

OIA: Proof of bacteria causing demineralization of tooth enamel

Fri, Jul 29, 2022 at 3:56 PM

To: OIA Requests <oiagr@health.govt.nz>

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Description of Requested Records:

All records in the possession, custody or control of the **New Zealand Ministry of Health** that scientifically proves bacteria demineralize tooth enamel.

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- Opinions
- Speculation
- Review papers
- Descriptive papers

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- Repeatable experiments that produce identical results
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Scientific Method

The scientific method is a process used to prove or disprove hypotheses. My request requires the hypothesis to include the claim that PURIFIED bacteria are the causative agent in demonization of tooth enamel.

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. Multiple experiments must have been conducted proving that purified bacteria were the only causative agent in the demineralization of tooth enamel. Each experiment should produce exactly the same results.

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Summary

Please provide all records that scientifically proves bacteria are the causative agent of the demineralisation of tooth enamel.

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

Kind Regards

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Ref: H2022008988

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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health) on 29 July 2022. You requested.

“...all records that scientifically proves bacteria are the causative agent of the demineralisation of tooth enamel. 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.”

Manatū Hauora has interpreted your request to be about community water fluoridation. In 2014, the Prime Minister’s Chief Science Advisor and the Royal Society of New Zealand reviewed the substantial body of scientific evidence on the efficacy and safety of fluoridation of public water supplies. In June 2021, after considering new research on fluoridation and comprehensive reviews published since 2014, the Office of the Prime Minister’s Chief Science Advisor found the conclusions of the Royal Society Te Aparangi remain appropriate. The review is publicly available and can be found at: www.pmcsa.ac.nz/topics/fluoridation-an-update-on-evidence/. Any research about the causes of demineralisation of tooth enamel that is of relevance to the efficacy or safety of community water fluoridation is within the scope of both the 2014 and 2021 review.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



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Response to your official information act request, ref: H2022008988

Thu, Aug 25, 2022 at 2:23 PM

To: OIA Requests <oiaagr@health.govt.nz>

Greetings,

I am providing an official complaint to the Ministry of Health as the MOH has not responded to my specific request for scientifically proving bacteria demineralize tooth enamel. Specifically, I have asked for the proof that bacteria demineralize tooth enamel as written in the 2015 review. <https://www.royalsociety.org.nz/assets/documents/Health-effects-of-water-fluoridation-Aug-2014-corrected-Jan-2015.pdf>

There is no referencing in this publication to support the claim of bacteria demineralization of tooth enamel. I am seeking scientific proof using the scientific method for the specific claim of bacteria demineralizing tooth enamel from this royal society assessment. I have not requested general records for water fluoridation.

Remedy

I am seeking that MOH resolve their error by one of the following:

1) Provide the records that scientifically proves bacteria demineralize tooth enamel using the scientific method

OR

2) Decline my request for records with an 18(e) because these records simply do not exist at MOH or anywhere in the world.

For reference, here was my original request.

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Thank you for your email.

The Ministry stands by its decision and has nothing further to add.

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