SARS-CoV-2 and King Kong: A Similar Story

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Letter to Editor

King Kong is a 2005 epic monster adventure movie co-authored, produced and directed by Peter Jackson. A second edition of the 1933 movie of the same title, movie stars Naomi Watts, Jack Black, Adrien Brody. Set in 1933, the movie follows the story of an ambitious director forcing his crew to travel to the mysterious Skull Island. There, they encounter prehistoric creatures living on the island as well as a legendary giant gorilla known as Kong, who they pick up and take to New York City. In that city, this giant Guillaume was shown on the stage as a new legend without taking the precautions and caution as a result of this, that King Kong had escaped handcuffs and attacked the attendees at the theater. After he went out to New York, and during his movement, he appeared with great devastation and terror spread among the inhabitants until he ascended to the top of a high-rise building without knowing the reason. After that, the government forces sent the planes to his death and took control of him [1].

When I watched this movie, I realized that the severe acute respiratory syndrome virus (SARS-CoV-2) virus, which was developed in Wuhan laboratories in China, had gone out of their control and started to spread to the neighboring areas of the laboratory. Government authorities have kept a secret about the issue, and the virus appeared to spread until it was officially announced in September 2019 and it was initially called Wuhan pneumonia. The infection worsened and began to spread in a big way, at which time the world realized that they are far from this epidemic and that China is the only infected country [2].

Health authorities in China harried to take preventive measures and domestic isolation, and succeeded in controlling the epidemic that affected more than eighty thousand people. In the meantime, the virus began to spread to several devastated countries and began to expand until Europe and especially Italy; the SARS-CoV-2 found the appropriate place to spread. Events accelerated until it hit more than one hundred and eighty countries, and suddenly, it began to spread in a remarkable way in the United States of America [3].

During which the world realized that they were facing a very dangerous epidemic and attack and became amazed by this virus, which disrupted their businesses and their economy. Medical committees and research institutions rushed to obtain a vaccine or treatment for this epidemic and were crowned with failure. Researchers and doctors began several attempts to try several medications that had previously been used in the treatment of SARS-Co-V such as chloroquine, azithromycin, remdesivir and others, and they even pressed on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to confirm chloroquine as a treatment for this epidemic, and it was already approved in March 2020. Later on, FDA withdraws this approval after extensive researches that documented the failure of this drug in the management of this disease [4].

The social media platforms spread terror among the people in an amazing way, and they became the fear of fear that controls people more than the disease itself. During this time, groups of doctors and some knowledgeable in the field of medicine, as well as intruders, prescribe some medicines for the purpose of prevention and treatment of this epidemic, such as chloroquine as a preventative treatment and all people should take it for this epidemic [5]. But recent studies by Myron and Cohen have confirmed this drug has no effectiveness in preventing the disease and may cause serious side effects [6].

During this epidemic, research is still ongoing with the aim of obtaining a beneficial vaccine, but to no avail, until it has become a nightmare to haunt humans. There are no urgent solutions, no promises close to humanity that promises to be saved from this epidemic. With that, people are afraid of this epidemic, watching for it effect and death at any moment, as people when they watched King Kong.

Despite that epidemic, it affected more than six million people in the world as of April 1, 2020. What happened and happens similar to the attempts to control King Kong at first, but this hidden enemy, despite its spread in most parts of the world, did not infect nearby regions in China, such as Beijing and the commercial capital, Shanghai, how, why, and what reason we do not know yet.

Did you know the similarities between SARS-CoV-2 and King Kong, and do we eradicate this virus in a brutal way that destroys the human body through the use of drugs that do more harm than good in this field as we got rid of King Kong?

That is why we, as researchers and doctors, rush to obtain a successful drug that saves us from the epidemic without adversely affecting the health of humans, relying on the saying of the German
writer Nietzsche (when you fight Ghoula, remember that you will not be Ghoula).

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