



22 October 2021



I refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act (Act) dated 13 October 2021.

You have requested “All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the The University of Otago 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).”

I can confirm that the University holds no records which fall within scope of your request. Accordingly, we decline your request pursuant to section 18(g) of the Act on the basis that the information requested is not held by the University.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your information request, section 28(3) of the Act provides you with the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and review this response. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.

Yours sincerely

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