

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

VIA EMAIL

March 27, 2020

Gorka Garcia-Malene
Freedom of Information Act Officer
National Institutes of Health
Building 31 Room 5B35
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Maryland 20892
Email: nihfoia@mail.nih.gov

Re: Copies of Any Patent Application re mRNA-1273 Vaccine Listing the Inventors (IR#0267)

Dear Mr. Garcia-Malene:

This firm represents Informed Consent Action Network (“ICAN”). On behalf of ICAN, we hereby request records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended) from the files of the National Institutes of Health (“NIH”).

Please provide the following records in the National Institutes of Health’s possession to foia@sirillp.com in electronic form:

A copy of the page of any patent application filed with regard to the mRNA-1273 vaccine which lists the inventors.

Fees and charges for this search are to be waived pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(iii) since ICAN is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization and its mission is to raise public awareness about vaccine safety and provide the public with information to give informed consent. As part of its mission, ICAN investigates and disseminates information regarding vaccine safety, including through their website, and through press events and releases. ICAN is seeking the information in this FOIA request to allow it to contribute to the public understanding of the government’s vaccine safety programs, including the government’s efforts to promote vaccine safety. The information requested in this FOIA request will not contribute to any commercial activities.

Please note that the FOIA provides that if only portions of a requested file are exempted from release, the remainder must still be released. We, therefore, request that we be provided with all non-exempt portions which are reasonably segregable. We further request that you describe

any deleted or withheld material in detail and specify the statutory basis for the denial as well as your reasons for believing that the alleged statutory justification applies. Please also separately state your reasons for not invoking your discretionary powers to release the requested documents in the public interest. Such statements may help to avoid unnecessary appeal and litigation. ICAN of course reserves all rights to appeal the withholding or deletion of any information.

Access to the requested records should be granted within twenty (20) business days from the date of your receipt of this letter. Failure to respond in a timely manner shall be viewed as a denial of this request and ICAN may immediately file an administrative appeal.

If you would like to discuss our requests or any issues raised in this letter, please feel free to contact me at (212) 532-1091 or via email at foia@sirillp.com during normal business hours. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allison Lucas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Allison Lucas, Esq.
Licensed in MI