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## FOI to CDC re: scientific evidence of any "Peste des Petits Ruminants Virus"

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

Mon, Jul 29, 2024 at 12:29 PM

July 29, 2024

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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Greetings Roger,

I require access to general records, as per the *Freedom of Information Act*.

### Description of Requested Records:

1. All studies/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) that logically and scientifically prove or provide evidence of the existence of any alleged "Peste des Petits Ruminants Virus"

(showing that the alleged particles exist, infect "hosts", hijack cells, replicate and cause the illness/symptoms that they are alleged to cause).

Note:

#### Scientific proof/evidence is NOT

- opinions, speculation, declarations, or
- review papers, or
- descriptive studies.

**Scientific proof/evidence requires** use of the scientific method to test falsifiable hypotheses through valid, rigorous, repeatable controlled experiments.

2. **If the institution has no studies responsive to #1 above**, then please indicate such explicitly, and provide all studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the institution describing the **purification of particles** that are alleged to be said "virus", directly **from bodily fluid/tissue/excrement of alleged "hosts", with purification confirmed via EM imaging** (the images must be available as well).

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

- added a clinical sample or other unpurified substance to a starved/poisoned/stressed cell line and observed cytopathic effects, and/or
- performed an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), and/or
- created an in silico "genome", and/or
- produced electron microscopy images of unpurified things.

I am aware that according to "virus" dogma a "virus" requires host cells in order to replicate; I am not seeking records describing the replication of a "virus" without host cells, or that describe a suspected "virus" floating in a vacuum or a strict fulfillment of Koch's Postulate; I am simply seeking records that describe its purification (**separation from everything else in the "host" sample**). I am not seeking private patient records.

3. All studies/reports in the possession, custody or control of the institution wherein the **purported genome of said alleged "virus" was found intact** (as opposed to fabricated in silico aka made up on a computer).

4. All studies/reports in the possession, custody or control of the institution that scientifically demonstrate **contagion of any illness / symptoms that are allegedly caused by any of said purported "virus"**.

**General Note:**

This FOI 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, it includes any record matching the above description authored by anyone, anywhere, ever.

**Publicly Available Records**

If any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available to the public elsewhere, please assist me by providing 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; please don't ship anything to me;

**Contact Information:**

email: [cmssyc@gmail.com](mailto:cmssyc@gmail.com)

Thank you in advance and best wishes,  
Christine



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**Your CDC FOIA Request #24-01444-FOIA**

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

Mon, Jul 29, 2024 at 4:35 PM

July 29, 2024

Request Number: 24-01444-FOIA

Dear Ms. Massey:

This is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of July 29, 2024, for 1. All studies/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) that logically and scientifically prove or provide evidence of the existence of any alleged "Peste des Petits Ruminants Virus" (showing that the alleged particles exist, infect "hosts", hijack cells, replicate and cause the illness/symptoms that they are alleged to cause). 2. If the institution has no studies responsive to #1 above, then please indicate such explicitly, and provide all studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the institution describing the purification of particles that are alleged to be said "virus", directly from bodily fluid/tissue/excrement of alleged "hosts", with purification confirmed via EM imaging (the images must be available as well). 3. All studies/reports in the possession, custody or control of the institution wherein the purported genome of said alleged "virus" was found intact (as opposed to fabricated in silico aka made up on a computer). 4. All studies/reports in the possession, custody or control of the institution that scientifically demonstrate contagion of any illness / symptoms that are allegedly caused by any of said purported "virus".

Please see the attached letter.

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



**Acknowledgement (Complex) Within 30 days.pdf**  
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July 29, 2024

Ms. 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 July 29, 2024 for:

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Your request was assigned #24-01444-FOIA and 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 an additional ten-working-days to respond to your request because:

We reasonably expect to consult with two or more C/I/O/s, or another HHS operating division or another federal agency about your request.

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 Kendra Lightner at 404-639-4495 or our FOIA Public Liaison, Bruno Viana 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](mailto: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).

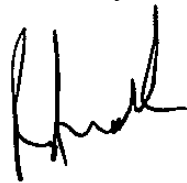
**Cut-off-date**

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 Kendra Lightner at [ult4@cdc.gov](mailto:ult4@cdc.gov) or at 404-639-4495.

We reasonably anticipate that you should receive a final response by September 10, 2024. 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,



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 #24-01444-FOIA**

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

Wed, Aug 14, 2024 at 5:25 PM

August 14, 2024

Request Number: 24-01444-FOIA

Dear Ms. Massey:



This is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of July 29, 2024, for 1. All studies/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) that logically and scientifically prove or provide evidence of the existence of any alleged "Peste des Petits Ruminants Virus" (showing that the alleged particles exist, infect "hosts", hijack cells, replicate and cause the illness/symptoms that they are alleged to cause). 2. If the institution has no studies responsive to #1 above, then please indicate such explicitly, and provide all studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of the institution describing the purification of particles that are alleged to be said "virus", directly from bodily fluid/tissue/excrement of alleged "hosts", with purification confirmed via EM imaging (the images must be available as well). 3. All studies/reports in the possession, custody or control of the institution wherein the purported genome of said alleged "virus" was found intact (as opposed to fabricated in silico aka made up on a computer). 4. All studies/reports in the possession, custody or control of the institution that scientifically demonstrate contagion of any illness / symptoms that are allegedly caused by any of said purported "virus".

Please see the attached letter.

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

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**2 attachments**

-  **FOI to CDC re\_ scientific evidence of any \_Peste des Petits Ruminants Virus\_.msg**  
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-  **Final Response Full Grant.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 14, 2024

Ms. Christine Massey



Via email: [cmssyc@gmail.com](mailto:cmssyc@gmail.com)

Dear Ms. Massey:

This letter is our final 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 July 29, 2024, assigned #24-01444-FOIA, for attached.

The National Center for Emerging Zoonotic and Infectious Diseases provided the following information responsive to your request:

<https://search.cdc.gov/search/?query=Peste%20des%20Petits%20Ruminants&dpag=1>

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 770-488-6246.

Sincerely,

Roger Andoh  
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Office of the Chief Operating Officer  
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## Your CDC FOIA Request #24-01444-FOIA

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To: ult4@cdc.gov, "FOIA Requests (CDC)" <FOIARequests@cdc.gov>

Wed, Aug 14, 2024 at 7:47 PM

Dear Roger,

Thank you for your letter dated August 14, 2024 that contains a link to the search results that appear on the CDC's website based on a search for "Peste des Petits Ruminants".

However my request was for **studies and/or citations of studies**, not for a link to search results (which I could have easily found myself), especially when the results have nothing to do with my request.

The first **study** listed in the search results is from 2014 and titled "Molecular Evolution of Peste des Petits Ruminants Virus". The study does not describe anyone finding anything in the bodily fluid, tissue or excrement of a supposed "host". The authors make no mention of doing anything with clinical samples taken from supposed "hosts". Rather, they worked with so-called "isolates" that were **presumed** to contain "viruses".

The study was not designed to purify particles from a clinical sample, or to identify a particle consisting of a "genome" surrounded by a proteinaceous shell, with or without an envelope, nor was it designed to test for causation of anything.

The authors claim to have "sequenced" the so-called "isolates".

*"Complete genome sequencing of 7 PPRV isolates (4 from lineage III and 3 from lineage IV) was performed according to the methods described by Muniraju et al. (12). Detailed information for each of the isolates is shown in Table 1."*

The earlier "sequencing" **publication** by Muniraju et al. was extremely brief and classified as an "announcement".

The authors stated that: "*The genome sequence presented here was **derived from a mesenteric lymph node sample from an infected goat, following a single passage on Vero.DogSLAMtag cells.***"

So Muniraju et al. contaminated their clinical sample with unnatural monkey kidney cells, etc, before moving onto their so-called "sequencing":

*Oligonucleotide **primers were designed** using the conserved regions of PPRV full-length genome sequences **available in the database**, as detailed above. The primers were used to **generate** seven overlapping amplicons of the Morocco/2008 isolate, which were gel purified and sequenced with an ABI-3730 automated sequencer (Applied Biosystems). The genome termini were determined using 3'/5' rapid amplification of cDNA ends (RACE) (7). **A total of 248 sequences were assembled into overlapping contigs that represented the full genome...***

As you can see, the earlier study by Muniraju et al. did not describe finding the purported "genome" of an alleged "virus" intact, and so neither does their later study.

Please provide me with a corrected response letter with studies, or citations for studies, that actually match my request, or admit that the CDC does not have any.

Best wishes,  
Christine

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**Your CDC FOIA Request #24-01444-FOIA**

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**Lightner, Kendra (CDC/OCOO/OD)** <ult4@cdc.gov>  
To: "Christine, an unincorporated woman" <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 16, 2024 at 4:50 PM

Good afternoon Ms. Massey,

I am amending your request. I will reach out to the program office and will have an update for you soon.

Sincerely,

Kendra Lightner  
Government Information Specialist  
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office  
Office of the Chief Operating Officer  
[ult4@cdc.gov](mailto:ult4@cdc.gov) | 404-639-4495

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2024 6:47 PM  
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ult4@cdc.gov <ult4@cdc.gov>  
To: cmssyc@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 10, 2024 at 11:13 AM

September 10, 2024

Request Number: 24-01444-FOIA

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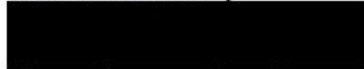
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Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention (CDC)  
Atlanta GA 30333  
September 10, 2024

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 July 29, 2024, for

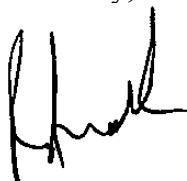
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A search conducted by the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases failed to reveal any documents pertaining to your request. They have provided the following: "Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPRV) is not a zoonotic disease and there is currently no evidence that humans are susceptible to PPRV. Therefore, the One Health Office does not have or have access to any PPRV study or report beyond what is publicly available."

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 December 9, 2024.

Sincerely,

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

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

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