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The Indian paper is really outlandish. Agree about Jon Cohen's nice summary.

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In case you haven't seen, attached is the Indian paper claiming HIV sequences have been inserted into 2019-nCoV, which has been roundly debunked.

I found Jon Cohen's piece in Science to be a pretty useful summary:

<https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2020/01/mining-coronavirus-genomes-clues-outbreak-s-origins>

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