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About the Cover

The current global outbreak of influenza A (H1N1) in humans appears to have originated in Mexico from infected pigs. The cover portrait is of "Patient Zero" from La Gloria, Veracruz, who is now well. Fraser *et al.* (page 1557) report on an initial epidemiological analysis and offer baseline estimates for transmissibility while acknowledging the prevailing uncertainties at this early stage of the epidemic. Photo: Erich Schlegel/Rapport/Newscom