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Request label	smallpox purification	
Request description	<p>All studies/reports in possession/custody/control of PHAC describing purification of any "smallpox virus" from a sample taken from a diseased human where the sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. a cell line, fetal bovine serum). I am NOT requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to purify and instead: -cultured an unpurified sample, and/or -performed an amplification test, and/or -fabricated a "genome", and/or -produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things. I am not requesting records describing the replication of a "virus" without host cells, or records that describe a suspected "virus" floating in a vacuum or a strict application of Koch's Postulates, or private patient records. I simply request 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 includes any such study or report, 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: Electronic sent to me via email; not shipped.</p>	
Format of request	Electronic copy (The institution may provide the records via Email, CD or DVD depending on size)	

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Mon, Dec 6, 2021 at 9:39 AM

Good morning,

Please find attached our final response to your request under the *Access to Information Act* (the Act).

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Christine Massey

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(Sent by email: cmssyc@gmail.com)

Dear Christine Massey:

This is in response to your request made under the *Access to Information Act* (the Act) for the following information:

All studies/reports in possession/custody/control of PHAC describing purification of any "smallpox virus" from a sample taken from a diseased human where the sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. a cell line, fetal bovine serum). I am NOT requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to purify and instead: -cultured an unpurified sample, and/or -performed an amplification test, and/or -fabricated a "genome", and/or -produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things. I am not requesting records describing the replication of a "virus" without host cells, or records that describe a suspected "virus" floating in a vacuum or a strict application of Koch's Postulates, or private patient records. I simple request 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 includes any such study or report, 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).

Having completed a thorough search, we regret to inform you that we were unable to locate any records responsive to your request.

The National Microbiology Laboratory does not have materials containing the Smallpox virus and does not conduct research on Smallpox. According to the WHO, the last known natural case of Smallpox was diagnosed in 1977 and in 1980 the WHO declared that smallpox had been eradicated. Post world-wide smallpox eradication, as per World Health Assembly resolution 33.4, only two laboratories world wide have approval to store smallpox cultures (Vector, Russia and CDC, United States of America

Should you have any questions or concerns about the processing of your request, please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone at 343-571-6999 or by email at manon.mcmillan-bruyere@hc-sc.gc.ca, with reference to our file number cited above.

Please be advised that you are entitled to complain to the Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada concerning the processing of your request within 60 days of the receipt of this notice. In the event you decide to avail yourself of this right, your notice of complaint can be made online at: <https://www.oic-ci.gc.ca/en/submitting-complaint> or by mail to:

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Yours sincerely,

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