

Title: Could COVID come from somewhere other than a bat..? Let's dig in! (Yes, GME led me here)

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"You're either asleep or dead; who's complaining about either of those two?" -Wiz Khalifa

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Could COVID come from somewhere other than a bat..? Let's dig in!

The questions I am going to address are:

Is there suspected foul play?

Have we been researching COVID like viruses?

Is there financial gain? Money?!

January 4th, 2021

<https://nymag.com/intelligencer/article/coronavirus-lab-escape-theory.html>

"Proposing that something unfortunate happened during a scientific experiment in Wuhan — where COVID-19 was first diagnosed and where there are three high-security virology labs, one of which held in its freezers the most comprehensive inventory of sampled bat viruses in the world — isn't a conspiracy theory. It's just a theory. It merits attention, I believe, alongside other reasoned attempts to explain the source of our current catastrophe."

So, suspected foul play – well, the UN secretary-general did warn about it months before it happened. But people have been warning about things like this for the past 20ish years. Oh, but this time an analysis was conducted and the World Bank requested it..? Interesting.

September 20, 2019

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/09/20/the-world-knows-an-apocalyptic-pandemic-is-coming/>

"A new independent

[report](http://apps.who.int/gpmb/assets/annual_report/GPMB_annualreport_2019.pdf) compiled at the request of the United Nations secretary-general warns that there is a "very real threat" of a pandemic sweeping the planet, killing up to [80

million](<https://gizmodo.com/the-world-is-grossly-unprepared-for-the-next-major-pa-1838226470>) people. A deadly pathogen, spread airborne around the world, the report says, could wipe out almost 5 percent of the global economy. And we're not ready."

“The ominous analysis was compiled by an independent panel, the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board ([GPMB](http://apps.who.int/gpmb/about.html)), which was assembled last year in response to a request from the office of the U.N. secretary-general, and convened jointly by the World Bank and World Health Organization (WHO).”

Okay, so ironic, what else do you got? Well, remember that little school called Harvard (I think Ken Griffin went there or something? ■) Well, it turns out their Chair of the Chemistry and Chemical Biology Department has been working with China (as what looks like a spy) for at least 7 years. Oh and the student that smuggled the vials gets a slap on the wrist and sent back to China (has anyone seen The Americans?!)

January 28, 2020

[<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/harvard-university-professor-and-two-chinese-nationals-charged-three-separate-china-related>](<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/harvard-university-professor-and-two-chinese-national-s-charged-three-separate-china-related>)

“The Department of Justice announced today that the Chair of Harvard University’s Chemistry and Chemical Biology Department and two Chinese nationals have been charged in connection with aiding the People’s Republic of China.”

“Zaosong Zheng, 30, a Chinese national, was arrested on Dec. 10, 2019, at Boston’s Logan International Airport and charged by criminal complaint with attempting to smuggle 21 vials of biological research to China.”

So, other than (possibly) help students smuggle vials of pathogens to China, what else? Oh, he started a lab in China and has been being paid a salary to be a scientific advisor.

<https://www.factcheck.org/2020/02/no-link-between-harvard-scientist-charles-lieber-and-coronavirus/>

“Lieber also allegedly failed to disclose large sums of money he received from the Chinese government, including more than \$1.5 million to start a lab at WUT and a salary of up to \$50,000 per month, plus living expenses for his work at WUT.”

October 14, 2020

<https://cen.acs.org/research-integrity/misconduct/Charles-Lieber-sues-Harvard-recoup/98/i40>

“Lieber’s complaint states that his defense is complex, with allegations that go back at least 7 years, witnesses in China, and thousands of pages of documents, many of which may require Mandarin-to-English translation. “

January 6, 2021

<https://apnews.com/article/cancer-boston-smuggling-coronavirus-pandemic-china-89827af1e8d5f517d8cbc825b828c674>

"Zaosong Zheng, 31, who was locked up for nearly three months after his December 2019 arrest, was sentenced to time served during a hearing held via videoconference due to the coronavirus pandemic. He has been ordered to leave the U.S. and is scheduled to board a flight to China on Wednesday, his lawyers said. "

January 15, 2021

<https://ge.usembassy.gov/fact-sheet-activity-at-the-wuhan-institute-of-virology/>

"For more than a year, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has systematically prevented a transparent and thorough investigation of the COVID-19 pandemic's origin, choosing instead to devote enormous resources to deceit and disinformation. "

Okay, okay, this is starting to sound bat \$hit...but have we even been researching COVID like virus? Do they actually come from bats? Well, yes and no. They are found in bats, but it does not look like this one came from the animal market. And who told us it came from bats? Oh, one of the labs in question? Of course.

April 17, 2020

<https://medicalxpress.com/news/2020-04-wuhan-lab-core-virus-controversy.html>

"But a study by a group of Chinese scientists published in *The Lancet* in January revealed that the first COVID-19 patient had no connection to Wuhan's infamous animal market, and neither did 13 of the first 41 confirmed cases."

"Institute researcher Shi Zhengli, one of China's leading experts on bat coronaviruses and the deputy director of the P4 lab, was part of the team that published the first study to suggest that SARS-CoV-2 came from bats."

"In an interview with Scientific American, Shi said the SARS-CoV-2 genome sequence did not match any of the bat coronaviruses her laboratory had previously collected and studied."

"Filippa Lentzos, biosecurity researcher at King's College London, said while there is currently no proof for the lab accident theory, there is also "no real evidence" that the virus came from the wet market."

"For me, the pandemic origin is still an open question," Lentzos told AFP."

"The 300-million-yuan (\$42 million) lab was completed in 2015, and finally opened in 2018, with the founder of a French bioindustrial firm, Alain Merieux, acting as a consultant in its construction."

July 31, 2020

<https://science.sciencemag.org/content/369/6503/487>

"Shi stressed that over the past 15 years, her lab has isolated and grown in culture only three bat coronaviruses related to one that infected humans: the agent that causes severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), which erupted in 2003. The more than 2000 other bat coronaviruses the lab has detected, including one that is 96.2% identical to SARS-CoV-2, are simply genetic sequences that her team has extracted from fecal samples and oral and anal swabs of the animals."

Okay, so as if that was not enough, these places are pretty secure, right? I mean they are dealing with the most dangerous pathogens in the world?

Eh, apparently they can improve.. China is known for their quality building standards, right..?

October 29, 2019

<https://www.insider.com/laboratory-on-a-german-island-is-experimenting-with-deadly-viruses-2019-10>

"In 2007, a foot-and-mouth virus from The Pirbright Institute for Animal Health in Surrey, England [infected the animals on a neighboring farm through a leaky drainpipe.](<https://www.newscientist.com/article/dn12615-faulty-pipe-blamed-for-uk-foot-and-mouth-outbreak/>)"

But what about the money. You said there was money – yes. So, remember that Alain Merieux name earlier? He oversaw the construction of that particular lab in Wuhan? Well it turns out he is one of the top few hundred (300ish?) people listed on Forbes. Where did he go to school? OH Harvard Business school. Funny. Well, it's not like he could financially gain from COVID right? Oh wait..he has companies that develop vaccines and have revenues growing 10 percent year over year?

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alain_M%C3%A9rieux](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alain_M%C3%A9rieux)

"Alain Merieux has also been involved in political activities in France, where he was first vice-president of the board of the Rhone-Alpes region from 1986 until 1998, where he was in charge of foreign relations, economic development, research and secondary education."

<https://www.forbes.com/profile/alain-merieux/?sh=4f0181a91089>

"The firm's other publicly-traded subsidiary, Transgene, develops vaccines to combat infectious diseases and cancers."

April 27, 2021

[https://www.360dx.com/business-news/biomerieux-reports-10-percent-q1-revenue-growth-lowers-full-year-guidance#.YJ2NFi_3afA](https://www.360dx.com/business-news/biomerieux-reports-10-percent-q1-revenue-growth-lowers-full-year-guidance#.YJ2NFi_3afA)

"BioMérieux said on Tuesday that its first quarter 2021 revenues grew approximately 10 percent year over year. The firm also lowered its full-year sales guidance due to uncertainties in the business environment."

tl;dr - As MythBusters would say – **Plausible.**

PS - if you think there is anything to this, please share a link to this post. Since Reddit is heavily censored by bots, it is difficult to get these ideas out there!

Edit 1: <https://youtu.be/1ihqjL2eMQ?t=718>

Interesting perspective on how the first class could use pathogens as "tool" against widespread civil unrest.

Edit 2: IT GETS BETTER! Oh do I love when it gets better! So, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation donated to the development of new vaccines for Poliovirus, which it turns out can have a beneficial effect on other viruses, such as COVID. This donation was between October 1, 2018 and September 30, 2019!

"Both polio and coronavirus are positive-strand RNA viruses"

<https://archive.ph/AtdAW>

<https://www.cdc.gov/partners/pdf/Fiscal-Year-2019-Gifts-to-CDC.pdf>

<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04445428>

Edit 3: "It cannot yet be stated that Dr. Shi did or did not generate SARS2 in her lab because her records have been sealed, but it seems she was certainly on the right track to have done so. "It is clear that the Wuhan Institute of Virology was systematically constructing novel chimeric coronaviruses and was assessing their ability to infect human cells and human-ACE2-expressing mice," says Richard H. Ebright, a molecular biologist at Rutgers University and leading expert on biosafety."

<https://nicholaswade.medium.com/origin-of-covid-following-the-clues-6f03564c038>

Edit 4: Senators have requested more information on NIH funding surrounding COVID! Due June 3, 2021.

<https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/2021/5/sens-johnson-paul-lankford-scott-cotton-marshall-and-rep-gallagher-request-information-on-national-institutes-of-health-s-funding-of-gain-of-function-research>

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