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Coronavirus is a disease caused by a virus that attacks a human's lung and leads to adverse effects such as death. Its scientific name is SARS-CoV-2, and it originated from Wuhan China. The Chinese authority reported the outbreak of coronavirus on December 31st, 2019, which had infected more than a thousand Chinese individuals in Wuhan (ScienceDaily, 2020). In February 2020, about 167400 coronavirus cases were documented; however, many other cases were not diagnosed then. During that duration, the virus caused the death of more than 6600 individuals.

The origin of the virus is believed to come from an animal such as the ferrets which had a non-pathogenic form of the virus that jumped into humans. As a result, the virus grew into its current pathogenic state in human beings leading to it spreading all over the world. Hence, the virus spread all over the world, which led to many people infected and many deaths. Up to now, the virus has affected millions of people from different countries, leading to an emergency lockdown to prevent more people from being infected (ScienceDaily, 2020).

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