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Dengue vs COVID-19: The researchers believe that the findings have significant implications for public health planning, especially in dengue-endemic regions. (Image Credits: Pixabay)

Long-term health risks dengue, COVID-19: A new study has revealed that people who have recovered from dengue are at higher risk of experiencing long-term health complications than those who recovered from COVID-19.

The study conducted by the researchers of NTU Singapore individuals who had recovered from dengue faced a 55% higher risk of developing heart-related issues, such as irregular heartbeats, heart disease, and blood clots, than those who had contracted COVID-19.

The findings of the study were published in the Journal of Travel Medicine. The researchers believe that the findings have significant implications for public health planning, especially in dengue-endemic regions.

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The study analyzed the medical records and health tests of 11,707 residents i Singapore who contracted dengue between July 2021 and October 2022. Th was compared to 1,248,326 residents infected with COVID-19 during the sam period, primarily with the Delta and Omicron variants.

According to a report by The Independent, the researchers capitalized on th co-circulation of both viruses during this time to conduct the first study of it kind, examining long-term complications following dengue and comparing the outcomes to those of COVID-19 patients.

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This extensive research was a collaboration between NTU's Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine (LKCMedicine), the Ministry of Health, Singapore General Hospital, the National Centre for Infectious Diseases, and the National Environment Agency.

Lead author of the study, Assistant Professor Lim Jue Tao from LKCMedicine, emphasized the importance of this research, particularly as dengue cases continue to rise globally due to climate change.

"Dengue is one of the most common vector-borne diseases worldwide. The long-term health complications associated with it not only increase the burden on the individual but also on the healthcare system as a whole. We decided to compare the data against COVID-19 patients because our previous work indicated similar long-term risks. This study highlights the urgent need for enhanced preventive measures against dengue," he said.

The findings suggest that while dengue and COVID-19 pose long-term health risks, dengue survivors may face a more significant burden, especially concerning heart health.