

"They dragged their feet for so long over the announcement. It's like the hospital really didn't want to treat us as human beings," he said. For Dr. B, going public with his version of events was an attempt to get his story out and honor Dr. Li's legacy.

The Times made multiple attempts to contact Dr. Li's medical team, but none agreed to answer questions. The press office of Wuhan Central Hospital told The Times that it was not accepting interviews from international media. China's National Supervisory Commission, the country's top disciplinary body investigating Dr. Li's death, did not respond to requests for comment. The Chinese Embassy in Washington, D.C., did not respond to requests for comment.