

What was behind the first recognition and characterization of autochthonous SARS-CoV-2 transmission in Italy: who opened Pandora's Box in Europe?

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Abstract

An Italian male with no link to China SARS-CoV-2 epidemic presented at Emergency Room with severe respiratory impairment. The RT-PCR on 20th February, 2020, nasopharyngeal swab revealed SARS-CoV-2 infection, confirmed with viral culture and sequencing. This was the first identified autochthonous SARS-CoV-2 transmission in Italy, that unveiled global pathogen diffusion.

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