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FOI to CDC re: studies showing listeria monocytogenes cause illness

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

Sat, May 4, 2024 at 4:39 PM

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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 - authored by anyone, anywhere, ever, 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 listeria monocytogenes can cause fever, flu-like symptoms, headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance, seizures, diarrhea, vomiting and/or death, **that:**

used purified bacterial cultures to scientifically prove or provide evidence of causation of any type of illness or death in animals or people.

I am not seeking records that describe attempts to prove causation using unscientific methods; opinions, declarations, speculation, review papers and descriptive papers are not scientific proof/evidence. Scientific proof/evidence requires use of the scientific method to test falsifiable hypotheses through valid, rigorous, repeatable controlled experiments.

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;

Thank you in advance and best wishes;
Christine



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Acknowledgement (Complex) >30 Days - 24-01076-FOIA

tkz7@cdc.gov <tkz7@cdc.gov>
To: cmssyc@gmail.com

Mon, May 6, 2024 at 10:02 AM

May 6, 2024

Request Number: 24-01076-FOIA

Dear Ms. Massey:


This is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of May 6, 2024, for: "All studies - authored by anyone, anywhere, ever, 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 listeria monocytogenes can cause fever, flu-like symptoms, headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance, seizures, diarrhea, vomiting and/or death, that: used purified bacterial cultures to scientifically prove or provide evidence of causation of any type of illness or death in animals or people."

Please see the attached letter.

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

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 **Acknowledgement (Complex) 30 Days.pdf**
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May 6, 2024

Ms. Christine Massey

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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 attached Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated May 6, 2024 for:

"All studies - authored by anyone, anywhere, ever, 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 listeria monocytogenes can cause fever, flu-like symptoms, headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance, seizures, diarrhea, vomiting and/or death, that: used purified bacterial cultures to scientifically prove or provide evidence of causation of any type of illness or death in animals or people."

Your request was assigned #24-01076-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 more than thirty working days to respond to your request because:

- 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 Yuliya Scott at tkz7@cdc.gov. You may also contact 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

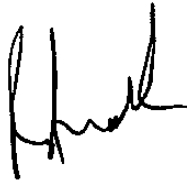
If you don't provide us with a date range for your request, the cut-off date for your request will be the date the search for responsive records starts.

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 Yuliya Scott at tkz7@cdc.gov.

We reasonably anticipate that you should receive a final response by September 3, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger 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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Final Response No Records - 24-01076-FOIA

tkz7@cdc.gov <tkz7@cdc.gov>
To: cmssyc@gmail.com

Fri, Aug 16, 2024 at 1:59 PM

August 16, 2024

Request Number: 24-01076-FOIA

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Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta GA 30333
August 16, 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 May 6, 2024, for

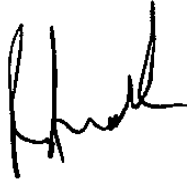
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A search of our records failed to reveal any documents pertaining to your request. A search of FoodNet data for requested criteria yielded no responsive results.

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 December 31, 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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