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FOIA request to CDC re: "influenza virus" purification by any method

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September 22, 2021

To:
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Freedom of Information Officer
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Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

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

Please note: this request is very similar to another request that I submitted on March 1, 2021 (**21-00788-FOIA**) where I had **specified** purification via maceration, filtration and use of an ultracentrifuge and received a "no records" response. The difference with this new request is that it does **not** specify maceration, filtration and use of an ultracentrifuge; it only mentions filtration, ultracentrifugation and chromatography by way of an example.

Description of Requested Records:

All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and/or the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) describing the **purification** (i.e. via filtration, ultracentrifugation and chromatography) of any "influenza virus" said to have caused disease in humans, 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 something, and/or
- performed an amplification test (i.e. PCR), and/or
- fabricated a "genome", 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 note that my request includes any study/report matching the above description, **authored by anyone, anywhere.**

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.

Contact Information:

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Thank you in advance and best wishes,
Christine Massey, M.Sc.



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Your CDC FOIA Request #22-00036-FOIA

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Mon, Nov 1, 2021 at 11:20 AM

November 1, 2021

Request Number: 22-00036-FOIA

Dear Ms. Massey:

This is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of October 6, 2021, for request for all studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and/or the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) describing the purification (i.e. via filtration, ultracentrifugation and chromatography) of any "influenza virus" said to have caused disease in humans, 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 something, and/or • performed an amplification test (i.e. PCR), and/or • fabricated a "genome", 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 note that my request includes any study/report matching the above description, authored by anyone, anywhere..

Please see the attached letter.

Sincerely,
CDC/ATSDR FOIA Office
770-488-6399**CORRECTED Final Response No Records for 22-00036 (37).pdf**

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Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta GA 30333
November 1, 2021

Ms. Christine Massey

[REDACTED]
Via email: cmssyc@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Massey:

This letter is in response to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of October 6, 2021, for:

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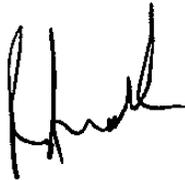
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A search of our records failed to reveal any documents pertaining to your request.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6277 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal to the Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, via the online portal at <https://requests.publiclink.hhs.gov/App/Index.aspx>. Please mark both your appeal letter and envelope "FOIA Appeal." Your appeal must be electronically transmitted by January 30, 2022

Sincerely,



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