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Subject: RE: kudos and comment about JAMA Coronavirus article

## Margaret:

Thanks for the note. You make a valid point and I appreciate what you are saying. On that issue, I have been vocal about making sure that we do not stigmatize Chinese people here in the USA or anywhere in relationship to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Best regards,

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Dear Tony.

Wonderful articles in JAMA and NEJM. So glad you are still heading NIAID- it is comforting that there are experts of your caliber still in the room. And thrilled that the NIAID has done so much to develop rapid timelines for DNA vaccines and that you highlighted that progress in the article, since people call me the "Mother of DNA vaccines,".

As a former NIAID Council member, I felt I should write to raise an issue that I am sensitized to as a scientist who is ethnically Chinese while American:

Why in the JAMA article was it necessary to state that the first travel-related case to the US was a *Chinese* man (italics mine) who had visited Wuhan. Did his being Chinese either ethnically or by citizenship affect anything biologically?