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### **Cover Story**

The featured review in this issue of *Drug Discovery Today*, by Matthew J. Memoli, David M. Morens and Jeffery K. Taubenberger, discusses the threat of influenza pandemics and the need to develop new therapeutic strategies. They discuss the state of play, and limitations, with respect to current and developing antiviral therapies. Moreover, the importance of secondary bacterial infections, and the lack of novel antibiotics to treat them, in seasonal and pandemic influenza is discussed. The authors call for a multidisciplinary approach to tackle this major issue for World health.

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