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FOIA request to CDC re: "Zika virus" purification via ANY method

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

Sat, Dec 10, 2022 at 12:10 PM

December 10, 2022

To:
Roger Andoh
Freedom of Information Officer
1600 Clifton Rd NE MS T-01
Atlanta, Georgia 30333
Email: FOIARequests@cdc.gov
Phone: 770-488-6277
Fax: 770-488-6200

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

I require access to general records, as per your duty under the *Freedom of Information Act*.

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 the **"Zika virus"** said to have caused disease in humans, directly from a sample taken from a diseased human, **via any method** 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).

Please note that 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
- sequenced 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.

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.

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 small things).

Please also note that my request is **not limited** to records that were authored by the CDC or ATSDR or that pertain to work done at/by the CDC or ATSDR. 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 the CDC or ATSDR and possibly (but not necessarily) relied on as evidence of a disease-causing "influenza virus".

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.

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Gmail - FOIA request to CDC re: "Zika virus" purification via ANY method

Thank you in advance and best wishes,
by: Christine: Massey



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Your CDC FOIA Request #23-00386-FOIA

MNHarper@cdc.gov <MNHarper@cdc.gov>
To: cmssyc@gmail.com

Wed, Dec 14, 2022 at 7:17 AM

December 14, 2022

Request Number: 23-00386-FOIA

Dear Ms. Massey:

This is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of December 10, 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 the "Zika virus" said to have caused disease in humans, directly from a sample taken from a diseased human, via any method 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). Please note that 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 • sequenced 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..

Please see the attached letter.

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

2 attachments**23-00386 Acknowledgement (Complex) 30 Days (027).pdf**
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December 14, 2022

Christine Massey

[REDACTED]
Via email: cmssyc@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Massey:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) received your attached Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated December 10, 2022. Your request assigned number is 23-00386-FOIA, and it has been placed in our complex processing queue.

In unusual circumstances, an agency can extend the twenty-working-day limit to respond to a FOIA request.

We will require more than thirty working days to respond to your request because we reasonably expect that two or more CDC centers, institutes, and offices (C/I/Os) may have responsive records.

To process your request promptly, please consider narrowing the scope of your request to limit the number of responsive records. If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact the analyst handling your request Mark Harper at 770-488-8154 or our FOIA Public Liaison, Roger Andoh at 770-488-6277. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Services (OGIS) 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; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Because you are considered an "Other requester" you are entitled to two hours of free search time, and up to 100 pages of duplication (or the cost equivalent of other media) without charge, and you will not be charged for review time. We may charge for search time beyond the first two hours and for duplication beyond the first 100 pages. (10 cents/page).

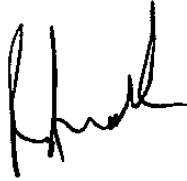
If you don't provide us with a date range for your request, the cut-off date for your request will be the date the search for responsive records starts.

You may check on the status of your case on our FOIA webpage <https://foia.cdc.gov/app/Home.aspx> and entering your assigned request number. If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at 770-488-8154 or via email at wzj6@cdc.gov.

We reasonably anticipate that you should receive documents by March 6, 2023. Please know that this date roughly estimates how long it will take the Agency to close requests ahead of your request in the queue and complete work on your request.

The actual date of completion might be before or after this estimated date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Andoh', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Roger Andoh
CDC/ATSDR FOIA Officer
Office of the Chief Operating Officer
(770) 488-6399
Fax: (404) 235-1852

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Your CDC FOIA Request #23-00386-FOIA

MNHarper@cdc.gov <MNHarper@cdc.gov>
To: cmssyc@gmail.com

Wed, Dec 28, 2022 at 10:42 AM

December 28, 2022

Request Number: 23-00386-FOIA

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This is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of December 10, 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 the "Zika virus" said to have caused disease in humans, directly from a sample taken from a diseased human, via any method 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). Please note that 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 • sequenced 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..

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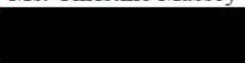
Sincerely,
CDC/ATSDR FOIA Office
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Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta GA 30333
December 28, 2022

Ms. Christine Massey



Via email: cmssyc@gmail.com

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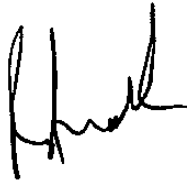
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A search of our records failed to reveal any documents pertaining to your request.

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; 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 March 28, 2023.

Sincerely,



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