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## (U) Updated COVID-19 Origins Assessment

~~(S//NF)~~ **CIA continues to assess that both research-related and natural origin scenarios of the COVID-19 pandemic remain plausible. Most CIA analysts assess that a research-related origin of the pandemic is more likely than a natural origin.** We have low confidence in this judgment

Given our low confidence, credible new intelligence reporting or open-source information could change our assessment.

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