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Fact File: Coronavirus Pipeline And Corporate Updates

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The coronavirus outbreak is at a tipping point, after which its development into a global pandemic may be unstoppable. Companies large and small have mobilized in the fight against the disease bringing new and repurposed treatment options into development and preparing their business for the unsteady months ahead.

As of March 4, 2020, there were more than 93,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19, the newly named disease caused by the coronavirus outbreak that originated in Wuhan, China, at the end of 2019. According to the World Health Organization, there have been more than 3,190 deaths from the virus and there are now cases recorded in 76 countries.

While more than 80,000 of the coronavirus infections are in China, substantial outbreaks have occurred in South Korea, Italy and Iran (*see exhibit 1a & 1b*).

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