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The data archive contains two CSV-format datasets taken from the Github repository of Dong et al (2020) from the Johns Hopkins University COVID-19 dashboard compiling data on COVID-19 globally (weblink: <https://github.com/CSSEGISandData/COVID-19>).

We extract the data in levels and then construct the file “data_covid19_diffs.csv” by computing the difference day-to-day. We then move the columns for South Korea, Hubei (China), and Germany to the front of the tables manually, purely for visual reasons. The data is otherwise unaltered from the raw download from the aforementioned repository.

The MATLAB file “runMe.m” then extracts the data from the CSV files and creates the figures seen in the main text (Figure 1 and Figure 2) without modifying anything.

The version of MATLAB used was R2016b.