
FOIA request to CDC re: proof of Tuberculosis causation

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November 16, 2021

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Roger Andoh
Freedom of Information Officer
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Phone: 770-488-6277
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Dear Mr. Andoh,

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

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 (ATSD) controlled experiments using purified *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* to prove causation of the disease referred to as Tuberculosis.

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.

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 specimen.

I am not seeking records that dispute or fail to satisfy Koch's postulates, nor records that attempt to prove causation of the disease called Tuberculosis 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 it 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:

Last name: Massey
First name: Christine
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Thank you in advance and best wishes,
Christine Massey, M.Sc.



Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>

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Wed, Nov 17, 2021 at 9:33 AM

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Bcc: mspeth@alumni.clemson.edu

p.s. Since such human experiments would now be considered unethical, please include any such human or animal experiments.

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Your CDC FOIA Request #22-00344-FOIA

MNHarper@cdc.gov <MNHarper@cdc.gov>
To: cmssyc@gmail.com

Fri, Dec 3, 2021 at 8:02 AM

December 3, 2021

Request Number: 22-00344-FOIA

Dear Ms. Massey:

This is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of November 16, 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) that describe controlled experiments using purified Mycobacterium tuberculosis to prove causation of the disease referred to as Tuberculosis..

Please see the attached letter.

Sincerely,
CDC/ATSDR FOIA Office
770-488-6399

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Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta GA 30333
December 3 2021

Christine Massey

Peterborough, ON, Canada
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 November 16, 2021, for:

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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.

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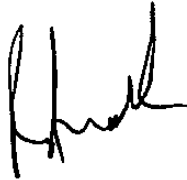
If any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it). Please provide URLs where possible.

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 March 3, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Andoh', with a stylized, cursive script.

Roger Andoh
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(770) 488-6399
Fax: (404) 235-1852

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Your CDC FOIA Request #22-00344-FOIA

Christine Massey <cmssyc@gmail.com>
To: MNHarper@cdc.gov

Fri, Dec 3, 2021 at 9:04 AM

Thank you Mr. Harper.

With this request, I had also followed up with a postscript stating:

"Since such human experiments would now be considered unethical, please include any such human or animal experiments."

The postscript is not mentioned in the response letter. Could you please confirm whether it was taken into account in providing the response?

Thank you and best wishes,
Christine

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