

**From:** Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
**Sent:** Sun, 19 Apr 2020 03:29:42 +0000  
**To:** Peter Daszak  
**Subject:** RE: Thank you for your public comments re COVID-19's origins

Peter:

Many thanks for your kind note.  
Best regards,  
Tony

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**From:** Peter Daszak (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 9:43 PM  
**To:** Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6); Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Stemmy, Erik (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6); Erbelding, Emily (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6); Aleksei Chmura (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Thank you for your public comments re COVID-19's origins  
**Importance:** High

Tony (cc'ing David so that you might pass this on to Tony once he has a spare second)

As the PI of the R01 grant publicly targeted by Fox News reporters at the Presidential press briefing last night, I just wanted to say a personal thankyou on behalf of our staff and collaborators, for publicly standing up and stating that the scientific evidence supports a natural origin for COVID-19 from a bat-to-human spillover, not a lab release from the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

It's been a very hard few months as these conspiracy theorists have gradually become politicized and hardened in their stance. Especially because the work we've been doing in collaboration with Chinese virologists has given us incredible insight into the risks that these viruses represent, so that we can directly help protect our nation from bat-origin coronaviruses. We're fighting to keep the communications open with our Chinese colleagues, so that we can better address future pandemics like COVID-19.

From my perspective, your comments are brave, and coming from your trusted voice, will help dispel the myths being spun around the virus' origins.

Once this pandemic's over I look forward thanking you in person and let you know how important your comments are to us all.

Cheers,

Peter

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**To:** Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
**Cc:** Morens, David (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Alison Andre  
**Subject:** Invite to EcoHealth Alliance Virtual Annual Benefit on 30th April 2020

Dear Tony,

I hope you, your family, and colleagues are well. I know it's an extremely busy time for you and will keep this brief. We host our annual benefit in New York City in order to help raise funds for our global efforts to predict and prevent the spread of new and emerging disease. This year, our program will necessarily be modified to be entirely virtual. We will be focusing on our efforts to curb the spread of SARS-2-CoV and other future pandemics.

We're assembling a diverse set of speakers who will speak briefly to a different aspect of the threats pandemics present via a 2 minute pre-recorded segment. I'd really like to have you with us - virtually!

Our virtual benefit will be live broadcast on April 30th in New York City. Your perspective would be a vital addition to our evening's proceedings. Please let me know if you'd be willing to provide a brief video that we would include in our program.

Cheers,

Peter

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**From:** Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
**Sent:** Sun, 1 Oct 2017 20:16:28 +0000  
**To:** Peter Daszak  
**Subject:** RE: Confidential - A new bat-origin coronavirus emerging in pigs in China discovered under our NIAID R01

Peter:

It was good to see you today. Thanks for sending this preprint. Very interesting work! (b) (4)

Best regards,  
Toony

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**From:** Peter Daszak [mailto:(b) (6)]  
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**Subject:** Confidential - A new bat-origin coronavirus emerging in pigs in China discovered under our NIAID R01  
**Importance:** High

Dear Dr Fauci and NIAID colleagues,

It was a pleasure to meet you again today. I've attached an unpublished paper, currently in the second round of review with *Nature* that describes a novel bat-origin Coronavirus (SADS-CoV: Swine Acute Diarrheal Syndrome coronavirus) that recently spilled over into pig farms in Southern China, leading to the death of over 25,000 piglets in 5+ farms in Guangdong Province.

The virus originates in the same group of bats as SARS-CoV, and emerged in the same place. It's not known to be zoonotic (we've tested 35+ pig farm workers with an antibody assay and none are positive). The pig farm owners tell us the virus is now under control, thanks to culling and separation of infected herds. It's not yet known if this virus has appeared elsewhere, but we are looking. We're also doing assays to find out if it can infect human cells in the lab – so far no evidence of this.

I hope this paper is of interest. You should know that this work was supported by a NIAID R01 that Erik Stemmy is the Program Officer for, and that I'm PI on, with Zhengli Shi as co-PI.

If you want any other information at all, please don't hesitate to email or call and I'd be happy to come over to NIAID to brief you further. I'll also let you know if/when it will be published so that we can try to foster some publicity as appropriate.

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**Attachments:** Nature 2017-05-06890-main text with figures and tables.pdf  
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