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**Moderna CEO Stephane Bancel was previously CEO of bioMerieux in France from 07-10.**

**Alain Merieux, who owns bioMerieux, was instrumental in the creation of the Wuhan Institute of Virology P4 Lab.**

**The same people who helped create the virus, also helped to create the vaccines...**



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Moderna partnered with French Pasteur Institute in 2015 to develop mRNA vaccine technology.

Pasteur Institute partnered with the Wuhan P4 Laboratory in 2017 along with the Merieux Foundation to study emerging viruses...

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## Press release

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (USA) and Paris (France), Feb. 3rd, 2015**

[Moderna Therapeutics](#), a pioneer in the development of messenger RNA (mRNA) Therapeutics™ and the [Institut Pasteur](#), a recognized public benefit organization with three core missions - research, public health and teaching - at the forefront of biomedical research, today announced a long-term strategic research collaboration for the discovery and development of drugs and vaccines using Moderna's mRNA Therapeutics™ platform. Valera, a Moderna venture company, will manage the research collaboration for Moderna. Valera is focused exclusively on the advancement of vaccines and therapeutics for the prevention and treatment of viral, bacterial and parasitic infectious diseases.

Said Pr Christian Bréchet, president of the Institut Pasteur, *"We look forward to collaborating with Valera and to using Moderna's mRNA platform to discover and develop new vaccines and treatments to address infectious diseases in an entirely new way. This partnership will be a trump card in our fight against viral and bacterial disease."*

Nobel prize winning scientist Luc Montagnier asserts that Sars-Cov-2 is man-made and originated from the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

Montagnier did extensive work with the Pasteur Institute in France which was partnered with the Wuhan P4.  
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Merieux Foundation & the Chinese government have worked together since 1965, and partnered to study emerging pathogens in Africa in 2015.

Their research included "PATHOGENS CARRIED BY BATS" that provoke respiratory diseases.



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### *A Successful Case: France-China-Mali Joint Research on New Viruses*

In that context, the triangular cooperation initiated in 2015 between the Mérieux Foundation and the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences in Mali is an exceptional case.

On the one hand, created in 1967 by Charles Mérieux to pay homage to his father Marcel Mérieux, the founder of the Mérieux Institute, a holding company based in Lyons and famous for its vaccines, the Mérieux Foundation established a branch in Bamako, Mali, in 2003: it then created the Centre d'Infectiologie Charles Mérieux (CICM), concentrating, as this center's name indicates, on the study of infectious diseases. On the other hand, the Mérieux Foundation has developed a close relationship with the PRC since 1965 and established in 2005 a joint laboratory on respiratory diseases with and at the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (CAMS) in Beijing.<sup>25</sup> In other words, the Mérieux Foundation has connections both in China and in Africa.

Consequently, after the joint statement was signed by Li Keqiang and Emmanuel Valls, it was easy for the Foundation to quickly move forward and propose a triangular cooperation project: on 17 September 2015, it signed a joint agreement both with the Malian Health Ministry and the CAMS to develop a joint research on "emerging pathogens" in Africa. Less than a month later, on 6 October, another agreement was signed in Cape Town between the CIMC and CAMS' Institute of Biological Pathogens (IBP) on the margin of the Second Ministerial Forum on China-Africa Health Development.<sup>26</sup> The objective of this one year but renewable accord is to share data and jointly research on the pathogens carried by bats and rodents and, as a result, better understand the new viruses including the ones provoking respiratory diseases. The IBP has already completed a large study of the bats and rodents in China and will allow researchers involved in this project to compare their findings with the IBP's. Conversely, the IBP and the CAMS will directly benefit from this joint research and enhance their understanding of new viruses in Africa. The Ebola crisis (2013-2016) has stimulated China's research in this area and at a high political level in Beijing the decision was made to establish closer partnerships with foreign institutions in order to accelerate its development. The creation by the Foundation in 2009 of a "Réseau Gabriel" (Gabriel Network) including both China's IBP and Mali's CICM and Xi Jinping's visit of the Mérieux Institute in Lyons in March 2014 both facilitated the initiation of this joint research project.<sup>27</sup>