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Periksa fakta: Institut Virologi Wuhan tidak dimiliki oleh GlaxoSmithKline

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Pengguna media sosial telah membuat hubungan tidak berdasar antara perusahaan farmasi Pfizer dan GlaxoSmithKline, dan laboratorium China yang telah menjadi subjek teori konspirasi COVID-19.



Posting yang menampilkan klaim palsu dapat dilihat ([di sini](#) , [di sini](#)). “Laboratorium biologi China di Wuhan dimiliki oleh Glaxo. Yang, secara kebetulan, memiliki Pfizer (orang yang memproduksi vaksin.) ”, Tulis postingan tersebut, sementara juga menghubungkan Pfizer dengan manajer aset BlackRock, dan CEO Microsoft Bill Gates.

Unverified theories have suggested the virus that causes COVID-19 was synthesised by the Wuhan Institute of Virology ([here](#)). However the majority of virologists and infectious disease experts say the new virus is most likely to have evolved naturally ([here](#)).

Pfizer, meanwhile, has been involved in the development of a COVID-19 vaccine that has been approved for use in the UK and the U.S. ([here](#)).

But GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), a British pharmaceutical company, does not own either Pfizer or the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

The institute is part of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) ([here](#)), which is in turn governed by the State Council of the People’s Republic of China ([here](#)).

In 2019, a CAS member wrote an open letter maintaining that it was not run or financed independently from the Chinese government ([here](#)).

“CAS has never sought or achieved financial autonomy”, the representative wrote in science journal Nature.

“Over the past 40 years, half of its income has come directly from central-government investment; the rest has been from competitive funding or technology transfer”.

While GSK has embarked on joint ventures with Pfizer, the two are separate companies (uk.reuters.com/companies/GSK.L , uk.reuters.com/companies/PFE).

In fact, Pfizer does not have one owner, but is owned by both members of the public and a range of institutions, with the top shareholder being the Vanguard Group ([here](#)) ([here](#)).

VERDICT

False. GlaxoSmithKline does not own Pfizer or the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

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