
Hilarious FOI Response From ICMR

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Hi Christine,

We used your FOI text, made some minor changes, explicitly told ICMR what not to send, and these lost souls made us crack up! Their response was downright hilarious.

Please see the attached! This could be a good one for your collection.

Thanks

 CantPurifyWithoutIsolating_HumorousNIV_Dec2021ST.pdf
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RTI Request Details :-

RTI Request Registration number	NIOVP/R/E/21/00085
Public Authority	ICMR-National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune


Personal Details of RTI Applicant:-

Name	[REDACTED]
Gender	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
Pincode	[REDACTED]
Country	India
State	[REDACTED]
Status	Details not provided
Educational Status	Details not provided
Phone Number	Details not provided
Mobile Number	Details not provided
Email-ID	[REDACTED]

Request Details :-

Citizenship	Indian
Is the Requester Below Poverty Line ?	Yes
BPL Card No. <i>(Proof of BPL may be provided as an attachment)</i>	Details not provided
Year of Issue	Details not provided
Issuing Authority	Details not provided

(Description of Information sought (upto 500 characters))

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Please provide all studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of ICMR or NIV or other affiliated bodies/agencies describing the purification of the alleged “COVID-19 virus” (aka “SARS-COV-2”, including any alleged “variants”) 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).

Clarification of Request:

Please note that I am NOT requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to purify the suspected “virus” and instead:

1. cultured something, and/or
2. performed an amplification test (i.e. PCR), and/or
3. fabricated a genome from sequences detected in an impure substance, and/or
4. produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things.

I am already aware that according to virus theory a “virus” requires host cells in order to replicate, and am not requesting records that describe replication of a ‘virus’ without host cells. Nor am I requesting records that describe a strict fulfillment of Koch’s Postulates (or Rivers’s criteria), or records that describe a suspected “virus” floating in a vacuum, or private patient information.

I am simply requesting records that describe purification (separation of the alleged virus from everything else in the patient sample, as per standard laboratory practices for the purification of other very small things). This would normally involve maceration, filtration, and ultra-centrifugation.

Please note that 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 in the public domain, 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.

Please do not point me to or send me papers such as the following:

1 Abraham Priya, Cherian Sarah, Potdar Varsha. Genetic characterization of SARS-CoV-2 & implications for epidemiology, diagnostics & vaccines in India. 2020,152 (1), 12-15.

2 Sarkale P, Patil S, Yadav PD, et al. First isolation of SARS-CoV-2 from clinical samples in India. Indian J Med Res. 2020;151(2 & 3):244-250. doi:10.4103/ijmr.IJMR_1029_20.

These are not what I am looking for.



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Public Authority	ICMR-National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune
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Date of action	07/12/2021
<p>Reply / Remarks :-Dear Sir, Your RTI application has been replied vide NIV letter No.1/8/2005/RTI/Admn/XVII-2010 dated 07.12.2021. Regards CPIO.</p>	
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No. 1/8/2005/RTI/Admn./XVII- 2009

07th December, 2021

To



Sub.: Online Application under Right to Information Act 2005

Ref.: Registration No. NIOVP/R/E/21/00083 dated 06/11/2021

Madam,

This is in reference to your above online application no. NIOVP/R/E/21/00083 dated 6th November, 2021 seeking information under Right to Information Act 2005. The information sought by you is furnished below.

<p>Please provide all studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of ICMR or NIV or other affiliated bodies /agencies describing the purification of the alleged "COVID-19 virus" (aka "SARS-CoV-2", including any alleged "variants") 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).</p>	<p>As per our knowledge, there is no methodology available to purify the SARS-CoV-2 directly from the clinical specimens of the patient until the virus is isolated using in vitro or in vivo methods.</p> <p>Considering the biosecurity aspects, the records of the clinical specimens, isolates of SARS-CoV-2 in possession, custody or control of ICMR-National Institute of Virology, Pune cannot be shared publicly.</p>
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The Appellate Authority in respect of the information furnished above is, Prof. Priya Abraham, Director, ICMR-National Institute of Virology, Pune. If you are not satisfied with this reply, you may appeal within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Deepti Parashar

Dr. Deepti Parashar
CPIO & Scientist-E

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