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July 19, 2019

Aaron Siri
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Re: FOIA Case Number: 50822, and HHS Appeal No.: 19-0083-AA

Dear Mr. Siri:

This is our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to the FOIA Office of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), dated February 19, 2019 and received on February 20, 2019. You requested copies of any human or animal studies involving the subcutaneous or intramuscular injection of aluminum adjuvant relied upon by the NIH to establish the safety of injecting infants and children with aluminum hydroxide, aluminum phosphate or amorphous aluminum hydroxyphosphate sulfate.

The NIH Office of Intramural Research (OIR), National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) searched their files and no records responsive to your request were located. The NIH OIR suggests using the following NIH webpages to possibly find publicly available information relevant to your request: <https://intramural.nih.gov> (annual reports), <https://clinicaltrials.gov> (human protocols), and <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed> (published data).

While we believe that an adequate search of appropriate files was conducted for the records you requested, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist which would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, your appeal must be sent within ninety (90) days of the date of this letter, following the procedures outlined in Subpart F of the HHS FOIA Regulations (<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/10/28/2016-25684/freedom-of-information-regulations>) to:

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Please feel free to call 301-496-5633 for additional information or to inquire about your request.

If you are not satisfied with the processing and handling of this request, you may contact the OD FOIA Public Liaison and/or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS):

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In certain circumstances, provisions of the FOIA and HHS FOIA Regulations allow us to recover part of the cost of responding to your request. Because no unusual circumstances apply to the processing of your request, there are no charges for search time.

If you have any questions about this response, please call the NIH FOIA office at 301-496-5633.

Sincerely,



Gorka Garcia-Malene
Freedom of Information Officer, NIH