



## Nobel Laureate Who Discovered HIV And Was One Of The First To Claim A COVID Lab Leak, Dead At Age 89

### Description

Luc Montagnier, the French Nobel laureate who co-discovered HIV – and who [we pointed out](#) one was of the first to claim that Covid-19 had come from a lab, as early as April 2020 – has died at the age of 89, France 24 [reported yesterday](#).

In 2008, Montagnier and Francoise Barre-Sinoussi were awarded the Nobel Prize for work they did at the Pasteur Institute in Paris isolating HIV, the report says. Montagnier was also known for a “bitter rivalry” with U.S. scientist Robert Gallo in identifying HIV.

His HIV work began in January 1983 after “tissue samples arrived at the Pasteur Institute from a patient with a disease that mysteriously wrecked the immune system.”

Unfortunately for the hero in his field, as French media put it, Montagnier was “later dismissed by the scientific community for his increasingly outlandish theories, notably on Covid-19”.

But his “outlandish” theories, as they are still being called – disregarded in early 2020, [when we first commented on them](#) – appear to have panned out. Recall, Montagnier claimed that SARS-CoV-2 was a manipulated virus that was accidentally released from a laboratory in Wuhan, China.

He also claimed at the time that the lab, known for its work on [coronaviruses](#), tried to use one of these viruses as a vector for HIV in the search for an AIDS vaccine.



Montagnier, interviewed by Dr Jean-François Lemoine for the daily podcast at Pourquoi Docteur, said in early 2020:

**Indian researchers have already tried to publish the results of the analyses that showed that this coronavirus genome contained sequences of another virus, & the HIV virus (AIDS virus), but they were forced to withdraw their findings as the pressure from the mainstream was too great.**

In a challenging question Dr Jean-François Lemoine inferred that the coronavirus under investigation may have come from a patient who is otherwise infected with HIV.

**“No,” says Luc Montagnier, “in order to insert an HIV sequence into this genome, molecular tools are needed, and that can only be done in a laboratory.”**

A plausible explanation for Covid-19’s release would have been an accident in the Wuhan laboratory, he said at the time. He also added that the purpose of this work was the search for an AIDS vaccine.

Montagnier also predicted that altered elements of the virus are eliminated as it spreads:

**Nature does not accept any molecular tinkering, it will eliminate these unnatural changes and even if nothing is done, things will get better, but unfortunately after many deaths.**

Two years later, at the time of his death, Montagnier appears to have been right about the lab leak all along. Now, what other of his assertions will prove to be true?

***“In any case, the truth always comes out, it is up to the Chinese government to take responsibility.” – Montagnier, 2020***

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