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### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) 13 October 2021 for:

*“All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the NZ Ministry of Health describing the purification of any “Marburgviruses” (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).”*

The Ministry does not conduct scientific research or studies. Please refer to online scientific studies for further information: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>

As such, your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act.

For more information regarding COVID-19 please refer to the Ministry of Health website: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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**Copy of OIA request:**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 October 2021 08:35

**To:** OIA Requests <oiagr@health.govt.nz>

**Subject:** OIA Request: "Marburgviruses" purification by any method

Dear Official Information Officer,

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

**Description of Requested Records:**

All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the NZ Ministry of Health describing the **purification** of any "**Marburgviruses**" (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 NZ Ministry of Health or that pertain to work done at/by the NZ Ministry of Health. 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 NZ Ministry of Health 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.