Epidemic and Pandemic in the Prehistoric Period

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Abstract: The present paper attempts to examine the occurrences of epidemic and pandemic in the prehistoric times through use of molecular methods and archaeological evidences. The pandemic situation of the world created by SARS CoV-2 causing COVID-19 infection triggered the interest in the mind of this author to delve into the prehistoric world about the etiology of such diseases. The basic questions are whether any such pandemic or epidemic befell upon our prehistoric ancestors and if so, how did they manage to get rid of such disasters? From all accounts it appears that some diseases originated at that time still prove to be fatal or lethal for human beings.

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