

The Curious Case of Dominic Dwyer & SARS-1

A standard intro for Dwyer is:

ABC: *An Australian scientist with direct experience in dealing with an outbreak of this type, is Professor Dominic Dwyer, who **worked with the WHO on SARS**.*

Dwyer published SARS papers with Chinese researchers, he was a SARS WHO investigator around the time it twice escaped from a Beijing lab.

Let's forget the conspiracy theories for a moment re your proximal origin to those lab-leaks - but bare-bones we can agree: you're a **world-leading expert** on SARS-1, right? Indeed, you embrace the mantle of international expert, and trade off your experience with SARS to support the case that a lab-leak was *extremely unlikely*.

Your alternative truth: *SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, most likely arose in bats, and then spread to humans via an as-yet unidentified intermediary animal.*

This conclusion is based on an oft-repeated premise:

Dwyer: (Timestamp 0:00) *Well look uhm - that's always been the pattern of the spread of these viruses you know from bats from some sort of animal into humans - it happened with SARS, it's happened with MERS ... uhm ... so therefore uhmm ... **that's always been the pattern** .. you know - from bats from some sort of animal into humans.*

I'm detecting a pattern, Dom, of behaviour by scientists who've built careers out of collaborating with CCP-run institutions - but let's stay on point. For the record, **your premise is:**

Covid has a natural zoonotic origin because *it's **always been the pattern** - from bats - some sort of animal into humans - just like SARS and MERS* - whilst pushing any meaningful conclusion back into the never-never:

Dwyer: (O)rigins - *studies of diseases - those sorts of studies can take **many many years** (many many billions in public money).*

(Even then) we may **never find** virus zero. .. Same with SARS - it took **10 or 15 years** before the causative sort of virus in animals was found - so it can take time.

So Dominic, SARS expert-extraordinaire, what was it? 10 years? Or 15? They're quite different numbers. And what was this *causative sort of virus in some sort of animal* exactly? Or you really don't know?

This is the curious part - considering you're a world-leading expert on SARS - it all sounds terribly vague. But from this vague premise you then claim:

Dwyer: There is **evidence** that suggests the virus jumped from a natural reservoir, such as bats, to an intermediary animal host, possibly triggering an outbreak among animals in the **Wuhan wet market**.

For perspective, the above quoted interview was conducted on **May 28, 2021**. All the fattest rats jumped ship two months prior - Tedros, Fauci, then the whole effluent of experts sludged their way off to reconfigure themselves - but not you. It's admirable in a way - you and Eddie are good Aussies, right? Sticking by your (CCP) mates when they're down?

Last chance Dominic:

ABC: (0:00) Professor Dwyer, thanks for joining us - you've been to the Wuhan institute of Virology - do you still think it's 'extremely unlikely' it escaped from there?

Dwyer (0:10): Look, I do .. I mean we have many other viruses that have **clearly** gone from bats into animals into humans .. it happened with SARS, it's happened with MERS.

There it is - straight from the expert's mouth for the umpteenth time. So if we can agree that your premise, *it's always been the pattern from bats to animals to humans* is false, then we can deduce that your conclusion is false. Sound fair? Let's take a look at SARS first.

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