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1/x -- BREAKING -- In-depth investigation with virologist Jonathan Latham of [@BioSRP](#) and myself -- “Did West Africa’s Ebola Outbreak of 2014 Have a Lab Origin?”

In 2014, some Africans charged that the Ebola outbreak was connected to US labs in Sierra Leone...

Who framed Guinea? We joined with journalist [@samhusseini](#) to investigate the [#Ebola2014](#) outbreak and its cover up. <https://t.co/PmSvA7Nt zp>

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The Ebola outbreak of 2014 was a disaster for West Africa. Over 11,000 lives were lost amidst intense negative social and economic consequences. It is today commonly cited as a bona fide example of a natural zoonosis -- but the evidence doesn't hold up: <https://t.co/sckk J6Yo0y>

Africans who charged that the outbreak had lab origin were dismissed. Scientists they accused were the loudest in dismissing the possibility of lab origin for Covid. Were the Africans right all along? See and overview -- and connections to Covid <https://t.co/sckk J6XQb0>

Robert Garry of Tulane University and Kristian Andersen of Scripps Research are president and VP of the Viral Hemorrhagic Fever Consortium, based in Kenema, Sierra Leone. Politifact asked Garry about charges from Africans that his lab might have been responsible for the outbreak.

Garry claimed: “We were there working 10 years and then Ebola came here.”

But on August 25, 2013, just months before the Ebola outbreak, the VHFC posted on its website an article titled that indicated otherwise.

The article was headlined: “Researchers at the Scripps Research Institute make major advances in the fight against Ebola virus.” This article is no longer on their website, but we retrieved the headline from WayBackMachine.

<https://t.co/tBxNrSNWUy>

- [Construction of New Lassa Ward at Kenema Government Hospital Nearing Completion](#)
Sunday, September 22, 2013 - 11:26
- [Publication - Researchers at the Scripps Research Institute make major advances in the fight against Ebola virus](#)
Sunday, August 25, 2013 - 16:23
- [Corgenix Gains CE Mark for ReLASV® Antigen Rapid Test for Diagnosis of Lassa Fever](#)
Sunday, May 12, 2013 - 13:20
- [VHFC Investigators take part in 11th Annual ASM Biodefense and Emerging Diseases Research Meeting](#)
Sunday, April 7, 2013 - 14:33

The dominant narrative -- that a small child playing with bats caused the devastating outbreak, was put forward by Fabian Leendertz of the Robert Koch Institute, Berlin. But if you examine the paper, the facts don't back their confidence pronouncements.

They could find no Ebola among the bats in the area, that there was no mass die-off of surrounding mammal wildlife as with past Ebola outbreaks, which took place thousands of miles away. ... See details in the full article: <https://t.co/RfrQCEPjKm> ...

Also, the child in question, according to several sources, including his father, was actually 18 months old when he died and too young to be playing with bats. Leendertz was a member of the WHO team, with Peter Daszak, that reported, in March 2021, on the origins of COVID-19. ...

Eric Lander is the most famous of the authors of the phylogenetic papers which attempt to place the origin of the outbreak just over the border in Guinea and away from Sierra Leone where the U.S. labs are located. Latham scrutinized these claims and found them wanting...



Lander is on leave as president and founding director of the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard. He was forced to resign as Biden's science advisor early this year following charges of bullying.

Pardis Sabeti, board treasurer of VHFC, is a member of the Broad Institute...

On Oct. 17, 2014, Obama named Klain "Ebola czar". The same day, the White House instituted a "pause on funding for any new studies that include certain gain-of-function experiments involving influenza, SARS, and MERS viruses." Klain is now Biden chief of staff...

Metabiota, was a VHFC partner in 2014. MSF's (Doctors Without Borders) emergency response coordinator was highly critical of the biosafety measures used by Metabiota at Kenema, stating: "I didn't go inside the Metabiota lab...I refused because I had already seen enough." ...

WHO Ebola coordinator stated Metabiota staffers "are systematically obstructing" attempts to track the outbreak. MSF would also charge there was a "hidden outbreak in Sierra Leone"...

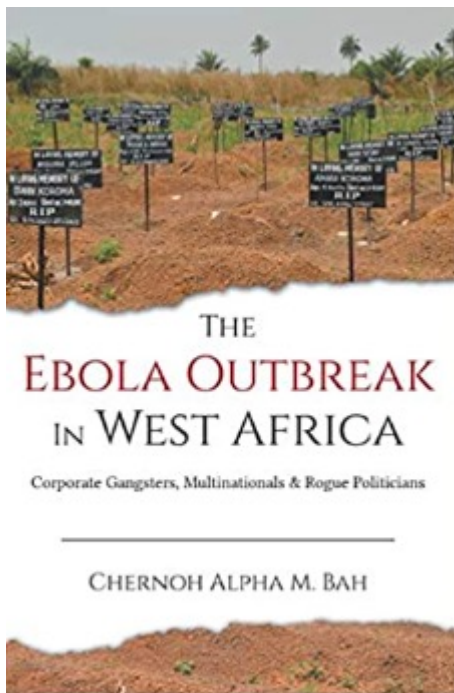
This raises the question of whether Metabiota's seeming bungling was actually part of a coverup to obscure the outbreak's origins in Sierra Leone by obstructing reporting from there....

In addition, other member of the VHFC charged Metabiota of culturing cells from Ebola patients after the outbreak, which they insisted was dangerous and should "be stopped immediately."...

Since 2014, Metabiota has received funding from Google Ventures, the Pentagon's Defense Threat Reduction Agency, USAID's PREDICT program and Rosemont Seneca Technology Partners, apparently while Hunter Biden was a managing partner, causing headlines...

It also caused headlines when the Russian Ministry of Defense accused it of involvement in biolabs in Ukraine. It also has a relationship with In-Q-Tel -- the CIA's venture capital project. <https://t.co/lc9ZAMSPjP>

One of the primary sources for this was the writings of Chernoah Bah at [@africanistpress](#) -- he wrote the book "The Ebola Outbreak in West Africa" --



The kicker is that Garry and Andersen -- the heads of the Viral Hemorrhagic Fever Consortium -- were the two most vocal of the signers of the Nature Medicine article "The proximal origin of SARS-CoV-2" which was widely used to dismiss the possibility of lab origin.