

I would like everyone debating <u>#OriginOfCovid</u> to read this 2006 article by none other than the Wuhan SARS-like virus researcher, Shi Zhengli & US collaborator, Peter Daszak detailing key evidence quickly found for a natural origin of the 2003 SARS virus.

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Most of the key evidence for a natural origin of the 2003 SARS outbreak are missing for the 2019 Covid-19 outbreak.

The scientists, experts in virology and infectious diseases, described 7 types of evidence pointing to a natural origin of the 2003 SARS virus.

(1) The 2003 SARS virus had no genetic relation to any known human coronavirus. It took another decade before scientists found a ~97% match.

In contrast, the \sim 97% match to the 2019 pandemic virus had been under study at the Wuhan Institute of Virology prior to the outbreak.

We also know that the Wuhan Institute of Virology team had been sampling 10,000s of bats, animals in the wildlife trade, and even sick people associated with the wildlife trade or living near bat caves across not only Southern China but Southeast Asia (including Laos).

(2 and 3) No seroprevalence to the 2003 SARS or related viruses in the general public except for market traders, especially those who sold animals that could act as intermediate hosts for the SARS virus.

Such a study and evidence is missing for the Covid-19 virus.

(4) Early cases in the 2003 SARS outbreak commonly reported being near a market and almost half had probably animal contact.

There was a cluster of 2019 Covid cases at a market but no reports of early cases having handled animals that could spread the virus.

(5-7) The 2003 SARS virus from human cases could be divided into 3 phases: early, middle, late. The early phase human isolates were most like the viruses from market animals.

2019 covid virus: no infected market animals reported. Virus ready to cause human pandemic from day 1.

It is these startling differences between the 2003 SARS outbreak and the Covid-19 outbreak that compel reasonable investigators to consider that the 2019 pandemic might have started from a lab accident.

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