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FOI request to University of New South Wales re: "SARS-COV-2" purification

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Sat, Jul 31, 2021 at 3:11 PM

To: gipaa@unsw.edu.au

Bcc: tengelbrecht@gmx.net

July 31, 2021

To:

Mr. Paul Serov

Right to Information Officer

The University of New South Wales

Legal Office

Room 213 Chancellery Building

UNSW SYDNEY NSW 2052

Phone: +61 2 9065 5491

Submitted via email to: gipaa@unsw.edu.au

Dear Mr. Serov, Right to Information Officer,

This is a formal request for access to general records, made under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*.

Please advise ASAP how best to submit the application fee during the "pandemic", otherwise I will mail a cheque payable to "UNSW" to the address listed above.

Also, I respectfully request the 50% reduction of charges based on the fact that the information requested is of special benefit to the public generally.

Description of Requested Records:

All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of Professor John Shine (Molecular Biology and Medicine) and/or the University of New South Wales's President, Faculties, Vice-Chancellor, Senate, Officers, Executive Board, Secretary, or any health or science department head at the University of New South Wales describing the **purification** (i.e. via filtration and use of an ultracentrifuge) of any **"SARS-COV-2" aka "COVID-19 virus"** (including any "variants"), directly from a sample taken from a diseased human, where the patient sample was **not** first combined with any other source of **genetic** material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum).

Please note that I am **not** requesting any private health information, or studies/reports where researchers failed to **purify** the suspected "virus" and instead:

- cultured an patient sample or other unpurified substance, and/or
- performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test) on all the RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture, or on genetic material from any unpurified substance, and/or
- sequenced the total RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture or from any unpurified substance, and/or
- produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things.

Clarifications re my request

For further clarity, please note I am already aware that according to virus theory a "virus" requires host cells in order to replicate, and I am **not** requesting records describing the **replication** of a "virus" without host cells.

Further, I am **not** requesting records that describe a suspected "virus" floating in a vacuum; I am simply requesting records that describe **purification** of "the virus" (**separation** from everything else in the patient sample, as per standard laboratory practices for the purification of other very small things).

Please also note that my request is **not limited** to records that were authored by someone at University of New South Wales or that pertain to work done at/by University of New South Wales. Rather, my request includes any record

matching the above description, for example (but **not** limited to): any published peer-reviewed study authored by anyone, anywhere that has been downloaded or printed by Professor Shine and relied on as evidence of a disease-causing "virus".

If any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it). Please provide URLs where possible.

Format:

Electronic (i.e. pdf) documents sent to me via email; I do not wish for anything to be shipped to me.

Name of applicant and address for correspondence

Last name: Massey

First name: Christine

Email: cmssyc@gmail.com

Thank you in advance and best wishes,
Christine Massey, M.Sc.



Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

UNSW - Right to Information Application - Notice of Decision

GIPAA <gipaa@unsw.edu.au>
To: Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 4, 2021 at 9:56 PM

Dear Ms Massey,

Please find attached the notice of decision in regard to your right to information application.

Sincerely,

**Paul Serov***Compliance Manager, Privacy Officer, Right to Information Officer**Compliance Unit, Legal Office*

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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UNSW Ref: ND7149

5 October 2021

Ms Christine Massey

By email: cmssyc@gmail.com

Dear Ms Massey

Notice of decision in relation to access applications under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA Act)

I refer to your information access application under the GIPA Act dated 1 August 2021 and received as a valid application by the University on 12 August 2021. The scope of your applications was as follows:

All studies and/or reports ... describing the purification (i.e. via filtration and use of an ultracentrifuge) of any "SARS-COV-2" aka "COVID-19 virus" (including any "variants"), directly from a sample taken from a diseased human, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum).

Please note that I am not requesting any private health information, or studies/reports where researchers failed to purify the suspected "virus" and instead:

- *cultured an patient sample or other unpurified substance, and/or*
- *performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test) on all the RNA from*
- *a patient sample or from a cell culture, or on genetic material from*
- *any unpurified substance, and/or sequenced the total RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture or from any unpurified substance, and/or produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things.*

For further clarity, please note I am already aware that according to virus theory a "virus" requires host cells in order to replicate, and I am not requesting records describing the replication of a "virus" without host cells. Further, I am not requesting records that describe a suspected "virus" floating in a vacuum; I am simply requesting records that describe purification of "the virus" (separation from everything else in the patient sample, as per standard laboratory practices for the purification of other very small things).

Please also note that my request is not limited to records that were authored by someone at University of New South Wales or that pertain to work done at/by University of New South Wales. Rather, my request includes any record matching the above description, for example (but not limited to): any published peer-reviewed study authored by anyone, anywhere that has been downloaded or printed ... and relied on as evidence of a disease-causing "virus". If any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it). Please provide URLs where possible.

Identification of information requested

I have liaised with the University's Faculty of Medicine and Research Office to attempt to identify information that is held by the University and within the scope of

your request. Based on the specific requirements of your request I have not been able to identify any information that is within the scope of your request.

Authorisation

I am authorised by the Vice-Chancellor (acting as principal officer for the purposes of s 9(3) of the GIPA Act) to make the decision of your access application.

Decision

I have decided, in accordance with s 58(1)(b) of the GIPA Act, that the information requested is not held by the University.

Your rights of review

If you are aggrieved by my decision, you may seek review under Part 5 of the GIPA Act. Your rights for review are outlined in the attached fact sheet from the Information Commissioner – *Your review rights under the GIPA Act*.

If you have any queries about this notice or require further information on your rights of review, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Serov', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul Serov

Right to Information Officer, UNSW

Encl.

Your review rights under the GIPA Act

You can apply for access to information and NSW government agencies will make a decision under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (GIPA). If you are dissatisfied with the decision you can request a review.

What decisions can be reviewed?

You have the right to request a review of certain decisions¹ made by government agencies about the release of information under the GIPA Act:

- a) a decision that an application is not a valid access application
- b) a decision to transfer an access application to another agency, as an agency-initiated transfer
- c) a decision to refuse to deal with an access application (including such a decision that is deemed to have been made)
- d) a decision to provide access or to refuse to provide access to information in response to an access application
- e) a decision that government information is not held by the agency
- f) a decision that information applied for is already available to the applicant
- g) a decision to refuse to confirm or deny that information is held by the agency
- h) a decision to defer the provision of access to information in response to an access application
- i) a decision to provide access to information in a particular way in response to an access application (or a decision not to provide access in the way requested by the applicant)
- j) a decision to impose a processing charge or to require an advance deposit,
- k) a decision to refuse a reduction in a processing charge
- l) a decision to refuse to deal further with an access application because an applicant has failed to

pay an advance deposit within the time required for payment

- m) a decision to include information in a disclosure log despite an objection by the authorised objector (or a decision that the authorised objector was not entitled to object).

You generally have three review options.

1. Internal review

You have **20 working days**² after the notice of a decision has been given to you, to ask for an internal review by the agency that made the decision. An agency may accept an application for internal review out of time, but is not obliged to do so.³

If a Minister or their personal staff, or the principal officer of an agency made the decision, you cannot ask for an internal review⁴, but you can ask for an external review (see below).

Similarly, if the access applicant or one of any number of third parties has sought an internal review of the decision that you are not satisfied with, you are not entitled to seek an internal review of the decision.⁵ You are however able to seek an external review.

The review must be carried out by an officer who is no less senior than the person who made the original decision.⁶ The review decision must be made as if it was a fresh application.⁷

There is a \$40 fee for an internal review application.⁸ An agency may choose to waive the internal review fee.⁹ No fee applies for an internal review if the decision is a 'deemed refusal' because the agency did not process your application in time¹⁰ or the internal review is conducted because the Information Commissioner has recommended the agency reconsider its decision under

¹ Section 80 GIPA Act

² Section 83(1) GIPA Act

³ Section 83(2) GIPA Act

⁴ Section 82(2) GIPA Act

⁵ Section 88 GIPA Act

⁶ Section 84(2) GIPA Act

⁷ Section 84(1) GIPA Act

⁸ Section 85(1) GIPA Act

⁹ Section 127 GIPA Act

¹⁰ Section 85(2) GIPA Act

section 93 of the GIPA Act.¹¹ In this case, you cannot be charged a review fee.

The agency must acknowledge your internal review application within **five** working days of receiving it.¹² The agency must decide the internal review within **15** working days¹³ (this can be extended by **10** working days if the agency has to consult with a third party not previously consulted¹⁴, or by agreement with you¹⁵).

Note: You cannot ask for internal review of a decision that is being or has already been reviewed by the Information Commissioner¹⁶ or the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT)¹⁷. This does not apply if the internal review was recommended by the Information Commissioner under section 93.

What is a working day?

A working day is defined as any day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, public holiday or any day during the period declared by the Premier as the Christmas closedown period.¹⁸

What does notice 'given to' mean?

In the decision of *Choi v University of Technology Sydney* [2017] NSWCATAD 198, the NCAT considered when notice of a decision could be considered to have been 'given to' an access applicant, for the purposes of calculating the time period to seek a review.

NCAT gave the following guidance, in the circumstances where the applicant was emailed a notice of decision as an attachment:

- the words 'given to' have their ordinary meaning of 'delivered' or 'handed over' (at [23], citing *Melville v Townsville City Council* [2004] 1 Qd R 530 at [27])
- in the case of notification by email, notice was given when the decision was emailed to an applicant (at [23])

In the case of notification by post, notice is given at the time when the notice is posted by the Agency.¹⁹ Once the posting of the notice to the postal address is completed, notice is considered to have been given by the agency.

Calculating time then commences on the first working day after the notice is posted.²⁰

- it was not necessary for the applicant to have read or been aware of the contents of a decision for it to have been 'given to' them (at [23]).

2. External review by the Information Commissioner

If you disagree with any of the decisions listed above, you can ask for an external review by the Information Commissioner.

If you are the person applying for access to information, you do **not** have to have an internal review of the decision before asking the Information Commissioner to review it.²¹

However, if you are not the access applicant, you **must** seek an internal review before applying for review by the Information Commissioner, unless an internal review is not available to you²² (see Option 1 above; internal review is not available if a Minister or their personal staff, or the principal officer of an agency made the decision, if the decision has already been internally reviewed by the agency or if the decision is being or has been reviewed by NCAT).

You have **40 working days**²³ from being given the decision to ask for a review by the Information Commissioner.

There is no provision in the GIPA Act that permits the Information Commissioner to accept applications out of time.

On reviewing the decision, the Information Commissioner can make recommendations about the decision to the agency. This may include a recommendation that the agency reconsider and make a new decision on the access application.²⁴ This enables the agency to make a new decision, whether or not the decision has already been the subject of internal review by the agency.²⁵

The Information Commissioner has 40 working days from the day on which all necessary information relating to a review application has been received to complete the review of a decision and make any recommendations.²⁶

¹¹ Section 93(6) GIPA Act

¹² Section 83(3) GIPA Act

¹³ Section 86(1) GIPA Act

¹⁴ Section 86(2) GIPA Act; IPC Fact Sheet [Why consult third parties; Guideline 5 Consultation on the public interest considerations](#)

¹⁵ Section 86(4) GIPA Act

¹⁶ Section 82(4) GIPA Act

¹⁷ Section 82(5) GIPA Act

¹⁸ Clause 1, Schedule 4 to the GIPA Act

¹⁹ Section 126 (2) GIPA Act

²⁰ *ANQ v Department of Attorney General and Justice, Corrective Services* [2012] NSWADT 271 at [8]- [11]

²¹ Section 89(2)(a) GIPA Act

²² Section 89(2)(b) GIPA Act

²³ Section 90 GIPA Act

²⁴ Section 93(1) GIPA Act

²⁵ Section 93(2) GIPA Act

²⁶ Section 92A(1) GIPA Act

The Information Commissioner and applicant can agree to an extension of the timeframe. The Information Commissioner will notify the agency of any extension.²⁷

If the Information Commissioner does not complete the review within the 40 working day period, the Information Commissioner is deemed to have made no recommendations to the agency.²⁸ The effect of this is that the original decision stands and the only option available to the applicant is to seek a review by NCAT. The applicant must be notified when the review is completed and advised of any recommendations made by the Information Commissioner.²⁹

Note: You cannot ask the Information Commissioner to review a decision that is being or has already been reviewed by NCAT.³⁰

3. External review by the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT)

If you disagree with any of the decisions listed above, you can ask for a review by NCAT.

If you are the person applying for access to information, you do **not** have to have an internal review of the decision before asking the NCAT to review it. However, if you are not the original access applicant (i.e. you are a third party), you must seek an internal review before applying for review by NCAT, unless an internal review is not available to you³¹ (see Option 1 above; internal review is not available if a Minister or their personal staff, or the principal officer of an agency made the decision, if the decision has already been internally reviewed by the agency or if the decision is being or has been reviewed by the Information Commissioner).

You do not have to have the decision reviewed by the Information Commissioner before applying for review by NCAT.³²

You have **40 working days**³³ from being given the decision to apply to NCAT for review. However, if you have applied for review by the Information Commissioner, you have **20 working days**³⁴ from being notified of the Information Commissioner's review outcome to apply to NCAT.

For more information

Contact the Information and Privacy Commission NSW (IPC):

Freecall: 1800 472 679
Email: ipcinfo@ipc.nsw.gov.au
Website: www.ipc.nsw.gov.au

²⁷ Section 92A(2) GIPA Act

²⁸ Section 92A(3) GIPA Act

²⁹ Section 92A(4) GIPA Act

³⁰ Section 98 GIPA Act

³¹ Section 100(2) GIPA Act

³² Section 100 GIPA Act

³³ Section 101(1) GIPA Act

³⁴ Section 101(2) GIPA Act



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FOIA request to CDC re: "COVID-19 virus" purification

Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>
To: FOIARequests@cdc.gov

Fri, Apr 16, 2021 at 10:52 AM

April 16, 2021

To:
Roger Andoh
Freedom of Information Officer
1600 Clifton Rd NE MS T-01
Atlanta, Georgia 30333
Email: FOIARequests@cdc.gov
Phone: 770-488-6277
Fax: 770-488-6200

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

This is a formal request for access to general records, made under the *Freedom of Information Act*.

Description of Requested Records:

All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and/or the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) describing the **purification** of any **"COVID-19 virus"** (including "B.1.1.7", "B.1.351", "P.1" and any other "variant") (via maceration, filtration and use of an ultracentrifuge; also referred to at times by some people as "isolation"), directly from a sample taken from a diseased human, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of **genetic** material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum).

Please note that I am not requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to **purify** the suspected "virus" and instead:

- cultured an unpurified sample or other unpurified substance, and/or
- performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test) on all the RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture, or on genetic material from any unpurified substance, and/or
- sequenced the total RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture or from any unpurified substance, and/or
- produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things.

For further clarity, please note I am already aware that according to virus theory a "virus" requires host cells in order to replicate, and I am **not** requesting records describing the **replication** of a "virus" without host cells.

Further, I am **not** requesting records that describe a suspected "virus" floating in a vacuum; I am simply requesting records that describe its **purification** (**separation** from everything else in the patient sample, as per standard laboratory practices for the purification of other small things).

Please also note that my request is **not limited** to records that were authored by the CDC or ATSDR or that pertain to work done at/by the CDC or ATSDR. Rather, my request includes any record matching the above description, for example (but not limited to) any published peer-reviewed study authored by anyone, anywhere, ever that has been downloaded or printed by the CDC or ATSDR and relied on as evidence of a disease-causing "virus".

If any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it). Please provide URLs where possible.

Format:

Pdf documents sent to me via email; I do not wish for anything to be shipped to me.

Contact Information:

Last name: Massey

First name: Christine

Address: 580 Fagan Avenue, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada K9J 4J1

Phone: 905-965-6254

Email: cmssyc@gmail.com

Thank you in advance and best wishes,
Christine Massey, M.Sc.



Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Your CDC FOIA Request #21-01076-FOIA

MNHarper@cdc.gov <MNHarper@cdc.gov>
To: cmssyc@gmail.com

Mon, Apr 19, 2021 at 7:03 AM

April 19, 2021

Request Number: 21-01076-FOIA


Dear Ms. Massey:


This is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of April 16, 2021, for request for all studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and/or the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) describing the purification of any "COVID-19 virus" (including "B.1.1.7", "B.1.351", "P.1" and any other "variant") (via maceration, filtration and use of an ultracentrifuge; also referred to at times by some people as "isolation"), directly from a sample taken from a diseased human, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum). Please note that I am not requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to purify the suspected "virus" and instead: • cultured an unpurified sample or other unpurified substance, and/or • performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test) on all the RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture, or on genetic material from any unpurified substance, and/or • sequenced the total RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture or from any unpurified substance, and/or • produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things.

Please see the attached letter.

Sincerely,
CDC/ATSDR FOIA Office
770-488-6399

2 attachments

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 **Acknowledgement (Complex) 30 Days.pdf**
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April 19, 2021

Ms. Christine Massey
21 Keystone Avenue,
Toronto, M4C 1G9
Via email: cmssyc@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Massey:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) received your attached Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 16, 2021. Your request assigned number is 21-01076-FOIA, and it has been placed in our complex processing queue.

In unusual circumstances, an agency can extend the twenty-working-day limit to respond to a FOIA request.

We will require more than thirty working days to respond to your request because:

☒ We reasonably expect that two or more CDC centers, institutes, and offices (C/I/Os) may have responsive records.

To process your request promptly, please consider narrowing the scope of your request to limit the number of responsive records. If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact the analyst handling your request Mark Harper at 770-488-8154 or our FOIA Public Liaison, Roger Andoh at 770-488-6277. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services; National Archives and Records Administration; 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS; College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

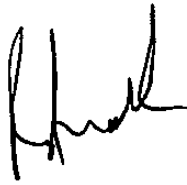
Because you are considered an "Other requester" you are entitled to two hours of free search time, and up to 100 pages of duplication (or the cost equivalent of other media) without charge, and you will not be charged for review time. We may charge for search time beyond the first two hours and for duplication beyond the first 100 pages. (10 cents/page).

If you don't provide us with a date range for your request, the cut-off date for your request will be the date the search for responsive records starts.

You may check on the status of your case on our FOIA webpage <https://foia.cdc.gov/app/Home.aspx> and entering your assigned request number. If you have any questions regarding your request,

please contact me at 770-488-8154 or via email at wzj6@cdc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Andoh', with a stylized, cursive script.

Roger Andoh
CDC/ATSDR FOIA Officer
Office of the Chief Operating Officer
(770) 488-6399
Fax: (404) 235-1852

Enclosure

21-01076-FOIA



Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Your CDC FOIA Request #21-01076-FOIA

MNHarper@cdc.gov <MNHarper@cdc.gov>
To: cmssyc@gmail.com

Mon, Jun 7, 2021 at 11:44 AM

June 7, 2021

Request Number: 21-01076-FOIA

Dear Ms. Massey:

This is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of April 16, 2021, for request for all studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and/or the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) describing the purification of any "COVID-19 virus" (including "B.1.1.7", "B.1.351", "P.1" and any other "variant") (via maceration, filtration and use of an ultracentrifuge; also referred to at times by some people as "isolation"), directly from a sample taken from a diseased human, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum). Please note that I am not requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to purify the suspected "virus" and instead: • cultured an unpurified sample or other unpurified substance, and/or • performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test) on all the RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture, or on genetic material from any unpurified substance, and/or • sequenced the total RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture or from any unpurified substance, and/or • produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things..

Please see the attached letter.

Sincerely,
CDC/ATSDR FOIA Office
770-488-6399



21-01076 Final Response No Records (1).pdf

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Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta GA 30333
June 7, 2021

Ms. Christine Massey
21 Keystone Avenue,
Toronto, M4C 1G9
Via email: cmssyc@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Massey:

This letter is in response to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of April 16, 2021, for:

[A]ll studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and/or the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) describing the purification of any "COVID-19 virus" (including "B.1.1.7", "B.1.351", "P.1" and any other "variant") (via maceration, filtration and use of an ultracentrifuge; also referred to at times by some people as "isolation"), directly from a sample taken from a diseased human, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum). Please note that I am not requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to purify the suspected "virus" and instead: • cultured an unpurified sample or other unpurified substance, and/or • performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test) on all the RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture, or on genetic material from any unpurified substance, and/or • sequenced the total RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture or from any unpurified substance, and/or • produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things.

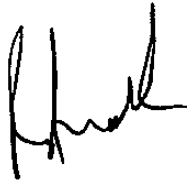
A search of our records failed to reveal any documents pertaining to your request. Specifically, the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases apprises that CDC does not purify or isolate any COVID-19 virus in the manner the requester describes.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6277 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, Suite 729H, Washington, D.C. 20201. You may also transmit your appeal via email to FOIARequest@psc.hhs.gov. Please mark both your appeal letter and envelope "FOIA Appeal."

Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted by September 5, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Andoh', with a stylized, cursive script.

Roger Andoh
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FOIA request to CDC re: "SARS-COV-2" purification by any method

Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 16, 2021 at 6:20 PM

To: FOIARequests@cdc.gov

Bcc: mspeth@alumni.clemson.edu, Stefano Scoglio <stefanoscoglio@me.com>

August 16, 2021

To:

Roger Andoh

Freedom of Information Officer

1600 Clifton Rd NE MS T-01

Atlanta, Georgia 30333

Email: FOIARequests@cdc.gov

Phone: 770-488-6277

Fax: 770-488-6200

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

This is a formal request for access to general records, made under the *Freedom of Information Act*.

Please note: this request is very similar to another request that I submitted on April 16, 2021 where I had **specified** purification *via maceration, filtration and use of an ultracentrifuge*. The difference with this new request is that it does **not specify** maceration, filtration and use of an ultracentrifuge; it only mentions filtration, ultracentrifugation and chromatography by way of an example.

Description of Requested Records:

All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and/or the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) describing the **purification** of any **"COVID-19 virus" (aka "SARS-COV-2", including any alleged "variants" i.e. "B.1.1.7", "B.1.351", "P.1")** (for example: via filtration, ultracentrifugation and chromatography), directly from a sample taken from a diseased human where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of **genetic** material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum).

Please note that I am not requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to **purify** the suspected "virus" and instead:

- cultured an unpurified sample or other unpurified substance, and/or
- performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test) on all the RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture, or on genetic material from any unpurified substance, and/or
- fabricated a "genome" by editing/assembling/aligning sequences detected in the total RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture or from any unpurified substance, and/or
- produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things.

For further clarity, please note I am already aware that according to virus theory a "virus" requires host cells in order to replicate, and I am **not** requesting records describing the **replication** of a "virus" without host cells.

Further, I am **not** requesting records that describe a suspected "virus" floating in a vacuum; I am simply requesting records that describe its **purification (separation)** from everything else in the patient sample, as per standard laboratory practices for the purification of other very small things).

Please also note that my request is **not limited** to records that were authored by the CDC or ATSDR or that pertain to work done at/by the CDC or ATSDR. Rather, my request includes any record matching the above description, for

example (but not limited to): any published peer-reviewed study authored by anyone, anywhere, ever that has been downloaded or printed by the CDC or ATSDR and relied on as evidence of a disease-causing "virus".

If any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it). Please provide URLs where possible.

Format:

Pdf documents sent to me via email; I do not wish for anything to be shipped to me.

Contact Information:

Last name: Massey

First name: Christine

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: cmssyo@gmail.com

Thank you in advance and best wishes,
Christine Massey, M.Sc.



Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Your CDC FOIA Request #21-01986-FOIA

MNHarper@cdc.gov <MNHarper@cdc.gov>
To: cmssyc@gmail.com

Wed, Sep 8, 2021 at 3:04 PM

September 8, 2021

Request Number: 21-01986-FOIA


Dear Ms. Massey:

This is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of August 16, 2021, for request for all studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and/or the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) describing the purification of any "COVID-19 virus" (aka "SARS-COV-2", including any alleged "variants" i.e. "B.1.1.7", "B.1.351", "P.1") (for example: via filtration, ultracentrifugation and chromatography), directly from a sample taken from a diseased human where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum). Please note that I am not requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to purify the suspected "virus" and instead: • cultured an unpurified sample or other unpurified substance, and/or • performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test) on all the RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture, or on genetic material from any unpurified substance, and/or • fabricated a "genome" by editing/assembling/aligning sequences detected in the total RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture or from any unpurified substance, and/or • produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things. For further clarity, please note I am already aware that according to virus theory a "virus" requires host cells in order to replicate, and I am not requesting records describing the replication of a "virus" without host cells.

Please see the attached letter.

Sincerely,
CDC/ATSDR FOIA Office
770-488-6399

2 attachments

 **21-01986-FOIA.msg**
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 **Final Response Full Grant.pdf**
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta GA 30333
September 8, 2021

Ms. Christine Massey

[REDACTED]

Via email: cmssyc@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Massey:

This letter is our final response to your attached Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of August 16, 2021, assigned #21-01986-FOIA.

The National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases provides the link to the following study that is responsive to your request.

https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/8/20-1246_articleI

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of the records provided please contact either our FOIA Requester Service Center at 770-488-6399 or our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6277.

Sincerely,

Roger Andoh
CDC/ATSDR FOIA Officer
Office of the Chief Operating Officer
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Enclosure

21-01986-FOIA

Freedom of Information request re "SARS-COV-2" isolation

Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Thu, Feb 11, 2021 at 2:25 PM

To: foi@imperial.ac.uk

February 11, 2021

To:
Freedom of Information Officer
Level 4, Faculty Building
Imperial College London
South Kensington
London SW7 2AZ
foi@imperial.ac.uk

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

This is a formal request for access to general records, made under the *Freedom of Information Act, 2000*.

Description of Requested Records:

All records **in the possession, custody or control of Imperial College London** describing the isolation of **any variant** ("new" or "old") of the alleged "SARS-COV-2" / "COVID-19 virus", directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum).

Please note that I am using "isolation" in the every-day sense of the word: *the act of separating a thing(s) from everything else*. I am not requesting records where "isolation of SARS-COV-2" refers instead to:

- the culturing of something, and/or
- the performance of an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), and/or
- the sequencing of something.

Please also note that my request is **not limited** to records that were authored by Imperial College London or that pertain to work done at/by Imperial College London. Rather, my request includes any record **matching the above description**, for example (but not limited to) any published peer-reviewed study authored by anyone, anywhere, ever that has been downloaded or printed **by Imperial College London**.

If any records **match the above description** of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it). Please provide URLs where possible.

Format:

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Contact Information:

Last name: Massey

First name: Christine

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Thank you in advance and best wishes,
Christine Massey, M.Sc.

RE: Freedom of Information request re "SARS-COV-2" isolation, IMPFOI-21-85

IMPFOI <foi@imperial.ac.uk>

Fri, Feb 12, 2021 at 6:01 AM

To: Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Dear Ms Massey,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your request below, made under the Freedom of Information Act. The College will respond to your request by 12 March.

Yours,

Freedom of Information Team[Imperial College London](#)

Freedom of Information request re "SARS-COV-2" isolation, IMPFOI-21-85

IMPFOI <foi@imperial.ac.uk>

Fri, Mar 12, 2021 at 12:07 PM

To: "cmssyc@gmail.com" <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Dear Ms Massey,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act request, which was as follows:

*All records in the possession, custody or control of Imperial College London describing the isolation of **any variant** ("new" or "old") of the alleged "SARS-COV-2" / "COVID-19 virus", directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum).*

Please note that I am using "isolation" in the every-day sense of the word: the act of separating a thing(s) from everything else. I am not requesting records where "isolation of SARS-COV-2" refers instead to:

- ❑ the culturing of something, and/or*
- ❑ the performance of an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), and/or ❑ the sequencing of something.*

*Please also note that my request is **not limited** to records that were authored by Imperial College London or that pertain to work done at/by Imperial College London. Rather, my request includes any record matching the above description, for example (but not limited to) any published peer-reviewed study authored by anyone, anywhere, ever that has been downloaded or printed by Imperial College London.*

If any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it). Please provide URLs where possible.

Part of your request is asking Imperial College to locate for you and then compile a directory of all scientific papers on the isolation of the COVID-19 virus where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material. In addition, you have asked the college for details of "any published peer-reviewed study authored by anyone, anywhere, ever that has been downloaded or printed by Imperial College London". Imperial College does not hold a directory or document listing every resource on this topic produced by "anyone, ever, anywhere". Neither do we hold a record of every document that has ever been downloaded or printed by staff or students of the College. The Freedom of Information Act provides a right to access existing records held by public authorities; it does not extend to a right to have public authorities create information in order to respond to requests.

Scientific papers on this topic produced by Imperial College or others are generally in the public domain and thus already accessible to you. Information is exempt from the Freedom

of Information Act (Section 21) if it is already reasonably accessible to the requester. You can view Imperial College COVID-19 publications (which will contain references to other published papers where relevant) on our [website](#).

If you are unhappy with the way that we have handled your request, you can ask us to conduct a review. Please make your representation in writing within 40 days of the date you received this response. If you remain dissatisfied with how Imperial College has handled your request, you may then approach the Information Commissioner's Office.

Yours,

Freedom of Information Team
[Imperial College London](#)

Freedom of Information request re "SARS-COV-2" isolation, IMPFOI-21-85

Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>
To: IMPFOI <foi@imperial.ac.uk>

Fri, Mar 12, 2021 at 12:55 PM

Dear "Team",

Thank you for your response, however it is insufficient and I require further assistance in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act, 2000*.

Be advised that all responses/nonresponses from the "Team" will be made public.

The response you have provided thus far reflects very poorly on your institution and your "Team" because it either feigns misunderstanding of a perfectly clear and reasonable request (that has already been understood quite perfectly by [dozens of institutions around the world](#)), or it demonstrates gross incompetence and utter lack of intelligence.

In case of the latter: I have **only** requested **existing records** held by public authorities ("*All records in the possession, custody or control of Imperial College London ...*").

There are no separate "*parts*" to my request. The remainder of my **Description of Requested Records** was clarification of my 1 request.

I did not request a "directory" or a "document listing every resource on this topic produced by "anyone, ever, anywhere"", or "a record of every document that has ever been downloaded or printed by staff or students of the College", or that anyone "create information" for me.

As you acknowledge, the Act provides a right to access existing records held by public authorities and exempts information **if it is already reasonably accessible to the requester**. To my knowledge, no responsive records exist; obviously a requester **cannot** reasonably access records when, to their knowledge, those records do not even exist.

Further, I remind you that Section 1 of the Act states:

General right of access to information held by public authorities.

***(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled —
(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.***

Thus the College has a "**duty to confirm or deny**" and you are presently in violation of that duty.

Therefore, I look forward to a response from the College that is in accordance with *the Act*.

Thank you and best wishes,
Christine

IMPF01 Tue, Mar 16, 9:47 AM

Dear Ms Massey,

I refer to your email below. I manage Freedom of Information Act requests for Imperial College and handle FOI Internal Reviews for the College.

I hope that we will be able to achieve clarity on your request and provide you with any information to which you are entitled. It would be helpful to that process if you could refrain from insulting members of the team. As the author of the request, no doubt it is clear to you what information you wish to access, however, having reviewed your request, it does read to me as if you are asking the College to compile a catalogue of any document that has ever been downloaded or printed by Imperial College staff or students that describes the isolation of the virus. If that was not your intention, perhaps you could take this opportunity to provide some clarification and explain what you are hoping to access? If you could provide more detail about the information that you are hoping to access, the context of your request or your reason for asking, that might help us to conduct a targeted search.

We explained in our response to you that we do not keep records of what material has been printed or downloaded by our staff and students. In order for us to deal with your request in its present form we would need to ask all staff and students at the College whether they had downloaded or printed information on the isolation of the virus and ask them to provide details. As the college has about 20,000 students and 8,000 members of staff that approach is not practical. The exemption at Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, which provides that organisations need not respond to Freedom of Information Act requests if it would take more than 18 hours to extract and compile the information requested, would apply.

While your request refers to information held by "Imperial College", I presume the focus would be on information held by academics and researchers in the relevant field, not *any* member of Imperial College staff or the College students. We could approach the relevant academics at the College to ask them if they hold any information within the scope of your request. Our response to your request included a link to the College's pages on our COVID-19 response. Perhaps you could identify with reference to that, the academics or academic discipline/s that would be likely to hold the information that you are seeking?

You may find the Information Commissioner's Office guidance on [how to access information from a public body](#) helpful. You might want to bear in mind that public authorities are not obliged to respond to requests if it would take more than 18 hours to locate, collate or extract the information requested (Section 12, Freedom of Information Act), if responding to the request would cause a public authority an unjustified or disproportionate level of disruption (Section 14) or if the request is for information that is already reasonably accessible (Section 21).

Yours,
Anita Hunt

Freedom of Information request re "SARS-COV-2" isolation, IMPFOI-21-85

Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>
To: IMPFOI <foi@imperial.ac.uk>

Tue, Mar 16, 2021 at 7:05 PM

Dear Anita,

Thank you for your message.

I am not expecting anyone to ask 20,000 students and 8,000 members about their download history or to do anything that would take more than 18 hours.

Imperial College London has played a key role in "COVID-19" via the modeling of Professor Neil Ferguson. Also the Deputy Director of National Infection Service and Director of Reference Microbiology Services at Public Health England, Maria Zambon, is a virologist and professor at Imperial College, and she is co-author on the infamous Corman-Drosten paper that is behind most of the "COVID-19" PCR tests performed around the world.

Therefore, a reasonable person might hope and expect that someone on staff at the College would have done their due diligence to ensure that the alleged "deadly virus" does in fact exist (with isolation/purification - as described in my request - being an essential piece of the necessary science) and that responsive records would thus be in the possession, custody or control of the College. However as I explained in my last email, to my knowledge, no such records exist anywhere on the planet. If such records do in fact exist and are held by the College, then I (and many other people around the world) require access to them.

So, you are correct in presuming that the focus would be on information held by academics and researchers in the relevant field, not *any* member of Imperial College staff or the College students.

Since I am not familiar with how your institution or the records of your institutions are organized, and do not even expect that any such records exist, I'm afraid I'm not in a position to advise on how best to conduct a reasonable search at the College. However Professors Ferguson and Zambon would seem a reasonable place to start. If they do not know of any such records then they could advise you on how best to continue with the search or whether there is even any point in continuing.

Thank you and best wishes,
Christine

RE: Freedom of Information request re "SARS-COV-2" isolation, IMPFOI-21-151

IMPFOI <foi@imperial.ac.uk>
To: Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Wed, Mar 17, 2021 at 2:09 PM

Dear Ms Massey,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your request below, made under the Freedom of Information Act. The College will respond to your request by 16 April.

Yours,

Freedom of Information Team
[Imperial College London](#)

RE: Freedom of Information request re "SARS-COV-2" isolation, IMPFOI-21-151

Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>
To: IMPFOI <foi@imperial.ac.uk>

Wed, Mar 17, 2021 at 3:15 PM

Dear Anita and the Imperial College London Freedom of Information Team,

You just responded (as shown below this email) to an email thread with the subject line **Re: Freedom of Information request re "SARS-COV-2" isolation, IMPFOI-21-85** that is obviously a discussion of a request that I first submitted to your institution **over a month ago (February 11, 2021)**, and you implied that the email that you responded to is a new request when it clearly is not. You also assigned a new email subject line that indicates a new file number **IMPFOI-21-151** and stated your intention to take yet another month to provide a response to my February 11, 2021 request.

Which provision of the *Freedom of Information Act, 2000* allows for such a handling of a request that is already 5 weeks old?

Be advised once again that all responses/nonresponses from the "Team" will be made public.

Thank you and best wishes,
Christine

RE: Freedom of Information request re "SARS-COV-2" isolation, IMPFOI-21-151

IMPFOI <foi@imperial.ac.uk>
To: Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 9:16 AM

Dear Ms Massey,

I apologise that we did not expressly state in our acknowledgement that we would be treating your revised request as a new request.

We replied to your Freedom of Information Act (our re. IMPFOI-21-85) on March 16. Following our correspondence, you have refined your request to focus on information that might be held by Professors Ferguson and Zambon. We regard this as a different request and have recorded it as such, hence the new reference number and timescale.

Yours,

Anita Hunt

Access to Information Manager

Central Secretariat

[Imperial College London](#) | South Kensington Campus | Faculty Building Level 4 | London SW7 2AZ

Tel: +44 (0)20 7594 5107

RE: Freedom of Information request re "SARS-COV-2" isolation, IMPFOI-21-151

Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 5:06 PM

To: IMPFOI <foi@imperial.ac.uk>

Dear Anita,

I'm quite certain that any reasonable person would view our ongoing communications as a discussion of my 1 and only request (which has not changed in any way) and would agree that the College has still not fulfilled its "*duty to confirm or deny*" as per Section 1 of the Act.

Regarding one of the earlier emails from you (or your Team), it is not clear to me why you ever brought up the issue of 20,000 students and 8,000 members of staff. Surely papers downloaded or printed by ICL students are their own business and not subject to the Act.

For future reference, would you please clarify - does the College take the position that anything downloaded or printed **by a student** or **any staff member** is in the possession, custody or control of the College and hence subject to the Act and potentially responsive to my and other information requests? I ask this because my request specifically asked for "*All records in the possession, custody or control of Imperial College London describing the isolation of any variant ("new" or "old") of the alleged "SARS-COV-2" / "COVID-19 virus" ...*"

And for future reference, is the College in the habit of canvassing 20,000 students and 8,000 members of staff (or, taking the position that it would be necessary to canvass 20,000 students and 8,000 members of staff) in response to records requests as specific as mine?

Or is my request receiving special treatment?

Thank you and best wishes,
Christine

RE: Freedom of Information request re "SARS-COV-2" isolation, IMPFOI-21-151

IMPFOI <foi@imperial.ac.uk>
To: Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 19, 2021 at 11:25 AM

Dear Ms Massey,

You would be entitled to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office if you believe that the College has not complied with its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act.

I referred to the number of staff and students at the College in order to explain why it would not be possible to deal with your request in its original form within the FOI time -limit.

The College's position on the application of the Freedom of Information Act is determined by the guidance from and decisions of the Information Commissioner's Office and decisions of the courts. Further information on the application of the legislation can be found on the [ICO's website](#).

Imperial College aims to fully comply with our legal obligations in relation to all FOI requests received, we do not give special treatment to any requests.

Yours,

Anita Hunt

Access to Information Manager
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RE: Freedom of Information request re "SARS-COV-2" isolation, IMPFOI-21-151

Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>
To: IMPFOI <foi@imperial.ac.uk>

Fri, Mar 19, 2021 at 12:45 PM

Dear Anita,

Thank you.

I won't bother making a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office because I'm quite certain that would be a waste of my time.

What I will do is make our entire communications public and let thinking men and women decide for themselves whether or not "The Team" has handled my records request in a reasonable manner.

Best wishes,
Christine

Request Status

Request Details

Click on Request # to view request details.

Case #	Description
56595	All studies and/or reports in the possession, cust...

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All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) describing the purification of any "COVID-19 virus" (aka "SARS-COV-2" and including "B.1.1.7", "B.1.351", "P.1" and any other "variant") (via filtration and use of an ultracentrifuge; also referred to at times by some people as "isolation"), directly from a sample taken from a diseased human, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum). Please note that I am not requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to purify the suspected "virus" and instead: - cultured an unpurified sample or other unpurified substance, and/or - performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test) on all the RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture, or on genetic material from any unpurified substance, and/or - sequenced the total RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture or from any unpurified substance, and/or - produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things. For further clarity, please note I am already aware that according to virus theory a "virus" requires host cells in order to replicate, and I am not requesting records describing the replication of a "virus" without host cells. Further, I am not requesting private patient data. Nor am I requesting records that describe a suspected "virus" floating in a vacuum; I am simply requesting records that describe its purification (separation from everything else in the patient sample, as per standard laboratory practices for the purification of very small things). Please also note that my request is not limited to records that were authored by the NIH or that pertain to work done at/by the NIH. Rather, my request includes any record matching the above description, for example (but not limited to) any published peer-reviewed study authored by anyone, anywhere, ever that has been downloaded or printed and relied on as evidence of a disease-causing "virus" by the NIH. In the interests of transparency, if any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it). Please provide URLs where possible. Format: Pdf documents sent to me via email; I do not wish for anything to be shipped to me. (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/01/2019 To 06/24/2021)



Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

FW: NIH FOIA - Assignment Notification from NIH FOIA Public Portal-Tracking # 56595

Schofield, Robin (NIH/NIAID) [E] <robin.schofield@nih.gov>
To: "cmssyc@gmail.com" <cmssyc@gmail.com>
Cc: "Moore, Marg (NIH/NIAID) [E]" <mmoore@niaid.nih.gov>

Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 10:56 AM

Good morning Ms. Massey,

Your request below is properly directed to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as they are the ones who did the isolation: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/grows-virus-cell-culture.html>

See publication: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/6/20-0516_article

You can submit a request to the CDC at the following link: <https://www.cdc.gov/od/foia/index.htm>

Regards,

Robin L. Schofield, MPS

FOIA Coordinator

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

From: FOIA_noreply@nih.gov <FOIA_noreply@nih.gov>

Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2021 10:39 AM

To: FOIA-7 <FOIA71@mail.nih.gov>

Subject: NIH FOIA - Assignment Notification from NIH FOIA Public Portal-Tracking # 56595

Hi FOIA Team!

Request # 56595 was submitted through the NIH FOIA Public Portal and assigned to you for review and further processing.

Please review the request and if all required details have not been provided by the requester, be sure to use

the "Stop Clock" option to ensure processing time for the request is accurately monitored while waiting for clarification/information from the requester.

Request Description:

All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) describing the purification of any "COVID-19 virus" (aka "SARS-COV-2" and including "B.1.1.7", "B.1.351", "P.1" and any other "variant") (via filtration and use of an ultracentrifuge; also referred to at times by some people as "isolation"), directly from a sample taken from a diseased human, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum).

Please note that I am not requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to purify the suspected "virus" and instead:

- cultured an unpurified sample or other unpurified substance, and/or*
- performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test) on all the RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture, or on genetic material from any unpurified substance, and/or*
- sequenced the total RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture or from any unpurified substance, and/or*
- produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things.*

For further clarity, please note I am already aware that according to virus theory a "virus" requires host cells in order to replicate, and I am not requesting records describing the replication of a "virus" without host cells.

Further, I am not requesting private patient data. Nor am I requesting records that describe a suspected "virus" floating in a vacuum; I am simply requesting records that describe its purification (separation from everything else in the patient sample, as per standard laboratory practices for the purification of very small things).

Please also note that my request is not limited to records that were authored by the NIH or that pertain to work done at/by the NIH. Rather, my request includes any record matching the above description, for example (but not limited to) any published peer-reviewed study authored by anyone, anywhere, ever that has been downloaded or printed and relied on as evidence of a disease-causing "virus" by the NIH.

In the interests of transparency, if any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it). Please provide URLs where possible.

Format:

Pdf documents sent to me via email; I do not wish for anything to be shipped to me. (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/01/2019 To 06/24/2021)



Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

FW: NIH FOIA - Assignment Notification from NIH FOIA Public Portal-Tracking # 56595

Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 12:37 PM

To: "Schofield, Robin (NIH/NIAID) [E]" <robin.schofield@nih.gov>

Dear Robin,

Thank you but this request has already been submitted to the CDC multiple times, both last year and again this year. Their most recent response dated June 7, 2021, attached, was that **"A search of our records failed to reveal any documents pertaining to your request."**

I am already aware of the CDC study by Harcourt et al., thank you. They did not purify any suspected "virus" from a patient sample, thus their study does not match the description of my request. Instead they unscientifically interpreted cytopathic effects on monkey kidney cells (to which patient sample + fetal bovine serum + toxic drugs had been added) as proof of "the virus", without any control group. They also fabricated (as opposed to discovered) a genome.

72 additional institutions globally have all failed to provide any record of "virus" purification from a patient sample:
<https://www.fluoridefreepeel.ca/fois-reveal-that-health-science-institutions-around-the-world-have-no-record-of-sars-cov-2-isolation-purification/>

Thus, I do require a formal response from NIH and/or NIAID.

Please note that I resubmitted the request a few minutes ago, to specify that I seek records held by NIAID as opposed to NIH in general (although I would be interested in a response re NIH in general, as well).

Thank you and best wishes,
Christine

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June 7 2021 CDC SARS-COV-2 21-01076 Final Response No Records EXHIBIT.pdf

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FW: NIH FOIA - Assignment Notification from NIH FOIA Public Portal-Tracking #56595

Schofield, Robin (NIH/NIAID) [E] <robin.schofield@nih.gov>
To: Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>
Cc: "Moore, Marg (NIH/NIAID) [E]" <mmoore@niaid.nih.gov>

Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 1:11 PM

Please see the attached.

Regards,

Robin L. Schofield, MPS

FOIA Coordinator

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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National Institutes of Health
National Institute of Allergy
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Bethesda, MD 20892

June 24, 2021

Christine Massey



CANADA
cmssyc@gmail.com

Re: FOI Case No. 56595

Dear Ms. Massey:

This is our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) on June 24, 2021. You requested:

All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) describing the purification of any "COVID-19 virus" (aka "SARS-COV-2" and including "B.1.1.7", "B.1.351", "P.1" and any other "variant") (via filtration and use of an ultracentrifuge; also referred to at times by some people as "isolation"), directly from a sample taken from a diseased human, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum).

Please note that I am not requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to purify the suspected "virus" and instead:

- cultured an unpurified sample or other unpurified substance, and/or
- performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test) on all the RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture, or on genetic material from any unpurified substance, and/or
- sequenced the total RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture or from any unpurified substance, and/or
- produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things.

For further clarity, please note I am already aware that according to virus theory a "virus" requires host cells in order to replicate, and I am not requesting records describing the replication of a "virus" without host cells.

Further, I am not requesting private patient data. Nor am I requesting records that describe a suspected "virus" floating in a vacuum; I am simply requesting records that describe its purification (separation from everything else in the patient sample, as per standard laboratory practices for the purification of very small things).

Please also note that my request is not limited to records that were authored by the NIAID or that pertain to work done at/by the NIAID. Rather, my request includes any record matching the above description, for example (but not limited to) any published peer-reviewed study authored by anyone, anywhere, ever that has been downloaded or printed and relied on as evidence of a disease-causing "virus" by the NIAID.

If any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it). Please provide URLs where possible.

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(Date Range for Record Search: From 12/01/2019 To 06/24/2021)

We have previously queried our Division of Clinical Research for records responsive to similar requests. Your request is properly directed to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as they are the ones who did the isolation: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/grows-virus-cell-culture.html>

See publication: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/6/20-0516_article

You can submit a request to the CDC at the following link: <https://www.cdc.gov/od/foia/index.htm>
If you disagree with their no records determination, you should properly avail yourself of the appeal rights described in their final response to you.

If you are not satisfied with the processing and handling of this request, you may contact the NIAID FOIA Public Liaison:

NIAID FOIA Public Liaison

Margaret Moore
5601 Fishers Lane
Suite 6G51
Bethesda, MD 20892
301-451-5109 (phone)

301-480-0904 (fax)

mm52s@nih.gov (email)

In certain circumstances provisions of the FOIA and Department of Health and Human Services FOIA Regulations allow us to recover part of the cost of responding to your request. Because the cost is below the \$25 minimum, there is no charge.

Sincerely,

Robin L.
Schofield -S

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Date: 2021.06.24
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Robin L. Schofield
FOIA Coordinator
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases



Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

FW: NIH FOIA - Assignment Notification from NIH FOIA Public Portal-Tracking # 56597

Schofield, Robin (NIH/NIAID) [E] <robin.schofield@nih.gov>
To: "cmssyc@gmail.com" <cmssyc@gmail.com>
Cc: "Moore, Marg (NIH/NIAID) [E]" <mmoore@niaid.nih.gov>

Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 12:36 PM

Good afternoon Ms. Massey,

I am closing this case as a duplicate of the one you submitted and to which I responded less than two hours ago (copy attached).

Regards,

Robin L. Schofield, MPS

FOIA Coordinator

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

From: FOIA_noreply@nih.gov <FOIA_noreply@nih.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2021 12:17 PM
To: FOIA-7 <FOIA71@mail.nih.gov>
Subject: NIH FOIA - Assignment Notification from NIH FOIA Public Portal-Tracking # 56597

Hi FOIA Team!

Request # 56597 was submitted through the NIH FOIA Public Portal and assigned to you for review and further processing.

Please review the request and if all required details have not been provided by the requester, be sure to use the "Stop Clock" option to ensure processing time for the request is accurately monitored while waiting for clarification/information from the requester.

Request Description:

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National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) describing the purification of any "COVID-19 virus" (aka "SARS-COV-2" and including "B.1.1.7", "B.1.351", "P.1" and any other "variant") (via filtration and use of an ultracentrifuge; also referred to at times by some people as "isolation"), directly from a sample taken from a diseased human, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum).

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From: "Schofield, Robin (NIH/NIAID) [E]" <robin.schofield@nih.gov>

To: "cmssyc@gmail.com" <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Cc: "Moore, Marg (NIH/NIAID) [E]" <mmoore@niaid.nih.gov>

Bcc:

Date: Thu, 24 Jun 2021 14:56:30 +0000

Subject: FW: NIH FOIA - Assignment Notification from NIH FOIA Public Portal-Tracking # 56595

Good morning Ms. Massey,

Your request below is properly directed to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as they are the ones who did the isolation: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/grows-virus-cell-culture.html>

See publication: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/6/20-0516_article

You can submit a request to the CDC at the following link: <https://www.cdc.gov/od/foia/index.htm>

Regards,

Robin L. Schofield, MPS

FOIA Coordinator

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

From: FOIA_noreply@nih.gov <FOIA_noreply@nih.gov>

Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2021 10:39 AM

To: FOIA-7 <FOIA71@mail.nih.gov>

Subject: NIH FOIA - Assignment Notification from NIH FOIA Public Portal-Tracking # 56595

Hi FOIA Team!

Request # 56595 was submitted through the NIH FOIA Public Portal and assigned to you for review and further processing.

Please review the request and if all required details have not been provided by the requester, be sure to use the "Stop Clock" option to ensure processing time for the request is accurately monitored while waiting for clarification/information from the requester.

Request Description:

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In the interests of transparency, if any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it). Please provide URLs where possible.

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Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Appeal re NIAID handling of FOIA requests Portal-Tracking # 56595 and #56597

Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 2:33 PM

To: mm52s@nih.gov

June 24, 2021

NIAID FOIA Public Liaison
Margaret Moore
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301-451-5109 (phone)
301-480-0904 (fax)
mm52s@nih.gov (email)

Dear Ms. Moore,

This morning I submitted a FOIA request to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) (Portal-Tracking # 56595).

The FOIA Coordinator for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) almost immediately closed my request and referred me to the CDC, even after I advised them that the same request had already been submitted to the CDC and the CDC advised me on June 7, 2021 that they have no record matching my request, and I stressed that I do require a response from NIH and/or more specifically the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). All of the relevant communications are attached to this email.

I also submitted this morning a "duplicate" request through the NIH to NIAID specifically (Portal-Tracking # 56597), after seeing that my original request had been closed. The same FOIA Coordinator for NIAID advised that she was closing this 2nd request as well (her email is attached).

I am not satisfied with the processing and handling of these requests by the NIAID, and was advised to contact you if this is the case, and would appreciate any assistance in this matter.

Thank you in advance, and best wishes,
Christine Massey, M.Sc.

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**NIAID FOIA virus purification all communications Portal-Tracking # 56595.pdf**

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Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Appeal re NIAID handling of FOIA requests Portal-Tracking # 56595 and #56597

Moore, Marg (NIH/NIAID) [E] <mmoore@niaid.nih.gov>
To: Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 2:40 PM

Ms. Massey - Is there a telephone number I can call you on? Thank you.

Margaret Moore

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Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Appeal re NIAID handling of FOIA requests Portal-Tracking # 56595 and #56597

Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Fri, Jun 25, 2021 at 7:50 PM

To: "Moore, Marg (NIH/NIAID) [E]" <mmoore@niaid.nih.gov>

Hello Ms. Moore,

Thank you for getting back to me so quickly.

I've been advised that it's preferable to keep all my communications re FOIAs in writing, so that there is an accurate record, so would prefer email communication if that's OK with you.

Thank you and best wishes,
Christine

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Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Appeal re NIAID handling of FOIA requests Portal-Tracking # 56595 and #56597

Moore, Marg (NIH/NIAID) [E] <mmoore@niaid.nih.gov>

Thu, Jul 8, 2021 at 10:30 AM

To: Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Cc: "Moore, Marg (NIH/NIAID) [E]" <mmoore@niaid.nih.gov>

Dear Ms. Massey – The NIAID has provided our response. The information you are requesting falls within in the purview of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). If you are not satisfied with the response you received from the CDC, you should follow the Appeal procedure outlined in their letter to you.

Best,

Margaret Moore

NIAID FOIA Office

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Offentleglova anmodning om informasjonsfrihet til Helsedirektoratet

Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Fri, Apr 16, 2021 at 2:28 PM

To: postmottak@helsedir.no

Offentleglova anmodning om informasjonsfrihet til Helsedirektoratet

Alle dokumenter som eies, oppbevares eller kontrolleres av Helsedirektoratet der isolering av SARS-COV-2-viruset beskrives, etter å ha samlet prøve fra en syk pasient, der prøven ikke har vært utblandet med et annet genetisk materiale (dvs. nyreceller fra ape, også kjent som veroceller; lungeceller fra pasient med lungekreft).

Vær oppmerksom på at jeg bruker ordet «isolering» i hverdagsbetydningen av ordet: det å separere/skille en ting fra enhver annen ting. Jeg ber ikke om dokumenter der «isolering av SARS-COV-2» refererer til:

- Dyrking/kultivering av noe
- Utførelsen av en mangfoldiggjøringstest (PCR-test) eller
- Sekvensering av noe

Min forespørsel begrenser seg heller ikke til dokumenter som er autorisert av Helsedirektoratet eller som gjelder arbeid som er utført av Helsedirektoratet. Forespørselen min gjelder enhver type dokument, f.eks. (men ikke begrenset til) ethvert publisert, fagfellevurdert studie som Helsedirektoratet har lastet ned eller skrevet ut.

Hvis noen dokumenter stemmer overens med beskrivelsen ovenfor og pr. i dag er tilgjengelig for offentligheten, vennligst gi meg nok informasjon om hvert dokument, slik at jeg med sikkerhet kan identifisere og få tilgang til hvert dokument (dvs. tittel, forfatter(e), dato, tidsskrift, hvor offentligheten kan få tilgang til det).

Christine Massey

[Redacted signature]

Phone: [Redacted]

Email: cmssyc@gmail.com

Thank you,
Christine Massey, M.Sc.



Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Offentleglova anmodning om informasjonsfrihet til Helsedirektoratet

Torunn Janbu <Torunn.Janbu@helsedir.no>
To: "cmssyc@gmail.com" <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Sun, Apr 25, 2021 at 2:09 PM

Takk for henvendelsen datert 16.april 2021.

Helsedirektoratet verken eier, oppbevarer eller kontrollerer dokumenter med informasjon om pasienter.

Torunn Janbu

Avdelingsdirektør Avdeling Spesialisthelsetjenester

Divisjon Kvalitet og forløp

Helsedirektoratet

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Christine Massey
<cmssyc@gmail.com>

Public Administration Act request for freedom of information to the Norwegian Directorate of Health

Torunn Janbu <Torunn.Janbu@helsedir.no>
To: "cmssyc@gmail.com" <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Sun, Apr 25, 2021 at 2:09 PM

Thank you for the inquiry dated 16 April 2021.

The Norwegian Directorate of Health does not own, store or control documents with information about patients.

Torunn Janbu

Department Director Department of Specialist Health Services

Quality and course division

The Norwegian Directorate of Health

Mobile 97735457

FOI request: records re "new variant of coronavirus" discussed by Secretary Hancock

coronavirus/FOI



Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com> Dec 14, 2020, 7:56 PM

to freedomofinformation

December 14, 2020

Freedom of Information Team
Department of Health and Social Care
39 Victoria Street
London
SW1H0EU

Submitted via email to: freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk

Dear Freedom Information Officer,

This is a formal request for records.

Today, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Matt Hancock stated that:

"Over the last few days, thanks to our world class genomic capability in the UK, we have identified a new variant of coronavirus which may be associated with the faster spread in the southeast of England.

Initial analysis suggests that this variant is growing faster than the existing variants.

We've currently identified over a thousand cases of this variant, predominantly in the south of England, although cases have been identified in nearly 60 different local authority areas and numbers are increasing rapidly.

Similar variants have been identified in other countries over the last few months.

We've notified the World Health Organization about this new variant, and

Public Health England is working hard to continue its expert analysis ...

I must stress at this point that there is currently nothing at this point to suggest that this variant is more likely to cause serious disease and the latest clinical advice is that it's highly unlikely that this mutation would fail to respond to a vaccine

but it shows we've got to be vigilant and follow the rules and everyone needs to take

personal responsibility not to spread this virus."

<https://twitter.com/talkRADIO/status/1338510584275460099>

Description of Requested Records:

1. All records in the possession, custody or control of the Department of Health and Social Care that:

- describe the identification of this particular "*new variant of coronavirus*" (including the methodology used, and/or the results of said methodology), and how this "*new variant of coronavirus*" relates to "SARS-COV-2";
- describe how the determination that this particular "*new variant of coronavirus*" "*may be associated with the faster spread in the southeast of England*" was arrived at (including the methodology used to arrive at said determination, and/or the results of said methodology);
- describe or summarize the initial analysis (methodology and/or results) suggesting that this "*variant is growing faster than the existing variants*";
- describe or summarize the investigation (methodology and/or results) that led to the identification of "*over a thousand cases of this variant, predominantly in the south of England*" with some cases "*identified in nearly 60 different local authority areas*";
- describe or summarize the investigation (methodology and/or results) that led to the statement that "*numbers are increasing rapidly*";
- describe or summarize the investigation (methodology and/or results) that led to the statement that "*Similar variants have been identified in other countries over the last few months*";
- include the notification provided to the World Health Organization about this "*new variant*";
- include any additional analysis/investigation relating to this "*new variant*";
- describe or summarize the investigation (methodology and/or results) into whether or not "*this variant is more likely to cause serious disease*";
- describe or summarize the investigation (methodology and/or results) that led to the clinical advice "*that it's highly unlikely that this mutation would fail to respond to a vaccine*", and explain who provided this clinical advice to Health Secretary Hancock.

Please note that all parts of my request include any sort of record, authored by anyone, any time, anywhere.

If any records match the above descriptions of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access it with certainty (i.e. author; title; date; publisher); please provide URLs where possible.

Format:

URLs and/or pdf documents sent to me via email; I do not wish for anything to be shipped to me.

Contact Information:

Last name: Massey

First name: Christine

Address:

Phone:

Email: cmssyc@gmail.com

Thank you in advance and best wishes,
Christine Massey, M.Sc.



Department of Health & Social Care

Freedom of Information Team
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London SW1H 0EU

www.gov.uk/dhsc

Ms Christine Massey
cmssyc@gmail.com

4 January 2021

Dear Ms Christine Massey,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1282095

Thank you for your request dated 14 December, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

"All records in the possession, custody or control of the Department of Health and Social Care that:

- 1. describe the identification of this particular new variant of coronavirus (including the methodology used, and/or the results of said methodology), and how this new variant of coronavirus relates to SARS-COV-2*
- 2. describe how the determination that this particular new variant of coronavirus may be associated with the faster spread in the southeast of England was arrived at (including the methodology used to arrive at said determination, and/or the results of said methodology);*
- 3. describe or summarize the initial analysis (methodology and/or results) suggesting that this variant is growing faster than the existing variants*
- 4. describe or summarize the investigation (methodology and/or results) that led to the identification of over a thousand cases of this variant, predominantly in the south of England with some cases identified in nearly 60 different local authority areas*
- 5. describe or summarize the investigation (methodology and/or results) that led to the statement that numbers are increasing rapidly*
- 6. describe or summarize the investigation (methodology and/or results) that led to the statement that Similar variants have been identified in other countries over the last few months*
- 7. include the notification provided to the World Health Organization about this new variant*
- 8. include any additional analysis/investigation relating to this new variant describe or summarize the investigation (methodology and/or results) into whether or not this variant is more likely to cause serious disease*
- 9. describe or summarize the investigation (methodology and/or results) that led to the clinical advice that it's highly unlikely that this mutation would fail to respond to a vaccine, and explain who provided this clinical advice to Health Secretary Hancock."*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). For ease of reference, we have numbered the individual elements in your request.

DHSC holds information relevant to your request. However, to comply with your request as it is currently framed would exceed the cost limit as set out in section 12(1) of the FOIA. Section 12(1) states that a public authority can refuse a request if complying with it would exceed the appropriate

limit of £600 (which represents 24 working hours). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending this time in determining where the information is held and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

It may help if I explain that in order to comply with a single question in your request alone, we would be required to search through an extensive volume of files to establish whether they held information relevant to your request. In order to identify the full extent of the information relevant to your request, we would be required to search through the entirety of DHSC's inboxes and records both electronic and otherwise. We therefore consider that locating and extracting the full extent of the information within scope of your request would exceed the section 12 cost limit.

You may wish to refine your request for information by choosing a specific team within DHSC. The UK Health Security team are responsible for handling the new COVID-19 variant. Furthermore, you may also wish to specify a type of recorded information, such as documents or reports. However, we cannot guarantee that Section 12, or any other exemptions, will not apply to a reframed request.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal by asking for an internal review. This should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter and sent to FreedomOfInformation@dhsc.gov.uk, or to the address at the top of this letter.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communication.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response and received our internal review decision. You should raise your concerns with the ICO within three months of your last meaningful contact with us.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely,

Piper Hewitt-Dudding
Freedom of Information Officer
FreedomOfInformation@dhsc.gov.uk

refining FOI-1282095

Christine Massey <[REDACTED]>
To: freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 11:31 AM

January 4, 2021

Freedom of Information Team
Department of Health and Social Care
39 Victoria Street
London
SW1H0EU

Submitted via email to: freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

I wish to refine my access request submitted on December 14, 2021 (FOI-1282095) as suggested by Piper Hewitt-Dudding, Freedom of Information Officer, in the attached letter.

*You may wish to refine your request for information **by choosing a specific team within DHSC. The UK Health Security team** are responsible for handling the new COVID-19 variant. Furthermore, you may also wish to specify a type of recorded information, such as **documents or reports**.*

Please limit my request to **documents and reports** and **the UK Health Security team**.

Also the time frame should reflect the initial investigation into and/or (alleged) discovery of the alleged "*new variant*".

Thank you in advance, best wishes and Happy New Year,
Christine Massey, M.Sc.



Department of Health & Social Care

Freedom of Information Team
Department of Health and Social Care
39 Victoria Street
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www.gov.uk/dhsc

Ms Christine Massey
cmssyc@gmail.com

1 February 2021

Dear Ms Massey,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1286779

Thank you for your request dated 4 January, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

“Please limit my request to documents and reports and the UK Health Security team.

Also the time frame should reflect the initial investigation into and/or (alleged) discovery of the alleged new variant.”

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

DHSC holds information relevant to your request. However, to comply with your request as it is currently framed would exceed the cost limit as set out in section 12(1) of the FOIA. Section 12(1) states that a public authority can refuse a request if complying with it would exceed the appropriate limit of £600 (which represents 24 working hours). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending this time in determining where the information is held and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

We recognise that you have refined your original request. However, it may help if I explain that in order to comply with your request, we would be required to search through an extensive volume of files to establish whether they held information relevant to your request. A search for these terms returned over 180 documents and reports dated between 11 December 2020 (when the UK variant was first flagged) to 4 January 2021 (the date this request was made) in one inbox alone. In order to identify the full extent of the information relevant to your request, we would be required to read through, establish the relevance of and extract information from each of these files, as well as files from other inboxes. We therefore consider that extracting the full extent of the information within scope of your request would exceed the section 12 cost limit.

You may wish to refine your request for information by giving a smaller and more specific timeframe. Due to the open-ended nature of your request, as more information is gathered on COVID-19 variants, more information will come in scope of your request. You may also specify which particular COVID-19 variant you are seeking information for, as there is now more than one

in circulation in the UK. However, we cannot guarantee that Section 12, or any other exemptions, will not apply to a reframed request.

Outside of the FOIA, and on a discretionary basis, you may find the following information on the COVID-19 variants useful. This information, the majority of which is held by DHSC, can be found on the following webpage: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/new-sars-cov-2-variant>

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal by asking for an internal review. This should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter and sent to FreedomOfInformation@dhsc.gov.uk, or to the address at the top of this letter.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communication.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response and received our internal review decision. You should raise your concerns with the ICO within three months of your last meaningful contact with us.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely,

Piper Hewitt-Dudding
Freedom of Information Officer
FreedomOfInformation@dhsc.gov.uk

Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>
To: freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk

Fri, Feb 12, 2021 at 4:41 PM

February 12, 2021

Freedom of Information Team
Department of Health and Social Care
39 Victoria Street
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SW1H0EU

Submitted via email to: freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

On **December 14, 2020** I submitted to your department a request (your file # FOI-1282095, attached) in which I quoted televised statements made that very day by your Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Matt Hancock and requested the **records that support those claims**.

On January 4, 2021 your department advised that I "refine" my request by "choosing" the UK Health Security team that is responsible for handling the alleged "new COVID-19 variant" and by specifying "documents or reports". I have no way of knowing how your department's records are organized and it is not my job to decide how a reasonable search should be conducted; nevertheless that very same day I responded and requested that my request be "refined" as suggested.

On February 1, 2021 your department responded by assigning a new file number (FOI-1286779) and advising once again that I "refine" my request because:

*A search for these terms returned over 180 documents and reports **dated between 11 December 2020 (when the UK variant was first flagged) to 4 January 2021 (the date this request was made)** in one inbox alone.... **Due to the open-ended nature of your request, as more information is gathered on COVID-19 variants, more information will come in scope of your request. You may also specify which particular COVID-19 variant you are seeking information for, as there is now more than one in circulation in the UK.***

According to the above, a mere **3 days** had passed between the "flagging" of that alleged "new variant" and Matt Hancock's televised statements that prompted my **December 14, 2020** request.

My request was not "open-ended"; it was very specific in nature and focused only on records that would have been created after the "flagging" on December 11, 2020 and before Matt Hancock's televised claims on December 14, 2020.

Please note that all details of your department's handling of this request are being made public.

Christine Massey, M.Sc.



Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

FOI Request - University of Warwick - F352.20-21

infocompliance, Resource <infocompliance@warwick.ac.uk>
To: Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Tue, May 4, 2021 at 9:01 AM

Christine

Thank you for your email dated 03 April 2021 requesting information from the University of Warwick under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please find below your request and the University's response.

FOI Request**Description of Requested Records:**

*All studies or reports in the possession, custody or control of University of Warwick **Postdoctoral Researcher Joseph Healey**, or **Dr. Nick Waterfield** (Warwick Medical School), or any health or science department / administrator at the University of Warwick describing the purification of "SARS-COV-2" aka "COVID-19 virus" (including any "variants") (via maceration, filtration and use of an ultracentrifuge; also referred to at times by some people as "isolation"), directly from a sample taken from a diseased human, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of **genetic** material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum).*

*Please note that I am not requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to **purify** the suspected "virus" and instead:*

- *cultured an unpurified sample or other unpurified substance, and/or*
- *performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test) on all the RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture, or on genetic material from any unpurified substance, and/or*
- *sequenced the total RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture or from any unpurified substance, and/or*
- *produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things.*

Clarifications re the above Request

*For clarity, please note I am already aware that according to virus theory a "virus" requires host cells in order to replicate, and I am **not** requesting records describing the **replication** of a "virus" without host cells.*

*Further, I am **not** requesting records that describe a suspected "virus" floating in a vacuum; I am simply requesting records that describe its **purification** (**separation** from everything else in the patient sample, as per standard laboratory practices for the purification of other small things).*

*Please also note that my request is **not limited** to records that were authored by someone at the University of Warwick or that pertain to work done at/by the University of Warwick. Rather, my request includes any record **matching the above description**, for example (but not limited to) a published peer-reviewed study (authored by anyone, anywhere) that has been downloaded or printed by a scientist or administrator at the University of Warwick and relied on as evidence of a disease-causing "virus".*

An appropriate time-frame for the records search would be from the date of the first "COVID-19 cases" in China until

the day on which the records search is commenced.

*Please note that to my knowledge no such records exist, and I am unable to access records that to my knowledge do not exist. Therefore, if any records matching the above description of requested records are in the possession, custody or control of Joseph Healey or Dr. Waterfield or any **health or science** department or administrator at the University of Warwick and are currently available to the public, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it). Please provide URLs where possible.*

Response

Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 imposes a duty on public authorities to inform the requester whether or not the information requested is held. The University can confirm that neither Joseph Healey nor Dr Nick Waterfield have worked on eukaryotic viruses in the way you describe, specifically SARS-COV-2. As such, the University does not hold the requested information.

I trust that this information will be helpful to you, however, should you be dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled you can request an internal review within one month of our response and, in the first instance, you are advised to follow the procedure outlined here: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/legalservices/freedomofinformation/foi/publicguidelines>

If you remain dissatisfied with how your request has been handled, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Walter Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (0303 123 1113) (<https://ico.org.uk/>).

Yours sincerely,

Jane Furze

Director, Marketing and Communications, Regional Strategy and Warwick Institute of Engagement
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Ms Christine Massey

Our ref: F21/1125

16 June 2021

Email: cmssyr@gmail.com

Sent by email

Dear Ms Massey

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION

On 29 April 2021, the University of Western Australia (University) received a *Freedom of Information Act 1992 (WA)* (FOI Act) request from you requesting access to documents which you believed the University held.

You paid the required application fee of \$30.00 on the 1 June 2021 validating your application and requiring the University to provide its decision no later than the 16 July 2021.

I now attach the University's decision in this matter, by way of a Notice of Decision.

The Notice of Decision provides the following details –

- the background to your Application including any agreements as to scope.
- the findings relating to documents requested in your Application.
- the decision on whether any documents or content therein is exempt from release under Schedule 1 of the FOI Act; and
- the decision whether access to those documents is granted in full, with redaction or refused.

If you wish to discuss this application, please email foi@uwa.edu.au.

Yours sincerely

Jay Guyver

Manager - Information Governance, Governance Directorate

NOTICE OF DECISION

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1992 SECTION 26

APPLICANT: MS CHRISITINE MASSEY
DECISION MAKER: JAY GUYVER
MANAGER - INFORMATION GOVERNANCE, GOVERNANCE
DIRECTORATE
THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

DATE OF DECISION: 16 June 2021

For the reasons set below, I have made the following decision in relation to your access application:

It is not possible to provide access as all reasonable steps have been taken to find documents within the scope of your application; and I am satisfied that documents do not exist which meet the scope of your application.

BACKGROUND

On 29 April 2021, the University of Western Australia (the **University**) received a *Freedom of Information Act 1992 (WA)* (**FOI Act**) request from you for access to the following documents:

1. *All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of Christine Carson (Senior Research Fellow, UWA Medical School, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine) or the University of Western Australia's President, Faculties, Vice-Chancellor, Senate, Officers, Executive Board, Secretary, or any health or science department head at the University of Western Australia describing the purification of any "COVID-19 virus" (aka "SARS-COV-2", including any alleged "variants" i.e. "B.1.1.7", "B.1.351", "P.1") (via maceration, filtration and use of an ultracentrifuge; also referred to at times by some people as "isolation"), directly from a sample taken from a diseased human, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum).*
2. *Please also note that my request includes any study/report matching the above description, for example (but not limited to) a published peer-reviewed study authored by anyone, anywhere since December 2019 and relied on by Christine Carson or any of the above-mentioned people/bodies as evidence of a disease-causing "virus" circulating in humans.*

In the same application you sought to clarify the scope of your application by further stating:

1. *Please note that I am not requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to purify the suspected "virus" from a patient sample and instead:*
 - a. *cultured an unpurified sample or other unpurified substance, and/or*
 - b. *performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test) on the total RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture, or on genetic material from any unpurified substance, and/or*
 - c. *fabricated a genome based on PCR-detected sequences in the total RNA from a patient sample or from a cell culture or from any unpurified substance, and/or*
 - d. *produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things in a cell culture.*

2. *For further clarity, please note I am already aware that according to virus theory a "virus" requires host cells in order to replicate, and I am not requesting records describing the replication of a "virus" without host cells.*
 - a. *Further, I am not requesting private patient records, or records that describe a suspected "virus" floating in a vacuum; I am simply requesting records that describe its purification (separation from everything else in the patient sample, as per standard laboratory practices for the purification of other very small things).*
 - b. *Please note that despite the fact that purification is an essential (but not sufficient) step in proving the existence of a disease-causing "virus", as of today 54 institutions globally have all failed to provide or cite any such records, therefore to my knowledge no such records exist and if they do exist I cannot access them until I am provided a citation or URL.*
 - c. *Therefore, if any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it). Please provide URLs where possible.*

On the 29 April 2021, my office wrote to indicating your application lacked validity under s12 of the Act, namely no Australian address nor payment had been provided. You responded with an Australian address on the 12 May 2021.

On the 17 May 2021 I wrote to you advising you my office were making preliminary enquiries to ascertain the volume of documents involved in the scope of your application. You replied affirmatively on the 18 May 2021.

I then wrote to you on the 25 May 2021 indicating our preliminary enquiries suggested there may be no documents and asked you if you wish to continue and pay the application fee of \$30 on that basis. You replied the same day indicating you wished to continue with the application.

At this time in your email of the 25 May 2021 you reasserted:

- a. *Also I would like to remind that my request is not limited to studies/reports produced by, or based on work performed at, the University. It includes any study/report in the custody/control/possession of the University matching the description that I provided, for example any published peer-reviewed study authored by anyone.*
- b. *I also understand that studies that are already available elsewhere may not be subject to the Act. However, because I cannot access studies that to my knowledge do not exist, in the spirit of transparency as per the purpose of Freedom of Information legislation I request citations for any such studies that are in the custody/control/possession of the University and match my description of requested records, so that I may access them elsewhere.*

As the application is for other than 'Personal Information' as that term is defined within the FOI Act, an application fee of \$30 was required. I requested this fee on the 26 May 2021, and it was paid on 1 June 2021 and the application was accepted as valid. The permitted period requires a decision to be received by you on or before the 16 July 2021.

The Application

Based on your original application and further requests in consultation with you via email, I have summarised the scope of your application to be -

- A. *All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of Christine Carson (Senior Research Fellow, UWA Medical School, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine) or the University of Western Australia's President, Faculties, Vice-Chancellor, Senate, Officers, Executive Board, Secretary, or any health or science department head at the University of Western Australia describing the purification of any "COVID-19 virus" (aka "SARS-COV-2", including any alleged "variants" i.e. "B.1.1.7", "B.1.351", "P.1") (via maceration, filtration and use of an ultracentrifuge; also referred to at times by some people as "isolation"), directly from a sample taken from a diseased human, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum).*
- B. *Please also note that my request includes any study/report matching the above description, for example (but not limited to) a published peer-reviewed study authored by anyone, anywhere since December 2019 and relied on by Christine Carson or any of the above-mentioned people/bodies as evidence of a disease-causing "virus" circulating in humans.*
- C. *Also I would like to remind that my request is not limited to studies/reports produced by, or based on work performed at, the University. It includes any study/report in the custody/control/possession of the University matching the description that I provided, for example any published peer-reviewed study authored by anyone.*

This then became the agreed scope (**'the Application'**), comprised of parts A, B and C.

SEARCHES

Following receipt and agreement of the Application, searches for documents were undertaken within the University's Electronic Document and Records Management System (known as 'TRIM'). TRIM searches by keyword, title word and document content were conducted by our office using appropriate keywords concerning your request. Searches were particularly focused on records relating to research projects, grants, approvals and publications.

Further searches were made with the assistance of relevant officers within the University including specific enquiries to the Portfolio of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, and to Dr Christine Carson (*the named respondent in your application*), and other researchers.

All the searches ("**Searches**") were documented, and results recorded as evidence that the University conducted best and reasonable steps to find documents in scope of your application.

REQUESTED DOCUMENTS

Searches found some 329 documents which met our search criteria -

- 202 proved to be false positives (i.e., where terms such as 'COVID*', and/or 'SARS*' were found with terms such as 'purification', 'isolation' within the same document, or within a certain number of words from each other but were unrelated to any scientific endeavours to isolate/purify the virus e.g., isolation leave for COVID).
- 2 PhD Thesis met our criteria however the research was into unrelated matters which had been impacted by the pandemic, hence included words which met our criteria but not your scope
- 125 documents of a research type were reviewed, however this related in their entirety to policy issues, grant application criteria for SARS-COV-2 / COVID-19 research, or research into the effects of COVID-19 (the disease) on various social communities, or on resources, mental health or into antibody / antigen tools. These did not meet the exacting criteria of your scope.

Therefore, from our Searches, **no** documents were discovered which met the scope of your application.

No documents met the precise and specific criteria within part (A) of your application, and thereby there were no supporting documents / publications which were relied on by those documents or authors which would comprise part (B).

In relation to part (C) of the scope of your application no documents fall into this definition for which the Freedom of the Information Act 1992 (WA) would apply (*see my decision below*).

DECISION

In consideration of the above, I, Jay Guyver, Manager - Information Governance, Governance Directorate have today made the decision that:

In relation to part (A) of your application,

- despite reasonable steps, such as searches and enquiries being made, no documents have been found or surrendered which meet the specific and precise requirements of your scope.
- Enquiries of Dr Carson have yielded no such documents relating to the precise and exact isolation or purification of the virus you talk about, and research she has and is engaged in does not meet the criteria, indeed is specifically excluded by your criteria.

Part (B) of your application is subject to documentation or similar being found in relation to part (A) of your application.

- There are no documents meeting this part of your scope as there are no documents including but not limited to peer reviewed articles cited or relied up on by Dr Carson or any others in documents which meet part (A) of your scope
- Further, it would not be for the University to search for, enquire for or otherwise elucidate documents which *“for example (but not limited to) a published peer-reviewed study authored by anyone, anywhere since December 2019 and relied on by Christine Carson or any of the above-mentioned people/bodies as evidence of a disease-causing "virus" circulating in humans.”* unless these formed part of the documents which met your scope in Part (A) and were ‘documents of this Agency’. As there were none no further searches would fall under the purpose of the FOI Act.

Part (C) of your application requires documents which were *“not limited to studies/reports produced by, or based on work performed at, the University. It includes any study/report in the custody/control/possession of the University matching the description that I provided, for example any published peer-reviewed study authored by anyone”*. I do not believe that such a request is an obligation under the FOI Act for the University, namely -

- Peer-reviewed studies, reports, publications and similar authored by anyone, and potentially anywhere, if published and available whether at a fee or not are excluded specifically under s6 of the FOI Act such as
 - (a) available for purchase by the public or free distribution to the public; or
 - (d) publicly available library material held by agencies for reference purposes.
- Further access to documents which an agency may have access to, hold or otherwise control is limited under 27(2) (c) where (emphasis is mine)
 - (2) If the applicant has requested that access to a document be given in a particular way the agency has to comply with the request unless giving access in that way —
 - (c) would involve an infringement of copyright belonging to a person other than the State,

- Releasing studies which the University may simply have relating to 'COVID-19 virus, SARS-COV-2' within its libraries, or those which researchers may have access to are subject to copyright and licensing requirements.
- In response to your request that where I am unable to provide documents as detailed above you have asked for citations. Given that documents which do not meet your scope or are not subject to the FOI Act would not be returned or surrendered to my office, I am not able to provide such citations.

It is not possible to provide access as all reasonable steps have been taken to find documents within the scope of your application; and I am satisfied that documents do not exist which meet the scope of your application.

INTERNAL REVIEW

If you are aggrieved by the Decision of this agency, you may apply for an Internal Review within **30 days** of being provided this Notice. There are no charges for requesting an internal review and, once a request is received, UWA must review any disputed decision within 15 days.

An application for an internal review must:

- be in writing.
- set out the particulars of the decision that you wish to have reviewed.
- give an address in Australia for correspondence, to which notices under the FOI Act can be sent; and
- be lodged at an office of UWA (see below).

An internal review request may be sent by at foi@uwa.edu.au, delivered in person or by post to the following address:

Manager, Information Governance
Information Governance Team M461
University of Western Australia
35 Stirling Highway
CRAWLEY WA 6009

Should you require further information or assistance in preparing an internal review application, please contact foi@uwa.edu.au. Reference can also be made to:
<http://www.spp.uwa.edu.au/riskandlegal/freedom-of-information/freedom-of-information-process#review>.

Yours sincerely

Jay Guyver,
Manager - Information Governance, Governance Directorate