

CDC FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

VIA ONLINE PORTAL

February 2, 2022

Roger Andoh
Freedom of Information Officer
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road, N.E., Building 57, Room MS D-54
Atlanta, Georgia 30333

Re: Documents re COVID-19 Vaccine Interaction with Recipient's DNA (IR#0693A)

Dear Sir or Madam:

This firm represents the Informed Consent Action Network (“ICAN”). On behalf of ICAN, please provide the following records to foia@sirillp.com in electronic form:

All documents sufficient to support that COVID-19 vaccines do not change or interact with a vaccine recipient's DNA in any way.

We ask that you waive any and all fees or charges pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). ICAN is a not-for-profit news media organization whose mission is to raise public awareness about vaccine safety and to provide the public with information to give informed consent. As part of its mission, ICAN actively investigates and disseminates information regarding vaccine safety issues for free, including through its website,¹ a weekly health news and talk show,² 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 ICAN is requesting 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

¹ <https://www.icandecide.org/>.

² <https://thehighwire.com/>.

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 take further action.

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

Very truly yours,

/s/ Aaron Siri

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Atlanta GA 30333
March 10, 2022

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Dear Mr. Siri:

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 February 2, 2022 (copy enclosed).

A search of our records failed to reveal any documents pertaining to your request. However, please note that information responsive to your inquiry is available online at [Myths and Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#).

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 June 8, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Andoh".

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