The recent cases indicate that the MERS-CoV is circulating among the dromedary camels in Oman. More human cases may be expected if the circulation of the virus continues.

It is important that animal studies are conducted in the region specially during this period to see if the Camels or any other animals are shedding the virus. If so, surveillance needs to be strengthened to identify and recognize more cases and reinforce infection control measures in healthcare settings to limit nosocomial transmission. The other important public health measure would be to launch a country-wide communication campaign to raise the awareness of the disease and its presumptive preventive measures from which the evidence is accumulating.

The threat of MERS-CoV transcending into another public health emergency of international concern has not subsided. All efforts need to be combined to prevent this from happening.