



## Letter to the Editor

# Cancerous Patient with COVID-19: Note on Data from the first 3-Month Period of Disease

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Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is an important pandemic. From its origin in Republic of China,<sup>1</sup> this disease already affects more than 200 countries around the world. The infection can occur in any sex and age group. Malignancy is a possible comorbidity of COVID-19. There are few reported cases of COVID-19 in clinical oncology.<sup>2</sup> Here, the authors would like to share public data reported by local Center for Disease Control and Prevention of the second country where this disease occurred since January 2020.<sup>3</sup> During the 3-month period (January 2020–March 2020), there were 1,651 cases of COVID-19 with 10 deaths. There is a patient with underlying cancer, giving the incidence rate equal to 0.06%. This indexed case is a 48-year-old male patient who works as a singer in a local food shop. He is a known case of colon cancer who had just received surgery and chemotherapy for a few months (the complete chemotherapy was 3 months before). The patient died from respiratory failure on day 5 of hospitalization for antiviral therapy and isolated respiratory care. This is the first data of cancerous patient with COVID-19 from Indochina, an area with a heavy outbreak of COVID-19. According to the reports from Republic of China, malignancy might be associated with poor outcome in COVID-19.<sup>4</sup> Nevertheless, no conclusion should be presently drawn in out setting since it is only one event. It might only imply possibility for poor outcome in case with underlying malignancy.

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