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## Response to your correspondence 6 December 2021

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OIA Requests <oiagr@health.govt.nz>

Wed, Dec 8, 2021 at 3:14 PM

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Thank you for your email.

The Ministry of Health holds no information relating to your request. Therefore, your request has been refused in full under section 18(g)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

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**Sent:** Monday, 6 December 2021 11:32  
**To:** OIA Requests <[oiagr@health.govt.nz](mailto:oiagr@health.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** OIA: Poliovirus Purification

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 New Zealand Ministry of Health describing the **purification** of any "**poliovirus**" (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 Ministry of Health or that pertain to work done at/by The Ministry of Health. 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 Ministry of Health 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 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.

**Note:**

If The Ministry of Health has a different definition of purification or disagrees with the definition of purification used in this request, please provide the formal definition of purification that the ministry prefers. I am using the [Merriam-Webster's dictionary definition of Purification](#) which is:

| "the act or an instance of purifying or of being purified"

Then follow on to the definition of [purifying](#)

: to make pure: such as

a: to clear from material defilement or imperfection

b: to free from guilt or moral or ceremonial blemish

c: to free from undesirable elements

This is synonymous with ['isolate'](#)

1: to set apart from others

also : QUARANTINE

2: to select from among others

especially : to separate from another substance so as to obtain pure or in a free state

3: INSULATE

Regards

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