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Greetings from your Editor!

COVID-19 has affected the practice of nuclear medicine practice significantly not only locally but globally. This pandemic has imposed significant challenges on our local health-care systems leading to reduced services for both in-patient and outpatient for all diseases. Stringent infection prevention and control measures become standard and common in all health institutions. COVID-19 indeed truly changed the way we do things in relation to constraints in the organization, clinical, imaging and research activities in nuclear medicine. This has affected our clinical practice and our interaction with patients and colleagues.

Despite all these, research activities should adhere to the notion of “the show must go on” as a semblance of return to normalcy and continuity of healthcare services to our patients. We believe that research activities in nuclear medicine should not end due to the COVID pandemic. In fact, many studies have already been published to determine and assess extent of pandemic impact to our practice. Worldwide, research agenda have been focused on novel technologies, newer radiopharmaceuticals, and revised methods of imaging paving for exciting and better future in our clinical practice.

As such, it is our responsibility not only to protect and promote the continuity of our innovative scholarly efforts but also do our part to encourage and support the return to normalcy. As a professional society journal, our main goals for the coming years is to encourage more contributions from the nuclear medicine community and to disseminate our findings to the world. We would like to thank our authors, contributors, editors and anonymous reviewers, and readers all of whom have volunteered to contribute to the success of the journal. We are publishing our journal twice a year with a particular emphasis on quality, safety and better outcomes of research.

Thank you very much!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vincent Peter C. Magboo', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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