
OIA: Proof of TB Causation

Wed, Nov 17, 2021 at 2:05 PM

To: OIA & Privacy Requests <OIA&PrivacyRequests@esr.cri.nz>

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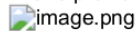
Description of Requested Records:

All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of ESR that uses purified bacterium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* to prove causation of the alleged Tuberculosis disease.

Please note that I am not requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to:

- Use valid controls
- Satisfy all 4 Koch's Postulates

I have provided all 4 Koch's Postulates as a reference.



I am not seeking any records disputing Koch's postulates nor any records that attempt to justify the alleged Tuberculosis disease using unscientific methods. I am only seeking records that prove causation using valid scientific methods including valid control groups.

Regards

Wed, Nov 17, 2021 at 3:58 PM

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Here is the image that wasn't sent in my previous email.

Koch's postulates

Koch's postulates are the following:

1. The microorganism must be found in abundance in all organisms suffering from the disease, but should not be found in healthy organisms.
2. The microorganism must be isolated from a diseased organism and grown in pure culture.
3. The cultured microorganism should cause disease when introduced into a healthy organism.
4. The microorganism must be reisolated from the inoculated, diseased experimental host and identified as being identical to the original specific causative agent.



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Kristin Dyet <Kristin.Dyet@esr.cri.nz>
[REDACTED]

Mon, Nov 22, 2021 at 4:47 PM

Cc: OIA & Privacy Requests <OIA&PrivacyRequests@esr.cri.nz>
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Thanks for your email. I am not certain that I completely understand your question, so feel free to come back to me with any further questions if needed.

ESR produces reports that summarises the descriptive epidemiology of tuberculosis (TB) notifications (disease and latent infections) in New Zealand on behalf of the Ministry of Health. These reports can be found on our website: <https://surv.esr.cri.nz/surveillance/AnnualTBReports.php>. All culture-based work on Tb is done at diagnostic laboratories, not at ESR.

This is the only work ESR does on Tb.

Regards

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Proof of TB Causation

Mon, Nov 22, 2021 at 8:16 PM

To: Kristin Dyet <Kristin.Dyet@esr.cri.nz>
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Greetings Kristin,

Here is the official information act request again (with additional information for clarity):

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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 ESR that uses purified bacterium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* to prove causation of the alleged Tuberculosis disease in animals and/or humans.

Please note that I am not requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to:

- Use valid controls
- Satisfy all 4 Koch's Postulates

The 4 Koch's Postulates are stated below:

1. *The microorganism must be found in abundance in all organisms suffering from the disease, but should not be found in healthy organisms.*
2. *The microorganism must be isolated from a diseased organism and grown in pure culture.*
3. *The cultured microorganism should cause disease when introduced into a healthy organism.*
4. *The microorganism must be reisolated from the inoculated, diseased experimental host and identified as being identical to the original specific causative agent.*

I am not seeking any records disputing Koch's postulates nor any records that attempt to justify the alleged Tuberculosis disease using unscientific methods. I am only seeking records that prove causation using valid scientific methods including valid control groups.

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.

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If ESR doesn't have records that satisfy all 4 of Koch's postulates and also include experiments with valid controls, then simply write that ESR does not hold such records. I have been searching for such records and so far am unable to locate these records. I have also inquired with the MoH and they too do not have these records.

Kind Regards



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Kristin Dyet <Kristin.Dyet@esr.cri.nz>

Tue, Nov 23, 2021 at 8:05 AM

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As stated in my earlier email, the only thing that ESR has are the published annual reports. Reports are based on isolation of Mycobacterium tuberculosis from patients but ESR does not have the data to satisfy Koch's postulates for these patients. Therefore I do not believe that we have anything to satisfy your requirements.

Regards

Kristin