

WHO Investigators to Scrap Plans for Interim Report on Probe of Covid-19 Origins

U.S.-China tensions rise over investigation as group of scientists presses for fresh inquiry, including into lab escape theory

The New York Times

Some Scientists Question W.H.O. Inquiry Into the Coronavirus Pandemic's Origins

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**Call for a Full and Unrestricted
International Forensic Investigation into the
Origins of COVID-19**

March 4, 2021

1. Introduction

Finding the origins of SARS-CoV-2 is critically important to both better addressing the current pandemic and reducing the risks of future ones. Unfortunately, well over a year after the initial outbreak the origins of the pandemic remain unknown.

WSJ, Le Monde, Proceso, NYT, Le Figaro, Bloomberg, Forbes, Le Point, Ouest France, Le Parisien, La Libre Belgique, The Sun, InfoSalus, El Financiero, L'obs, Clarin, RFI, WION News, Publico, El Imparcial, HiNet, RFA, Echo, Libération, France Info, El Toro TV, MadridPress, etc.

China-WHO joint report

30 March 2021

“The joint team’s assessment of likelihood of each possible pathway was as follows:

- direct zoonotic spillover is considered to be a **possible-to-likely** pathway;
- introduction through an intermediate host is considered to be a **likely to very likely** pathway;
- introduction through cold/ food chain products is considered a **possible** pathway;
- introduction through a laboratory incident was considered to be an **extremely unlikely** pathway.”

WHO-convened Global Study of Origins of SARS-CoV-2:
China Part

Joint WHO-China Study
14 January-10 February 2021

Joint Report

123 pages

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Joint Report - ANNEXES

193 pages

<https://www.who.int/news/item/30-03-2021-who-calls-for-further-studies-data-on-origin-of-sars-cov-2-virus-reiterates-that-all-hypotheses-remain-open>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/context/who-report-on-covid-19/adfecdd0-a81d-4f87-903a-83902544ee81/>

<https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/who-convened-global-study-of-origins-of-sars-cov-2-china-part-annexes.pdf>

Calls for Further Inquiries Into Coronavirus Origins

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CALL FOR A FULL INVESTIGATION INTO THE ORIGINS OF COVID-19

Understanding how the SARS-CoV-2 virus emerged and spread to humans is an essential foundation for prioritizing future pandemic prevention and response strategies. Yet well over a year after the initial outbreak, no robust process for examining the origins of the pandemic has been established and critical records and biological samples that could provide essential insights into pandemic origins remain inaccessible. These shortcomings pose a significant threat to everyone and future generations.

As scientists, social scientists, and science communicators, including signatories of the March 4, 2021 [open letter](#) on COVID-19 origins, we believe there is a better way forward.

« L'origine du Covid-19 est un souci majeur de santé mondiale »

Dans un texte publié par « Le Point », des scientifiques appellent à une vraie enquête sur la source du coronavirus. Entretien avec l'un de ses signataires.

Le Point, 13 April 2021

Supplement:

Some issues regarding [Annex D7](#) (entitled 'Wuhan Institute of Virology') of the 'WHO-convened Global Study of Origins of SARS-CoV-2: China part'

- **Incorrect Statement:** In Annex D7 Prof. Shi Zhengli states that the '*miners had been to the cave 2 - 3 times*' in relation to the Mojiang mine deaths in 2012. Actually the miners developed symptoms after working [8 to 14 days in the mine](#) for around [7 hours a day](#).
- **Disputed Statement:** In Annex D7 the 'WIV experts' are cited as saying that the Mojiang miners' deaths were '*more likely explained by fungal infections*'. The fungal infection

WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

“As far as WHO is concerned, **all hypotheses remain on the table.** This report is a very important beginning, but it is not the end. We have not yet found the source of the virus, and we must continue to follow the science and leave no stone unturned as we do.”





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Rather than welcome our open letter calling for a full [#COVID19](#) origin investigation, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman [@zlj517](#) attacked me personally & said [#China](#) a model of "openness & transparency." If so, I invite him to answer these 10 questions.



10 Questions for Zhao Lijian | Jamie Metzl

On April 7, 2021, a community of scientists and other experts released an open letter, which I co-organized, calling for a full and ...

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