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## FOIA: re Purification of SARS-COV-2

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Tue, Mar 2, 2021 at 9:50 AM

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To: foiarequests@cdc.gov

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

This is a formal request for access to general records, made 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 "SARS-COV-2" said to have caused disease in humans (via maceration, filtration and use of an ultracentrifuge; also referred to at times by some people as "isolation"), 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).

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 "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.

### Complexity

Please Note, this is not a complex request nor is it a request that will generate too many records to search through. I have already done a preliminary record search through Google Scholar and have read many scientific papers on this subject. I have not found any responsive publicly available scientific records including records referenced and published by the USA CDC. The alleged SARS-COV-2 virus is the critical focus of the CDC so CDC scientists should have this information if it exists readily available. I already have a response (#20-02166-FOIA) from the CDC from November where no records were found, so only need an update since then. So the timeframe for this request should be the standard 30 days. I am happy to discuss further if you believe otherwise.

Kind Regards

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Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention (CDC)  
Atlanta GA 30333

March 3, 2021

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This letter is our final response to your attached Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of March 1, 2021, assigned #21-00795-FOIA.

For administrative convenience and to fully respond to your request, program staff have provided the following information below with corresponding web links.

SARS-CoV-2 is the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Active infection with SARS-CoV-2 is detected by [diagnostic tests](#). Currently there are two types of diagnostic tests – molecular tests that detect the virus's genetic material and antigen tests that detect specific proteins on the surface of the virus. For current data showing the total number of SARS-CoV-2-positive cases and deaths, visit the [CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker](#), which shows cases and deaths in the United States broken down by state and county, daily trends in the number of cases by state, and other parameters.

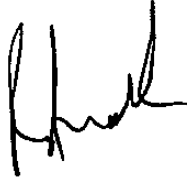
Evidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection can be found in a study entitled, [Pathology and Pathogenesis of SARS-CoV-2 Associated with Fatal Coronavirus Disease](#), which includes electron microscopy images of SARS-CoV-2 in infected lung and upper airway tissues as well as staining of lung and upper airway tissues using an antibody against SARS-CoV-2. The specimens analyzed in this study were from patients with common signs and symptoms associated with COVID-19, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath. All patients had abnormal findings on chest radiographs. There are other similar studies publicly available online. To aid in locating other related studies, please see the articles suggested in the "Similar Articles" and "Cited by" section on the manuscript's [PubMed entry](#).

The SARS-CoV-2 virus may be isolated from human clinical specimens by culturing in cells. In January 2020, CDC [isolated the SARS-CoV-2 virus](#) from a clinical specimen from the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in the United States. There are other similar studies published describing the isolation and characterization of SARS-CoV-2 from human clinical specimens. To aid in locating other related studies, please see the articles suggested in the "Similar Articles" and "Cited by" section on the manuscript's [PubMed entry](#). There are also [several publications](#) documenting SARS-CoV-2 infection and transmission among pre-symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals.

For information about the SARS-CoV-2 genome sequence, see the NIH GenBank website (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genbank/sars-cov-2-seqs/>), which includes over 44,000 sequences as of December 7, 2020.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of the records provided please contact either our FOIA Requester Service Center at 770-488-6399 or our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6277.

Sincerely,

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

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**Below is the text of the CDC's March 3, 2021 response, with live links** (the links in the previous page are "dead" because in order to redact the submitter's identity we used an image of the original pdf and added text boxes to cover the name/email).

**Via email:** [REDACTED]

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