

SYNOPSIS

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Review of “Importation and human-to-human transmission of a novel coronavirus in Vietnam”

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One-minute summary

- This correspondence reports on **two cases of 2019-novel coronavirus among a family of three**. The father (65-years of age) and mother live in Wuhan and their son (27-years of age) lives in Vietnam. The mother and father travelled to Vietnam, and from the day of their arrival to three days later the son shared the same hotel room with his parents.
- The father became symptomatic four days after leaving Wuhan, suggesting **an incubation period of at least four days**.
- The son subsequently became symptomatic three days after being exposed to the father, **suggesting an incubation period of three days or less**.
- **The mother remained healthy** on January 28, 2020, six days after the father and son presented to hospital.

Additional information

- The father reported **no exposure to a wet market** in Wuhan.
- Sequencing of the strains from the father and son was not performed.
- At total of 28 close contacts were identified and all remained asymptomatic.
- The father presented to hospital with low-grade fever and fatigue; he had an upper lobe pneumonia on chest-X ray. The son’s symptoms included fever, dry cough and one episode of vomiting and loose stools. His chest X-ray was normal.

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