The World Health Organization (WHO) has researched but has not reached exact conclusions and points to China as being responsible for opacity.

More than a year after the outbreak of Covid-19, humanity is looking for answers to the origins of the deadly coronavirus that has killed more than 2.7 million people and confirmed another 128 million, causing a global tsunami of unemployment, poverty, and endless measures that cut individual freedoms.

After overcoming China’s initial refusal to accept WHO experts to study the origin of SARS-CoV-2, a team arrived in Wuhan, the “source of evil”, but after four weeks of search for an answer with certainty the most basic questions, which is how the virus spread to humans.

The WHO, despite publishing a very detailed report of 120 pages, did not surprise the experts. It simply confirmed the hypotheses of epidemiologists: the virus was “probably” transmitted from bats to humans through another animal, an intermediate host. “This is in line with what many scientists thought was the case before the WHO team began its research,” Ian Lipkin, director of the Center for Infection and Immunity at Columbia University in the United States, told Documento.

“This is a detailed report examining animal and environmental sample tests, clinical records, over-the-counter drug use, animal markets, files from the Wuhan Institute of Virology, and human and animal viral sequence analyses. The WHO team concluded that the SARS-CoV-2 virus most likely originated from a bat and passed on to another animal species where it adapted before being transmitted to humans in late 2019,” explains the professor of epidemiology.

It “shows” China
WHO failed to clarify the exact origin of SARS-CoV-2. At the same time, the research team did not rule out the possibility of a leak from a laboratory, which described as “extremely unlikely,” while citing a of lacking evidence. In fact, the general director of the WHO, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, claimed that the team did not have access to all the data and that further research was needed.

“It simply came to our notice. The team should have had access to more primary data,” Lipkin told Documento, as detailed findings were overshadowed by questions about Beijing’s lack of transparency.

The Host
“I do not know if we will ever find the virus vector,” the professor comments. Asked how it was scientifically explained, he said: “this would require evidence of infection (genetic material or antibodies) in samples collected in animals before the virus was transmitted to humans.”
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Asked if he expected anything more from the WHO investigation, he said: “the report is in line with my expectations” and made two additional points: “first, markets and wildlife farms are a threat to all of us and must be eliminated. Second, we need a transparent global monitoring network that provides real-time data to the WHO.”

Transnational Reaction
The publication of the report sparked a new round of reactions, as the expectations that had been cultivated did not seem to be met. The fact that it was not possible to fully clarify how the pandemic started and whether China ultimately helped the scientists’ efforts or not, as the US side has claimed, provoked a reaction at the state level.

In a joint statement, 14 countries expressed their concern: “it is equally important to express our common concern that the international expert study on the source of SARS-CoV-2 virus has been significantly delayed and has not had access to complete, original data.” The statement was signed by Australia, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Israel, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, South Korea, Slovenia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

“We share these concerns not only for the benefit of learning all we can about the origins of this pandemic, but also for preparing a timely, transparent, evidence-based process for the next phase of this study as well as for future health crises.”

Beijing: Look...elsewhere
The peaks were not left unanswered by China. The head of the Chinese team of scientists, Liang Yuanyan, who collaborated with the mission of the scientists appointed by the WHO, denied the allegations of concealment of data.

He even denied the accusations of systematic delay in publishing the joint report, while noting that attention should now be turned to other countries.

The Four WHO Scenarios
1. It is “very likely” that SARS-CoV-2 was transmitted from an animal such as bats to an intermediate host and from there to humans.
2. “Possible to quite probable” SARS-CoV-2 was transmitted directly to humans by an animal such as bats.
3. SARS CoV-2 was “probably” transmitted to humans from frozen meat of an infected animal.
4. It is “extremely unlikely” SARS-CoV-2 leaked from a laboratory.