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Official Information Act request 22.45 SARS -COV -2 Proof of Existence

I refer to the Official Information Act (the Act) request dated 3 August 2022 for information relating to the existence of SARS-COV-2. You have requested the following:

All records in the possession, custody or control of **The University of Canterbury** that scientifically proves the existence of SARS-COV-2 virus.

Scientific proof is NOT

- Opinions
- Speculation
- Review papers
- Descriptive papers

Scientific Proof is

- Experiments that follow the scientific method
- Repeatable experiments that produce identical results
- Experiments all have valid control groups

Scientific Method

The scientific method is a process used to prove or disprove hypotheses. My request requires the hypothesis to include the claim of existence of SARS-COV-2 particles. If the records do not have a hypothesis or do not have a hypothesis that claims the existence of SARS-COV-2, then these records are disqualified from my request.

Repeatability

I am requesting records that only use the scientific method and where the experiments have been repeated multiple times where the results were 100% the same. For any of the SARS-COV-2 Genome Sequences, multiple experiments must have been conducted and produced a 100% match for the SARS-COV-2 genome sequence the researchers found. Records that have not been repeated with 100% matches for the SARS-COV-2 genome are disqualified from my request.

Controls

A control experiment is an experiment that has exactly the same parameters of the experimental group sans the variable being tested. For cell culture experiments, the control group should have exactly the same composition sans the SARS-COV-2 viruses. Experiments that do not have a valid control as defined are disqualified from my request.

Summary

Please provide all records that scientifically prove the existence of SARS-COV-2 as defined in this request.

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.

Record Search

I do not expect the University to search students' computers, labs' computers, or even researchers' computers. I expect the University to direct this request to the appropriate department who have COVID experts such as Professor Michael Plank.

Format: Pdf documents sent to me via email; I do not wish for anything to be shipped to me.

Please note that the University of Canterbury (UC) does not have a Faculty of Medicine. No one at UC has undertaken any experiments in relation to SARS-COV-2. UC does not hold the requested information. Therefore, the request is refused under s 18(e), as the document alleged to contain the information does not exist.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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