



30 March 2021



I write in response to your Official Information Act request of 2 March 2021, which sought: “All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the University of Otago describing the purification of “SARS-COV-2” said to have caused disease in humans (via maceration, filtration and use of 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)”.

Thank you for clarifying in your email precisely what is out of scope for this request.

I can confirm that the University holds no records which fall within the scope of your request. Accordingly, we decline your request pursuant to section 18(g) of the Act on the basis that the information requested is not held by the University.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your information request, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and review this response. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.

Yours sincerely

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