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To: NIAID NEWS (NIH/NIAID)

From: Ron Bublitz

**Subject:** a basic and serious question.

I see that you have released images of the electron microscope view of C19 virus. I would like to know how you are certain that is the virus? How was it isolated? Have you followed Koch's Postulates in order to be completely certain that is the pathogen that causes disease?

Thanks.

**Email Sent:** Jul 15, 2020, 1:26 PM

To: Ron Bublitz

From: NIAID NEWS (NIH/NIAID)

Subject: RE: a basic and serious question. CAS-13254

This is in response to your recent email to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health.

Thank you for your inquiry. For detailed procedures on how images in the NIAID SARS-CoV-2 album were obtained, you may wish to review the article "Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 from Patient with 2019 Novel Coronavirus Disease, United States" at <a href="https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/6/20-0516">https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/6/20-0516</a> article. As you may know, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is the federal agency responsible for tracking and controlling infectious diseases.

We hope this information will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,
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