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Interestingly, disease in patients

outside Hubei province has been

reported to be milder than those from

Wuhan [17]. Similarly, the severity and

case fatality rate in patients outside

China has been reported to be milder

[6]. This may either be due to selection

bias wherein the cases reporting from

Wuhan included only the severe cases

or due to predisposition of the Asian

population to the virus due to higher

expression of ACE, receptors on the

respiratory mucosa [11].

Disease in neonates, infants and

children has been also reported to be

significantly milder than their adult

counterparts. In a series of 34 children

admitted to a hospital in Shenzhen,

China between January 19th and

February 7th, there were 14 males and

20 females. The median age was 8 y 11

mo and in 28 children the infection

was linked to a family member and 26