
Fwd: Response to FOIA Request 21-02117-FOIA

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To: Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 14, 2021 at 3:12 PM

On 8/31/21 I submitted a request and the responded with this email on 9/1.
I responded on 9/2 but then decided to submit another request.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Response to FOIA Request 21-02117-FOIA
Date: September 2, 2021 at 12:50:23 AM PDT
To: BViana@cdc.gov

Office of the Chief Operating Officer,
Thank you for the email but it is not responding to my request. I will explain it again.

I am requesting records that show isolation (purification) of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, referred to as COVID-19 or 2019-nCoV. Isolation/purification meaning that the virus was separated from everything else. Isolation means the sample was not combined with something else. So it was directly taken from a diseased patient and not combined with any other source of genetic material such as monkey kidney cells, aka vero cells, liver cancer cells or fetal bovine serum.

Nothing you provided in your response has those records.
Can you please respond to my initial FOIA request, confirmation ID # 253001on 8/31/21?
Please advise if you do not have any records in response to my specific request.

Here is the full request:

All studies and/or records in the possession, custody or control of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) / Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) (for example, downloaded to a computer and/or printed in hard copy) that is

1. describing the isolation of the of the SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) virus including any "variants" that allegedly causes the disease referred to as COVID-19 in the United States, directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e., monkey kidney cells, aka vero cells; liver cancer cells; fetal bovine serum).
2. describing how this alleged new variant referred to as Delta relates to the alleged "SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) virus" including any analysis or investigation into this alleged new variant, Delta.

Please note that I am using "isolation" in the every-day sense of the word: the act of separating thing(s) from everything else. I am not requesting records where "isolation of a "SARS-COV-2" refers instead only to:

- the culturing of something: and/or
- the performance of an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), and/or
- the sequencing of something, or
- the fabrication of a genome

To clarify my request: I am requesting records that show isolation aka purification of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, referred to as COVID-19 or 2019-nCoV. Isolation/purification meaning that the virus was separated from everything else. For example, the records would show the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus from any unadulterated sample taken from a diseased patient. The record would show purification from a patient sample via maceration, filtration and use of an

ultracentrifuge. Any records that show the culturing of something or an amplification of something (PCR test) or a sequencing of something or the fabrication of a genome is not isolation or purification of a virus.

I'm also looking for information on the alleged variant referred to as Delta. So all studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the CDC / HHS describing the isolation/purification of any "COVID-19 virus" including any "variant" currently being referred to as "delta".

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 small things).

In other words, do you have records showing,

1. Covid-19 (SARS-CoV2 virus) been isolated?
2. Covid-19 (SARS-CoV2 virus) been purified?
3. Covid-19 (SARS-CoV2 virus) been proven scientifically to have caused disease?
4. Showing the Koch's Postulates were followed to completely be certain that the SARS-CoV2 virus is the pathogen that caused the disease COVID-19?
5. The Delta Variant?

Please also note that my request is not limited to records that were authorized by the CDC / HHS. My request includes any sort of record.



On Sep 1, 2021, at 1:31 PM, BViana@cdc.gov wrote:

For administrative convenience and to fully respond to your request, program staff have provided the following information below with corresponding web links.

SARS-CoV-2 is the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Active infection with SARS-CoV-2 is detected by [diagnostic tests](#). Currently there are two types of diagnostic tests – molecular tests that detect the virus's genetic material and antigen tests that detect specific proteins on the surface of the virus. For current data showing the total number of SARS-CoV-2-positive cases and deaths, visit the [CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker](#), which shows cases and deaths in the United States broken down by state and county, daily trends in the number of cases by state, and other parameters.

Evidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection can be found in a study entitled, [Pathology and Pathogenesis of SARS-CoV-2 Associated with Fatal Coronavirus Disease](#), which includes electron microscopy images of SARS-CoV-2 in infected lung and upper airway tissues as well as staining of lung and upper airway tissues using an antibody against SARS-CoV-2.

The specimens analyzed in this study were from patients with common signs and symptoms associated with COVID-19, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath. All patients had abnormal findings on chest radiographs.

There are other similar studies publicly available online. To aid in locating other related studies, please see the articles suggested in the "Similar Articles" and "Cited by" section on the manuscript's [PubMed entry](#).

The SARS-CoV-2 virus may be isolated from human clinical specimens by culturing in cells. In January 2020, CDC isolated the [SARS-CoV-2 virus](#) from a clinical specimen from the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in the United States. There are other similar studies published describing the isolation and characterization of SARS-CoV-2 from human clinical specimens. To aid in locating other related studies, please see the articles suggested in the "Similar Articles" and "Cited by" section on the manuscript's [PubMed entry](#). There are

also [several publications](#) documenting SARS-CoV-2 infection and transmission among pre-symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals.

For information about the SARS-CoV-2 genome sequence, see the NIH GenBank website (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genbank/sars-cov-2-seqs/>), which includes over 44,000 sequences as of December 7, 2020.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of the records provided please contact either our FOIA Requester Service Center at 770-488-6399 or our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6277.

Sincerely,

CDC/ATSDR FOIA Office

Office of the Chief Operating Officer

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