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FOI to CDC re: studies showing tick bites cause adverse effects

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Sun, Aug 6, 2023 at 6:40 PM

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

August 6, 2023

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 Roger,

I require access to general records;

Description of Required Records:

All studies - 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) and/or the people who are responsible for the CDC's claims that tick bites cause various health problems - **that:**

scientifically prove/provide evidence for causation of Lyme disease or any other adverse health effect/condition/sensitivity by tick bites;

I am not seeking records that describe attempts to prove causation using unscientific methods; recall that **scientific proof/evidence is not:**

opinions, or
speculation, or
review papers, or
descriptive papers;

scientific proof/evidence requires use of the scientific method to test falsifiable hypotheses through valid, repeatable controlled experiments where only 1 variable differs between the experimental and control groups;

I require any study/report matching the above description, **authored by anyone, anywhere, ever;**

If any records match the above description and are currently available elsewhere, please provide enough information about each one so that I may identify and access them with certainty: title, author(s), date, journal, location, URLs where possible;

Format:

Pdf documents sent to me via email; I do not want anything shipped to me;

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Thank you and best wishes;
by: christine



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Your CDC FOIA Request #23-01581-FOIA

ult4@cdc.gov <ult4@cdc.gov>
To: cmssyc@gmail.com

Mon, Aug 7, 2023 at 2:26 PM

August 7, 2023


Request Number: 23-01581-FOIA

Dear Ms. Massey:

This is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of August 7, 2023, for All studies - 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) and/or the people who are responsible for the CDC's claims that tick bites cause various health problems - that scientifically prove/provide evidence for causation of Lyme disease or any other adverse health effect/condition/sensitivity by tick bites.

Please see the attached letter.

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

 **Acknowledgement (Complex) 30 Days.pdf**
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August 7, 2023

Christine Massey



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 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated August 7, 2023. Your request assigned number is 23-01581-FOIA, and it has been placed in our complex processing queue.

Extension of Time

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:

X We reasonably expect to consult with two or more Centers/Institutes/Offices,

If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, please contact the analyst handling your request Kendra Lightner at 404-639-4495 or our FOIA Public Liaison, Bruno Viana at 770-488-6246. 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.

Fee Category

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).

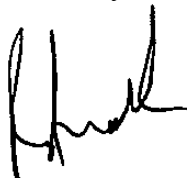
Cut-off-date

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 the analyst assigned your request at ult4@cdc.gov or 404-639-4495.

We reasonably anticipate that you should receive documents by October 28, 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 #23-01581-FOIA

ult4@cdc.gov <ult4@cdc.gov>
To: cmssyc@gmail.com

Fri, Aug 25, 2023 at 11:17 AM

August 25, 2023

Request Number: 23-01581-FOIA

Dear Ms. Massey:

This is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of August 7, 2023, for All studies - 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) and/or the people who are responsible for the CDC's claims that tick bites cause various health problems - that scientifically prove/provide evidence for causation of Lyme disease or any other adverse health effect/condition/sensitivity by tick bites.

Please see the attached letter.

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

 **Final Response No Records.pdf**
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta GA 30333
August 25, 2023

Ms. Christine Massey



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 7, 2023, for:

All studies - 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) and/or the people who are responsible for the CDC's claims that tick bites cause various health problems - that scientifically prove/provide evidence for causation of Lyme disease or any other adverse health effect/condition/sensitivity by tick bites.

A search conducted by the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID) of their electronic databases failed to reveal any documents pertaining to your request.

The following link may be of interest:
<https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/index.html>

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 November 23, 2023.

Sincerely,

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