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All,

Thank you for the quick response!

Much appreciated.

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Through a website announcement, HKU noted that the content of the said news report does not accord with the key facts as the university understands them. Specifically, Yan never conducted any research on human-to-human transmission of the novel coronavirus at HKU during December 2019 and January 2020, her central assertion of the interview.

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China of not giving enough protection and treatment to medical workers and patients, as the epidemic has already been brought under control in China.

She was also unconfident and vague when it came to the time of the outbreak, with some observers noting that the "distinguished whistleblower" only mentioned that her "friend" told her on December 31 about human-to-human transmission and that her boss in HKU was silent when she reported it on January 16.

According to the timeline made public by the Chinese government, hospitals in Wuhan reported the "unknown pneumonia" to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in Wuhan's Jiangnan District as early as December 27. On December 30, the Wuhan Municipal Health Commission issued an emergency notice on the treatment of pneumonia of unknown causes. On January 12, China made public the novel coronavirus genome sequence information in the global influenza shared database.

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