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**to CDC re: proof of group A Streptococcus causing sore throat**

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**Christine Massey** <cmssyc@gmail.com>  
To: "FOIA Requests (CDC)" <FOIARequests@cdc.gov>

Sun, Dec 4, 2022 at 1:42 PM

December 4, 2022

To:  
Roger Andoh, Freedom of Information Officer  
1600 Clifton Rd NE MS T-01  
Atlanta, Georgia [30333]  
Email: [FOIARequests@cdc.gov](mailto:FOIARequests@cdc.gov)  
Phone: 770-488-6277  
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Dear Roger,

I require access to general records;

**Description of Required Records:**

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I am not seeking records that describe attempts to prove causation using unscientific methods;

Recall that **Scientific proof is NOT:**

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Descriptive papers;

**Scientific proof requires:**

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In this case, the 1 manipulated variable would be the presence/absence of purified particles (the bacteria in question);

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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;

Written in good faith, without recourse;  
best wishes;

by: Christine: Massey



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**Your CDC FOIA Request #23-00348-FOIA**

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

Wed, Dec 7, 2022 at 9:16 AM

December 7, 2022

Request Number: 23-00348-FOIA

Dear Ms. Massey:

This is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of December 6, 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) and/or the people who are responsible for the CDC's claim that group A Streptococcus causes sore throat, that describe valid controlled experiments using purified group A Streptococcus to prove causation of sore throat or any other sign or symptom via a natural mode of exposure.

Please see the attached letter.

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

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**2 attachments****23-00348 Acknowledgement (Complex) 30 Days (027).pdf**

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December 7, 2022

Christine Massey



Via email: [cmssyc@gmail.com](mailto: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 6, 2022. Your request assigned number is 23-00348-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](mailto: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).

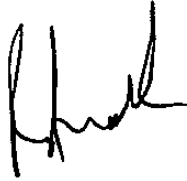
If you don't provide us with a date range for your request, the cut-off date for your request will be the date the search for responsive records starts.

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](mailto:wzj6@cdc.gov).

We reasonably anticipate that you should receive documents by February 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 'Roger Andoh', with a stylized, cursive script.

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

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**MNHarper@cdc.gov** <MNHarper@cdc.gov>  
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Tue, Dec 27, 2022 at 9:34 AM

December 27, 2022

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Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention (CDC)  
Atlanta GA 30333  
December 27, 2022

Ms. Christine Massey



Via email: cmssyc@gmail.com

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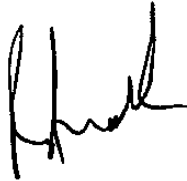
*by: Christine: Massey*

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](mailto: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 27, 2023.

Sincerely,



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