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Title: A Year of Terror and a Century of Reflection: Perspectives on the Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918-1919

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This article summarizes a history of influenza pandemics and recent advances in our knowledge of the 1918 "spanish" influenza pandemic. This review is timely, given we have now entered the 100th year following the 1918 pandemic. The information is relevant and outlines important considerations for future pandemic preparedness. Overall, I really enjoyed reading this review and I would recommend it for publication in BMC Infectious Diseases.

I have only one substantive comment, in that the burden figures outlined in the introduction would now be considered outdated. The authors may wish to include reference to more recent global figures published by Iuliano and colleagues on 2017 (https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(17)33293-2/fulltext).

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