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# **Outbreak of a Novel Coronavirus: A Global Health Threat**

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## **Message from the Collection Editor**

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) emerged in Wuhan in December 2019 and has become an ongoing epidemic in China. The outbreak is spreading rapidly. Currently, the priority is to contain the spreading of the virus and help patients to recover. Meanwhile, it is urgent to understand how the virus is transmitted between people, what factors lead to the outbreak, what are patterns and future trends of outbreak, and what are efficient ways to curb the outbreak and treat patients?

This Special Issue solicits papers that help to understand the outbreak of a novel coronavirus from global health perspectives. Papers closely related to the topics below are particularly welcome: Epidemiological characteristics of the outbreak of a novel coronavirus; Environmental fate and transmission pathway of a novel coronavirus; Pattern recognition and prediction of the outbreak using data analytics; Experience and insight in preventing and curbing the outbreak; Global health influence of the outbreak of a novel coronavirus.









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