



Re: OIA Request: Marburgviruses purification by any method

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Tue, Nov 9, 2021 at 5:10 PM

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I refer to your official information request of 13 October 2021. The University has not done any work relating to the "purification" of Marburg virus, and so does not hold any documents related to such work. This constitutes a refusal of your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Records held by the University (if any) related to work on the "purification" of Marburg virus by other entities would be library material, and so not constitute "official information" under section 2(1)(e)(i) of the OIA.

You have the right to make a complaint to an Ombudsman if you are dissatisfied with this response.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Ewert

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University of Auckland

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Sent: Wednesday, 13 October 2021 12:10 PM
To: Rebecca Ewert <r.ewert@auckland.ac.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 The University of Auckland 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 University of Auckland or that pertain to work done at/by The University of Auckland. 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 University of Auckland and relied on as evidence of a disease-causing "virus".

Please note, I am requesting all records regardless if the records are *publicly* available or *privately* available. If you claim the records are publicly available, please provide at least 1 link to the publically available record to validate your claim.

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.

Record Search

I do not expect the University to search students' computers, labs' computers, or even researchers' computers. I expect the University to direct this request to the appropriate department who have experts in the field of microbiology and virology.

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Format:

Pdf documents sent to me via email; I do not wish for anything to be shipped to me.

Regards

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