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Wuhan Lab Worker's Wife Died After COVID-like Flu in December 2019.

The Trump administration official who ran the probe into the origin of the China Virus has provided more evidence that the Asiatic pathogen sprung from a lab at the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

Former State Department man [David Asher](#) [told](#) the *Daily Caller* that a lab worker's wife died of a mysterious flu in December 2019. The symptoms resembled those of the China virus.

The revelation is another blow to the theory — eagerly spread by leftist science deniers — that the virus originated naturally. Last year, China claimed that the bug came from the filthy wet markets of Wuhan. Those repulsive emporia sell exotic animals, including bats that carry the coronavirus, for human consumption.



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BREAKING: The leader of a State Dept. investigation into covid-19's origins under the Trump administration told us that the wife of a Wuhan lab researcher working on coronaviruses died of what appeared to be COVID-19 in December 2019.

via [@elliebartow](#) <https://t.co/Zki957S7Qx>

— Daily Caller (@DailyCaller) [May 28, 2021](#)

New Report

The latest disclosure in the *Daily Caller* doesn't provide much detail, and only said that Asher had disclosed the heretofore unknown fatality.

"The wife of a Wuhan lab researcher working on coronaviruses died of what appeared to be COVID-19 in December 2019, the leader of a State Department investigation under the Trump administration told the Daily Caller News Foundation," the [website reported](#):

It would have been an early clue that the virus could be transmitted among humans, yet Chinese authorities said that the virus was not transmissible for at least a month after they knew it was, allowing it to spread, according to David Asher, who led an investigation on COVID-19's origins and served in the State Department under Democrat and Republican presidents.

China reported in mid-January that the virus was transmissible among humans.



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An individual who worked at the Wuhan Institute of Virology at the time provided the information on the lab researcher's wife dying, according to Asher.

Speaking on Fox News, [K.T. McFarland](#), a former deputy national security adviser, said the news isn't all that surprising.

But "what surprised me is how so many people in the United States and the media, National Institutes of Health, the Democrats in Congress, how they always took China's side" she said:

China has covered this up from the very beginning.

China had three reasons to cover it up. One, they didn't want the world to know what they were doing in that lab and particularly because they had a military presence in that lab. No. 2, they didn't want the world to think that they were incompetent. Because how'd it get out of the lab.

If the virus is manmade and escaped from a lab, McFarland added, then flu victims could sue China if it waives sovereign immunity.

Lab Origin

Evidence that the virus came from the lab surfaced last year [in a report](#) from Fox's Bret Baier. Fox's John Roberts tweeted likewise:

A Senior Intelligence Source tells me there is agreement among most of the 17 Intelligence agencies that COVID-19 originated in the Wuhan lab. The source stressed that the release is believed to be a MISTAKE, and was not intentional.

— John Roberts (@johnrobertsFox) [May 2, 2020](#)

[More recent reports suggest](#) that the virus almost certainly originated in the lab. Nicholas Wade, a former science writer for the *New York Times*, reported that an American researcher helped China's so-called Bat Lady, an expert in coronaviruses, fortify the virus in her lab. He also reported that the lab's biosecurity was about that of a dental office. Dr. Anthony Fauci's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, [subsidized those](#) dangerous experiments.

Science writer and author Nicholas Wade weighs in on the origins of [#COVID19](#) and asks whether people or nature sparked the pandemic. [@BulletinAtomic](#) <https://t.co/Ob3pg4rec2pic.twitter.com/UrQsJ9Awfg>

— Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists (@BulletinAtomic) [May 5, 2021](#)

Last week, the *Wall Street Journal* disclosed that three lab workers [became sick](#) with a flu-like disease in November 2019.

In November 2019, three Wuhan Institute of Virology researchers became sick enough that they sought hospital care, according to a previously undisclosed U.S. intelligence report, though officials expressed differing views over the strength of the evidence



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— The Wall Street Journal (@WSJ) [May 24, 2021](#)

Asher told the newspaper that he didn't believe the workers caught a garden-variety flu:

I'm very doubtful that three people in highly protected circumstances in a level three laboratory working on coronaviruses would all get sick with influenza that put them in the hospital or in severe conditions all in the same week, and it didn't have anything to do with the coronavirus.

Those cases were the "the first known cluster" of China Virus cases.

As well, a Trump administration fact sheet reported that the "U.S. government has reason to believe that several researchers inside the WIV became sick in autumn 2019, before the first identified case of the outbreak, with symptoms consistent with both Covid-19 and seasonal illnesses."

The fact sheet accused the Red government in Beijing of "deceit and disinformation."

Although the hate-Trump leftist media [is reporting](#) about the lab-leak hypothesis now, through the past year of the pandemic it repeatedly called it a "debunked conspiracy theory."



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