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**FOIA request to CDC re: "HTLV1" or "HTLV-III/LAV" purification**

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To: "FOIA Requests (CDC)" <FOIARequests@cdc.gov>

Wed, Aug 24, 2022 at 11:05 PM

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To:  
Roger Andoh  
Freedom of Information Officer  
1600 Clifton Rd NE MS T-01  
Atlanta, Georgia 30333  
Email: [FOIARequests@cdc.gov](mailto:FOIARequests@cdc.gov)  
Phone: 770-488-6277  
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Dear Roger,

I require access to general records as per the *Freedom of Information Act*.

**Please Note:** This is similar to earlier FOIAs that I filed on March 21, 2021, where particular methods of purification were specified. This time I am not specifying any particular method of purification.

**Description of Requested Records:**

All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and/or the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) describing the **purification** of any **"HTLV1" aka "Human T-cell lymphotropic virus type 1"**, or **"HTLV-III/LAV" aka "Human T-Lymphotropic Virus Type III/ LymphadenopathyAssociated Virus"** directly from the bodily fluid/tissue/excrement of a diseased "host", where the fluid/tissue/excrement was not first combined with any other source of **genetic** material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum).

Please note that I am not requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to **purify** the suspected "virus" and instead:

- "cultured" a clinical sample or other unpurified substance, and/or
- performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), and/or
- fabricated/assembled an in silico "genome", and/or
- produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things.

For further clarity, please note I am already aware that according to virus theory a "virus" requires host cells in order to replicate, and I am **not** requesting records describing the **replication** of a "virus" without host cells.

I am **not** requesting records that describe a suspected "virus" floating in a vacuum, or a strict fulfillment of Koch's Postulates, or private patient records. I simply require records that describe "virus" **purification (separation** from everything else in the patient sample, as per standard laboratory practices for the purification of other small things).

My request includes any record matching the above description, 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:**

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

**Contact Information:**

Last name: Massey  
First name: Christine  
Peterborough, Ontario, Canada

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Thank you in advance and best wishes,  
Christine Massey, M.Sc.



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**Your CDC FOIA Request #22-02120-FOIA**

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To: cmssyc@gmail.com

Wed, Sep 14, 2022 at 8:20 AM

September 14, 2022

Request Number: 22-02120-FOIA

Dear Ms. Massey:

This is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of August 24, 2022, for All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and/or the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) describing the purification of any "HTLV1" aka "Human T-cell lymphotropic virus type 1", or "HTLV-III/LAV" aka "Human T-Lymphotropic Virus Type III/ LymphadenopathyAssociated Virus" directly from the bodily fluid/tissue/excrement of a diseased "host", where the fluid/tissue/excrement was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum). Please note that I am not requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to purify the suspected "virus" and instead: • "cultured" a clinical sample or other unpurified substance, and/or • performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), and/or • fabricated/assembled an in silico "genome", and/or • produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things..

Please see the attached letter.

Sincerely,  
CDC/ATSDR FOIA Office  
770-488-6399

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 **22-02120 Final Response No Records (15).pdf**  
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Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention (CDC)  
Atlanta GA 30333  
September 14, 2022

Ms. Christine Massey

[REDACTED]  
Peterborough, ON  
Via email: cmssyc@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Massey:

This letter is in response to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of August 24, 2022, for:

*Description of Requested Records:*

*All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and/or the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) describing the purification of any "HTLV1" aka "Human T-cell lymphotropic virus type 1", or "HTLV-III/LAV" aka "Human T-Lymphotropic Virus Type III/ LymphadenopathyAssociated Virus" directly from the bodily fluid/tissue/excrement of a diseased "host", where the fluid/tissue/excrement was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum).*

*Please note that I am not requesting studies/reports where researchers failed to purify the suspected "virus" and instead:*

- "cultured" a clinical sample or other unpurified substance, and/or*
- performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), and/or*
- fabricated/assembled an in silico "genome", and/or*
- produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things.*

*For further clarity, please note I am already aware that according to virus theory a "virus" requires host cells in order to replicate, and I am not requesting records describing the replication of a "virus" without host cells.*

*I am not requesting records that describe a suspected "virus" floating in a vacuum, or a strict fulfillment of Koch's Postulates, or private patient records. I simply require records that describe "virus" purification (separation from everything else in the patient sample, as per standard laboratory practices for the purification of other small things).*

*My request includes any record matching the above description, authored by anyone, anywhere.*

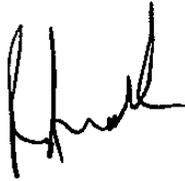
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A search of our records failed to reveal any documents pertaining to your request.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6246 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal to the Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, via the online portal at <https://requests.publiclink.hhs.gov/App/Index.aspx>. Please mark both your appeal letter and envelope "FOIA Appeal." Your appeal must be electronically transmitted by December 13, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Andoh', written in a cursive style.

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