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Background

Our members mostly come from Singapore, where an outbreak of the dengue virus is currently happening concurrent to the COVID-19 situation.

Local news articles predict that this outbreak would be the most significant in recent years because:

- 1) More people being around potential mosquito breeding sites due to lockdown measures
- 2) The serotype of dengue is dominating this outbreak has low community immunity
- 3) An increasing temperature as "dengue season" from June to October comes

Our investigation is whether a relationship between the dengue outbreak and lockdown measures due to COVID-19 exist.

Tests and Results

Conflicting results of 2 regression tests between temperature and no. of cases in different years

Results of 2 regression tests between rainfall and no. of cases in different years, showing no correlation

The dengue virus has four serotypes; a serotype maintaining dominance over many years has the community gaining herd immunity to it. From year to year, changes in the dominant serotype are common. We wanted to test to see if there was a correlation between the current outbreak and outbreaks in other years.

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Pearson's Chi-squared test

data: data6
X-squared = 63.388, df = 9, p-value = 2.967e-10
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Result of test in 2013 where the dominant serotype changed after a long period of time

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Pearson's Chi-squared test

data: data7
X-squared = 35.498, df = 9, p-value = 4.866e-05
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Pearson's Chi-squared test

data: data8
X-squared = 122.16, df = 9, p-value < 2.2e-16
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Result of tests in 2015 & 2019 where there was no extended period of time in which one serotype was dominant

Conclusion

We were unable to draw any useful results due to our tests being inconclusive