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Official Information Act Request: SARS-COV-2 Proof of Causation

On 4 August 2022 you sent a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (Act) to ESR as follows:

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

Description of Requested Records:

*All records in the possession, custody or control of the **ESR** that scientifically proves SARS-COV-2 virus causes COVID-19 disease.*

Scientific proof is NOT:

- *Opinions*
- *Speculation*
- *Review papers*
- *Descriptive papers*
- *Pseudoscience*

Pseudoscience consists of statements, beliefs, or practices that claim to be both scientific and factual but are incompatible with the scientific method.

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 that SARS-COV-2 particles cause COVID-19 disease. The hypothesis must be scientifically proven. If the records do not have a hypothesis or do not have a hypothesis that claims SARS-COV-2 causes COVID-19, 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, with results that were completely reproducible. For animal infectivity experiments, the particles alleged to be 'SARS-COV-2' must have been shown to be the independent variable that caused the disease by comparison with valid controls.

Controls

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

Validation of Measurements

Tests that claim to find viruses must have been validated against the gold standard (IE purification). Unvalidated tests used in experiments are disqualified from my request.

Summary

Please provide all records that scientifically prove the SARS-COV-2 virus causes COVID-19 disease.

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.

Our response to your request:

ESR has not performed any experiments to scientifically prove that SARS-COV-2 virus causes COVID-19 and can therefore not provide you with any records.

We are therefore not able to release any information relating to this request under Section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested does not exist.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely



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