

"We had to find a name that did not refer to a geographical location, an animal, an individual or group of people, and which is also pronounceable and related to the disease," the WHO chief said.

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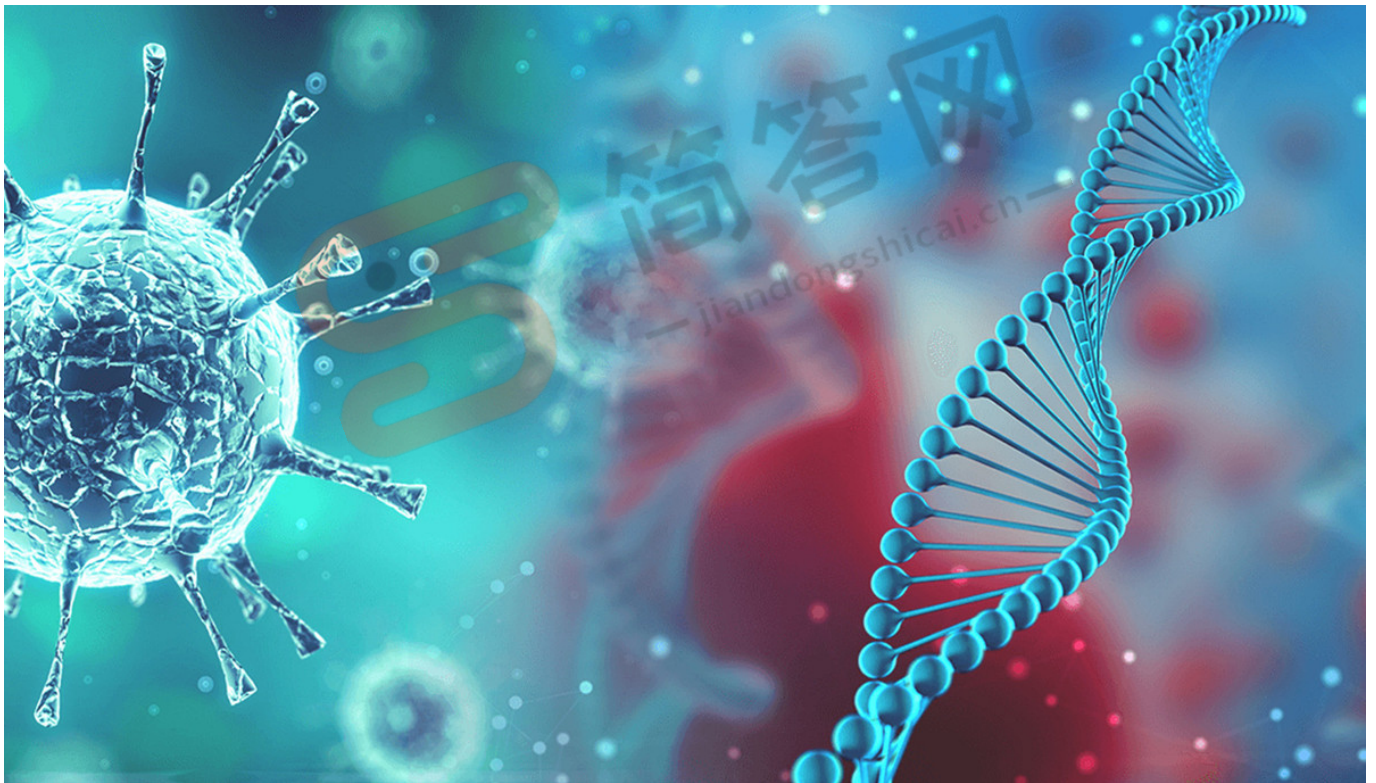
"Having a name matters to prevent the use of other names that can be inaccurate or stigmatizing. It also gives us a standard format to use for any future coronavirus outbreaks."

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The virus itself has been designated SARS-CoV-2 by the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses.

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"The naming of a new virus is often quite delayed and the focus until now has been on the public health response, which is understandable."

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"But there are reasons the naming should be a priority."

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? "The name it has now is not easy to use and the media and the public are using other names for the virus," says Dr Watson.

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? "The danger when you don't have an official name is that people start using terms like China Virus, and that can create a backlash against certain populations."

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? With social media, unofficial names take hold quickly and are hard to take back, she says.

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The H1N1 virus in 2009 was dubbed "swine flu". This led Egypt to slaughter all of its pigs, even though it was spread by people, not pigs.

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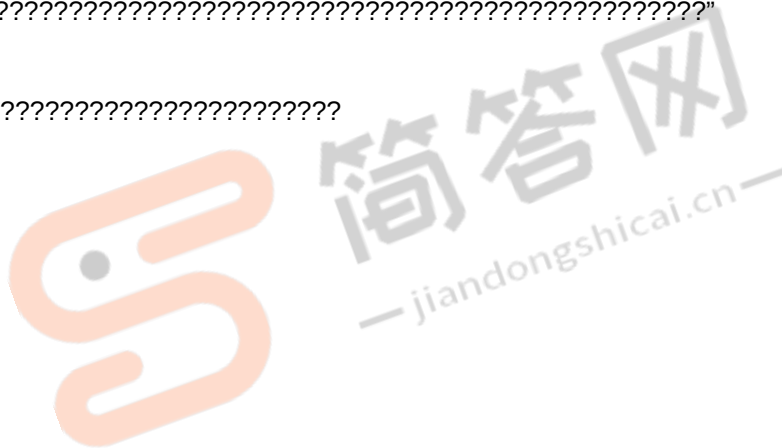
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"We've seen certain disease names provoke a backlash against members of particular religious or ethnic communities, create unjustified barriers to travel, commerce and trade, and trigger needless slaughtering of food animals."

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World Health Organization Best Practices for the Naming of New Human Infectious Diseases

May 2015

Objective

The World Health Organization (WHO), in consultation and collaboration with the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), has identified best practices for the naming of new human diseases, with the aim to minimize unnecessary negative impact of disease names on trade, travel, tourism or animal welfare, and avoid causing offence to any cultural, social, national, regional, professional or ethnic groups.

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geographical locations

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the name of an animal or a kind of food

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references to a particular culture or industry

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