bury one's head in the sand and ignore the accumulated knowledge of microbiologists. COVID cannot be an exception to other viral diseases that plague humanity, all which come in multiple strains. Nature is relentless and will run its course, even at the microscopic level. I also doubt that the current vaccination drive will completely get us out of the woods. I predict that in spite of vaccination COVID will not be completely eradicated this year or anytime in the near future. COVID infection rates will at best be greatly curbed, lockdowns will cease and life will return to normal for most people. Thereafter COVID will come and go with varying intensities every year or every other year or every five years etc. There is but one feather in vaccination's cap-smallpox. And there are those that argue that smallpox, after thousands of years, had run its course and was already on its way out [1-5] (Table 1).

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**Table 1:** Few viral infectious diseases affecting humans and the number of attendant strains.

Malady	Number of Causative Virus Strains
Common Cold	200
Chickenpox	22
Hanta Fever	20
AIDS	60
Yellow Fever	53
Ebola	5
Dengue Fever	4
Hepatitis	5
Herpes	8
Rubella	4
Influenza	4
Mumps	4
Polio	3

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