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On Fri, Mar 19, 2021 at 10:15 AM Peter Daszak <[daszak@ecohealthalliance.org](mailto:daszak@ecohealthalliance.org)> wrote:

Ralph – I gave a talk to the NIAID CoV PI group on the WHO mission and got the email below from Matt Frieman who worked with you previously.

Does this ring true to you? I can't imagine that Zhengli would breach any agreement to share the mouse model with a commercial company. Do you have any further information on this or is it just a suspicion that this happened?

Cheers,

Peter

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**Subject:** Additional ancillary companies in Wuhan

Peter

Thank you for the presentation this morning on the NIH call. As a coronavirus researcher and previously being in Ralph's lab for my postdoc, I have been asked lots of questions about the origin of SARS2 since the outbreak started.

One piece that I have not heard yet and I didn't see turn up in your investigation was about companies that may have been working with WIV. Early last year I was contacted from Gempharmatech about a hACE2 mouse line for potential SARS2 research. They were selling the HFH4-hACE2 mice that Ralph made in his lab when I was there and had given WIV for research several years before. It was clearly the same mice and Ralph had

never given permission for WIV to provide them to someone else, especially to sell them. This was one company I just happened to be contacted by but it brings up additional questions of what was going on at WIV. I completely think the most likely was SARS2 emerged was animal to human spread that then led to super spreader events in humans, one of which was the seafood market, but this has always caused me trouble to fully trust everything from WIV.

Thanks

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