to BC

December 31, 2020

To: BC Ministry of Health Freedom of Information Office

Dear Access to Information Clerk,

This is a formal request made under

Email: FOI.Requests@gov.bc.ca

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT

[RSBC 1996] CHAPTER 165

Description of Requested Records:

All records in the possession, custody or control of the BC Ministry of Health that:

describe the isolation of the [alleged] genetic variant of the [alleged] virus that
 [allegedly] causes [the alleged disease referred to as] COVID-19 [allegedly] identified in
 the United Kingdom, directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the
 patient sample was <u>not</u> 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 <u>not</u> requesting records where "isolation" refers instead to:

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

- the sequencing of something.
- describe the discovery (<u>not</u> manufacture / fabrication / creation / assembly / alignment / trimming / mapping) of the alleged genome for this alleged particular new variant of coronavirus;
- describe how this alleged new variant of coronavirus relates to the alleged "SARS-COV-2";
- include any additional analysis/investigation into this alleged "new variant".

Please note that my request is **not** limited to records that were authored by agents of BC Ministry of Health, or to records that pertain to work done by agents of the BC Ministry of Health; it includes **any** sort of record, authored by anyone, anywhere, ever.

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 each record 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.

Last Name: First Name: Address: Email:

Thank you in advance and best wishes.

Happy New Year

Contact Information:



File: 292-30/HTH-2020-07437

May 21, 2021

Sent via email:

Dear

Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Health. Your request is for:

All records in the possession, custody or control of the BC Ministry of Health that: Describe the isolation of the [alleged] genetic variant of the [alleged] virus that [allegedly] causes [the alleged disease referred to as] COVID-19 [allegedly] identified in the United Kingdom, 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); Describe the discovery (not manufacture / fabrication / creation / assembly / alignment / trimming / mapping) of the alleged genome for this alleged particular new variant of coronavirus; Describe how this alleged new variant of coronavirus relates to the alleged 'SARS-COV-2'; Include any additional analysis/investigation into this alleged 'new variant'.

Although a thorough search was conducted, no records were located in response to your request. The Ministry advises that detection of variants, as well as testing and approval of vaccines and test kits, is not something that the Ministry has any role in.

Your file is now closed.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Kelly Morita, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 356-2030. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604 660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1 800 663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250 356-2030.

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Fax: 250 387-9843

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

Kelly Morita, FOI Specialist On behalf of Justine Nisbet, Manager Justice / Health Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosure

How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165 00

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250 387-5629 Fax 250 387 1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

- 1. A copy of your original request;
- 2. A copy of our response; and
- 3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.