1. **Title:**
   Risk Perception and Oil and Gas Markets under Pandemic: Evidence from COVID-19

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3. **Abstract:**
   The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) exposed individuals and investors to a great uncertainty about its short- and long-term health and economic ramifications, especially in the early days and weeks of the outbreak. This study documents oil and gasoline market implications of individuals' behavior upon such uncertainty by analyzing the relationship between Google search queries related to the coronavirus---information search that reflects one's level of concern (risk perception)---and the performance of oil and gasoline markets.

4. **Data description:**
   Johns Hopkins University Center for Systems Science and Engineering database
   Google Trends database
   FRED, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis database

   For this project, we construct daily data consisting of three data sets for the period between January 22, 2020 (which is the start date of the COVID-19 data set) and May 11, 2020: (i) global COVID-19 confirmed cases, (ii) COVID-19 related worldwide Google search queries, and (iii) oil and gasoline market prices.

5. **JEL codes for the project:**
   G15, I10, Q41, Q43.

6. **Key-words:**
   Coronavirus; Google Trends; Oil prices; Gasoline prices.