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# Molecular Biology Clues Portray SARS-CoV-2 as a **Gain-of-Function** Laboratory Manipulation of Bat CoV RaTG13

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Genomic analyses (3) show that SARS-CoV-2 is a chimera, with most of its sequence

**From:** Peter Daszak  
**Sent:** Mon, 11 Jul 2016 14:28:11 +0000  
**To:** Greer, Jenny (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Aleksei Chmura  
**Cc:** Stemmy, Erik (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Kirker, Mary (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Glowinski, Irene (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Ford, Andrew (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Joseph Riccardi  
**Subject:** Re: Grant Number: 5R01AI110964 - 03 PI Name: DASZAK, PETER

Dear Jenny,

This is terrific! We are very happy to hear that our **Gain of Function** research funding pause has been lifted.

Cheers,

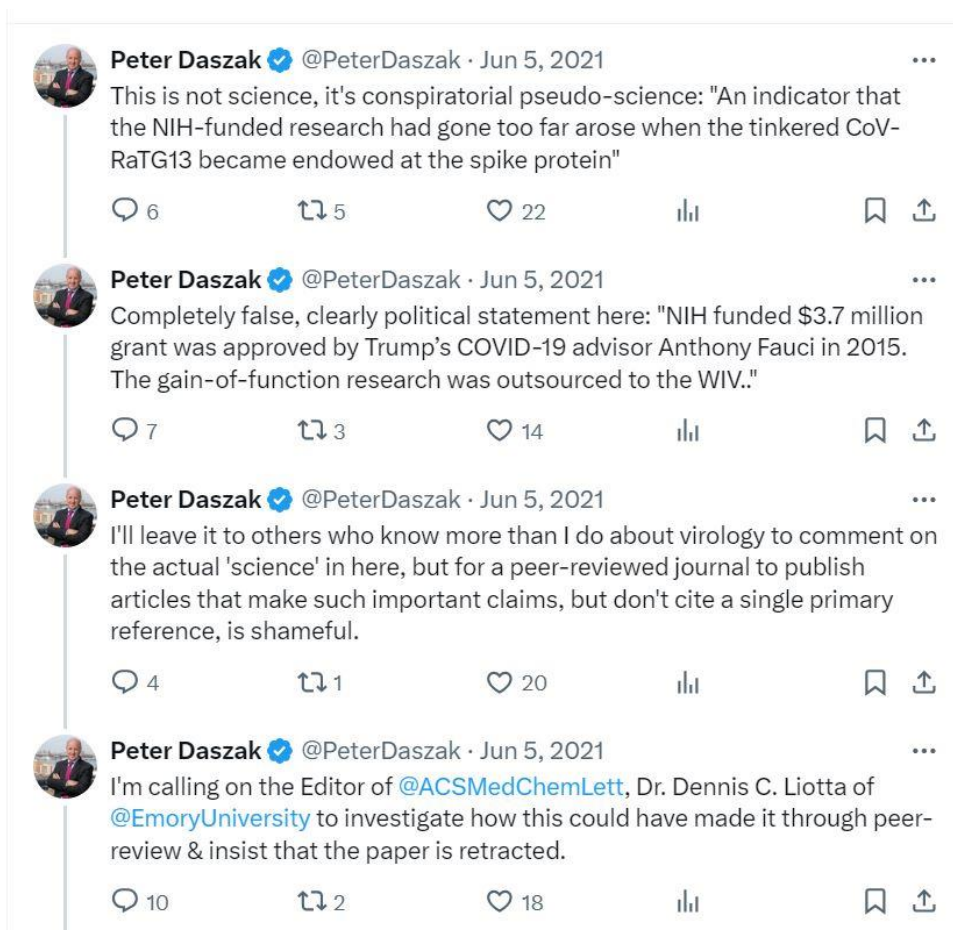
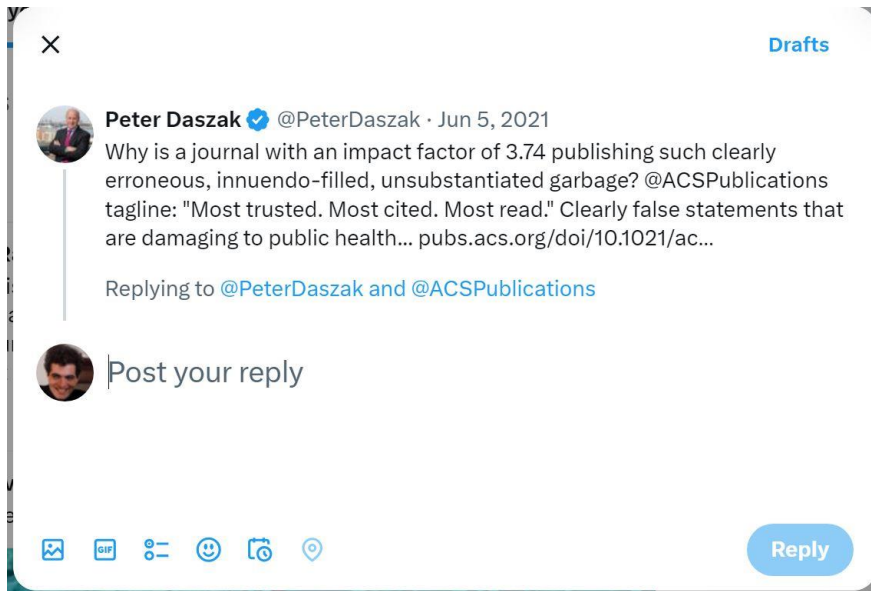
Peter

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Peter Daszak (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 08:02 AM Eastern Standard Time  
**To:** Stemmy, Erik (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
**Cc:** Greer, Jenny (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Aleksei Chmura  
**Subject:** RE: Grant Number: 5R01AI110964 - 03 PI Name: DASZAK, PETER

Sorry for not responding more quickly Erik – I’ve been at meetings for the last couple of weeks. You are correct to identify a mistake in our letter. UNC has no oversight of the chimera work, all of which will be conducted at the Wuhan Institute of Virology. This was a clerical error because we used some language that I asked Ralph Baric to give me because I wanted to make sure we followed an approach that has some precedence.

## EXHIBIT 4



## EXHIBIT 5

12/25/24, 5:43 PM

Afinnovation.com Mail - Re: Have you seen this? ORI and SARS COV 2



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### Re: Have you seen this? ORI and SARS COV 2

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**Ridgway Scott** <ridg@cs.uchicago.edu>  
To: Ariel Fernandez <arifer0408@gmail.com>  
Cc: Ariel Fernandez <ariel@afinnovation.com>

Tue, Mar 21, 2023 at 12:43 PM

Did you just find this email? It was send almost two years ago!

I can talk later this afternoon.

Ridg

On Mar 20, 2023, at 5:38 PM, Ariel Fernandez <arifer0408@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Ridg,  
Have you seen this?  
Can we talk?  
Give me a good time to call.  
Best wishes,  
Ariel

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Cherry, Josh (NIH/NLM/NCBI) [E]** <jcherry@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>  
Date: Mon, June 7, 2021 at 3:40 PM  
Subject: Gain of Function  
To: arifer0408@gmail.com <ariel@uchicago.edu>

You need to quietly take down your sars cov g-o-f bull. Or else... we'll resurrect (and I'll pad up) your ORI case.

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