

Third letter addressed to the WHO

Open Letter to the World Health Organization and the Members of its Executive Board

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Understanding the origins of the pandemic is essential to addressing our vulnerabilities and preventing future crises. Unfortunately, as outlined in previous open letters released on [March 4](#) and [April 7](#), structural, procedural, and analytical shortcomings of the WHO-convened joint study into COVID-19 origins have created unnecessary barriers to this understanding.

Origines du SARS-CoV-2 : des scientifiques enjoignent à l'OMS d'éclaircir les zones d'ombre

Dans une lettre adressée au directeur général de l'Organisation mondiale de la santé, une trentaine de scientifiques de renom demandent une enquête indépendante sur une série de questions précises, à ce jour sans réponse.

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Investigate the origins of COVID-19

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As scientists with relevant expertise, we agree with the WHO director-general (5), the United States and 13 other countries (6), and the European Union (7) that greater clarity about the origins of this pandemic is necessary and feasible to achieve. We must take hypotheses about both natural and laboratory spillovers seriously until we have sufficient data. A proper investigation should be transparent, objective, data-driven, inclusive of broad expertise, subject to independent oversight,