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