



UK Health
Security
Agency

By email

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Our ref: 06/06/22/HD/319

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Dear ██████████,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request received on 6 June 2022 addressed to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act), we can confirm that UKHSA does not hold the information you have specified.

Request

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please respond to/disclose the following:

Description of Requested Records:

All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the UKHSA describing the purification of the alleged "COVID-19 virus" (aka "SARS-COV-2", including any alleged "variants") directly from a sample taken from a diseased human, 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).

Clarification of Request:

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

- cultured something, and/or***
- performed an amplification test (i.e. PCR), and/or***
- fabricated a genome from sequences (allegedly) detected in an impure substance, and/or***
- produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things.***

I am already aware that according to virus theory a "virus" requires host cells in order to replicate, and am not requesting records that describe replication of a 'virus' without host cells. Nor am I requesting records that describe a strict fulfillment of Koch's Postulates, or records where researchers conflate extraction of genetic material from a patient sample or cell culture with "virus

isolation", or records that describe a suspected "virus" floating in a vacuum, or private patient information.

I simply request records that describe purification (separation of the alleged virus from everything else in the patient sample, as per standard laboratory practices for the purification of other very small things).

Please note that my request includes any study/report matching the above description, authored by anyone, anywhere.

If any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available in the public domain, 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.

I am grateful for your assistance in this matter and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Response:

There are no documents authored by The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) or Public Health England (PHE) which relate to the purification of virus directly from clinical samples as described, as we did not attempt this. If you would like a purification protocol we would suggest a peer reviewed biomedical literature, citations can be found at [PubMed \(nih.gov\)](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/).

Please see the following suggested links:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

[COVID-19 human challenge study reveals detailed insights into infection | Imperial News | Imperial College London](https://www.imperial.ac.uk/news/2020/05/covid-19-human-challenge-study-reveals-detailed-insights-into-infection/)

<https://www.researchsquare.com/article/rs-1121993/v1>

[Human challenge trial launches to study immune response to COVID-19 | University of Oxford](https://www.oxfordjournals.org/doi/full/10.1093/infdis/jiaa100)

<https://acmedsci.ac.uk/file-download/55062331>

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Yours sincerely,
Information Rights Team