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## Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1360708

Thank you for your request dated 11 September 2021 in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

*“All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of The Department of Health and Social Care 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 Department of Health and Social Care or that pertain to work done at/by The Department of Health and Social Care. 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 Department of Health and Social Care and relied on as evidence of a disease-causing ‘virus’.”*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

DHSC does not hold the information you have requested. This is because we are not the appropriate authority to contact regarding this matter. However, you may wish to contact the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), which may hold information relevant to your request. UKHSA can be contacted via [InformationRights@UKHSA.gov.uk](mailto:InformationRights@UKHSA.gov.uk).

However, outside of the scope of the FOIA, you may be interested in the following information.

The World Health Organisation has compiled a comprehensive database of research information in relation to Coronavirus, which is available at the following link: (Global research on coronavirus disease (COVID-19)):

[Global research on coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) \(who.int\)](https://www.who.int/research-and-innovations/our-research)

You may also be aware that Go-Science regularly publishes the scientific evidence supporting the UK Government response to Covid-19 on the GOV.UK website at this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/government-office-for-science>

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 sent to [FreedomOfInformation@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:FreedomOfInformation@dhsc.gov.uk) or to the address at the top of this letter and be submitted within two months of the date 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 SK9 5AF

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

Yours sincerely,

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