

31 May 2022

**Official Information Act Request: OIA: Monkeypox Purification and Variants**

On 25 May 2022 you sent a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (Act) to ESR as follows:

*Greetings Official Information Officer,*

**Description of Requested Records:**

*All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of ESR describing the **purification** of any "Monkeypox virus" (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).*

*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.*

*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 records where researchers conflate extraction of genetic material from a patient sample or cell culture with "virus isolation", or records that describe a suspected "virus" floating in a vacuum, or private patient information.*

*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).*

*My request is **not limited** to records that were authored by ESR or that pertain to work done at/by ESR. 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 ESR 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.*

**Complexity**

*Please Note, this is not a complex request nor is it a request that will generate too many records to search through. I have already done a preliminary record search through Google Scholar and have read many scientific papers on this subject. I have not found any responsive publicly and privately available scientific records including records referenced and published by the USA CDC.*

**Our response to your request:**

ESR does not have any studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of ESR describing the purification of any “Monkeypox virus” directly from a sample taken from a diseased human where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material.

The information ESR does possess comes directly from the World Health Organisation’s website referencing Monkeypox which is publicly available.

We direct you to the following link on the World Health Organisation’s website for further information:

[Monkeypox \(who.int\)](http://www.who.int)

**Your right to seek a review**

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely



Jill Vintiner

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## ESR response to your Official Information Act request

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Tue, May 31, 2022 at 4:32 PM

[REDACTED]  
To: Andrew Scanlon <Andrew.Scanlon@esr.cri.nz>

Greetings Andrew Scanlon,  
Greetings ESR,

I am making a formal complaint regarding my Official Information Act request for the purification of the alleged Monkeypox virus.

I am seeking one of the following:

- Provide the records that satisfy my request (purification of the Monkeypox virus directly from humans)
- Reject my OIA on the grounds of section 18E or 18G

I am looking for one of the above as an outcome from this complaint. It appears that ESR does not have any scientific records that satisfy my request BUT ESR has implied in their response that WHO may have these records. I would like ESR to clarify this implication. The easiest way is to confirm via an 18E or 18G rejection that the records simply do not exist.

I look forward to your response.

Kind Regards