

Dear House of Commons,

Please provide a full, accurate and complete list of records held within your office, and or under your authority, describing the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus, directly taken from a symptomatic patient of COVID-19 where the sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (not limited but by way of example monkey kidney cells, aka vero cells, liver cancer cells) thereby eliminating contamination as a possible alternative source of sampling.

Please note isolation is used in the normally understood meaning of the word – the act of separating a thing from another. I am not referring, and hence not requesting, to isolation meaning the culture of something else, the performance of an amplification test (eg PCR test which only detect mRNA or DNA) or the sequencing of "something".

If any records match the above description and are available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information so that I may identify and access each record with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, and weblink or location where the public may access it).

I remind you full, accurate and complete disclosure is required.

Yours faithfully,

Marc Horn

1 Attachment



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Dear Mr Horn,

Freedom of Information Request F20-347

Thank you for your request for information as copied below. You have asked for information describing the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus.

This information is not held by the House of Commons.

It may help you to understand that the House of Commons is an organisation that forms part of the UK's legislature. Our role it is to make and debate laws, scrutinise the work of the Government and debate the issues of the day. Whilst this may involve carrying out research into those issues, it does not extend to practical scientific investigation. You are seeking information which might instead be held by the Department of Health and Social Care or Public Health England, and therefore you may wish to consider submitting your request under the Freedom of Information Act to them. Contact details can be found at [1]<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisati...> and [2]<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisati...>.

However, it may interest you to know that the House of Commons Library and the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology have undertaken research on the Covid-19 outbreak, for the purpose of informing Members of Parliament. This has information on the subject in general which you may find helpful and is publicly available at

[3]<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/cor...> and

[4]<https://post.parliament.uk/category/anal...>

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Yours sincerely,

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