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Supplementary Materials for

Dissecting the early COVID-19 cases in Wuhan

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Correction: The Perspective text and supplementary materials were corrected to more accurately reflect the evidence suggesting that the 41-year-old male accountant became ill with COVID-19 on 16 December, rather than 8 December.

Figure S1



Figure S1. A timeline of key events in the early days of the pandemic. This includes the 19 early cases of COVID-19 at Hubei Provincial Hospital of Integrated Chinese and Western Medicine, Wuhan Central Hospital and Zhongnan Hospital in Wuhan, China, which are discussed in the main text. Regarding the 62-year-old Cluster 1 couple at Hubei Provincial Hospital of Integrated Chinese and Western Medicine on 26 December: It is clear the husband was the source of the earliest lineage A virus genome because references S2 and S3 confirm that: (1) the virus was collected from a patient with symptom onset on 26 December; (2) there were four cases with 26 December onset linked to any market; (3) two of the four were linked to Huanan Market, leaving two linked to other markets; (4) those two are the 62-year-old husband of Cluster 1 and the 70-year-old Spouse 1 of Cluster 6; (5) the Cluster 6 patients were only clinically diagnosed and could not therefore have been the source of any viral genome sequences; (6) the Cluster 1 patients were confirmed by sequencing, and therefore must have been the source of the viral genome; and (7) the husband was the Cluster 1 spouse with symptom onset of December 26 (whereas the wife's onset was 15 December). Regarding the 41-year-old man from Jiangxia District said in the WHO-China report (S2, S3) to have had a COVID-19 symptom onset on 8 December: when talking about COVID-19, the patient makes clear in his own voice that his fever, tightness of chest, and difficulty breath started on or after 16 December (S4). His medical record from Wuhan Central Hospital, where he was transferred on 27 December from Jiangxia People's Hospital, where he was admitted on 22 December, states that he had had a fever for ten days as of 27 December, further corroborating a ~16 December onset (S4). And a peer reviewed scientific article describing this case states his symptom onset as 16 December (S8). Abbreviations—CDC: center for disease control and prevention; HPHICWM: Hubei Provincial Hospital of Integrated Chinese and Western Medicine; ICU: intensive care unit; MoH: Ministry of Health; NHC: National Health Commission; SARSr-CoV: severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus; VM: Vision Medicals; WCH: Wuhan Central Hospital; WHC: Wuhan Municipal Health Commission; WHO: World Health Organization; YO: year-old.

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