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From: Okpewho, Carolyn (CDC/OCOO/OD) <xxo5@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 11:09 AM
To: S&G Information Request Staff
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Good afternoon Ms. Beube,

Hope that all is well with you today. I just now received a response, from the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), regarding your follow-up to the aforementioned request. Per NCEZID, below is their exact response:

Hi there,

I wanted to follow-up with some direct links that supports CDC's statement that Vaccines do not cause autism and vaccine ingredients do not cause autism. The links below and the pdf can be found on the CDC public facing website at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/concerns/autism.html>

Since 2003, there have been nine CDC-funded or conducted studies that have found no link between thimerosal-containing vaccines and ASD. These studies also found no link between the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine and ASD in children. Learn more about the [CDC Studies on Thimerosal in Vaccines pdf icon\[PDF – 2 pages\]](#).



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Even before studies showed that thimerosal was not harmful, there was a national effort to reduce all types of mercury exposures in children. As precaution, thimerosal was removed or reduced to trace amounts in all childhood vaccines between 1999 and 2001. Currently, the only type of vaccine that contain thimerosal are flu vaccines packaged in multidose vials. There

are thimerosal-free alternatives available for flu vaccine. For more information, see the <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/concerns/thimerosal/timeline.html>

One vaccine ingredient that has been studied specifically is thimerosal. Thimerosal is a mercury-based preservative used to prevent germs (like bacteria and fungi) from contaminating multidose vials of vaccines. Research shows that thimerosal does not cause ASD. In fact, a 2004 scientific review by the IOM concluded that “the evidence favors rejection of a causal relationship between thimerosal-containing vaccines and autism.”

Source: <https://nap.nationalacademies.org/catalog/10997/immunization-safety-review-vaccines-and-autism> (Please see attached)

Besides thimerosal, some people have had concerns about other <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/additives.htm> in relation to ASD. However, no links have been found between any vaccine ingredients and ASD.

This is all the information I have and concludes our response.

Thank you for your time and patience.

Remain Safe 😊!

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From: S&G Information Request Staff <foia@sirillp.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 12:24 AM
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Cc: S&G Information Request Staff <foia@sirillp.com>
Subject: RE: CDC FOIA #21-00740 Final Response Letter {Brehm} (IR0413)

Dear Ms. Sanchang-Fon Okpewho,

As stated in my previous emails dated October 29, 2021 and November 29, 2021, I do not have a record of receiving further communication from regarding this FOIA request. Your email dated March 17, 2021 stated that you would follow-up with NCEZID and let us know of their response no later than Tuesday, March 23, 2021.

Please let me know the status of this.

Thank you,

Annalise Beube, Law Clerk

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From: S&G Information Request Staff

Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 11:54 AM

To: 'Okpewho, Carolyn (CDC/OCOO/OD)' <xxo5@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: CDC FOIA #21-00740 Final Response Letter {Brehm} (IR0413)

Dear Ms. Sanchang-Fon Okpewho,

Just following up on the email I sent below, dated October 29th.

Thank you,

Annalise Beube, Law Clerk

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From: S&G Information Request Staff

Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 3:31 PM

To: Okpewho, Carolyn (CDC/OCOO/OD) <xxo5@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: CDC FOIA #21-00740 Final Response Letter {Brehm} (IR0413)

Dear Ms. Sanchang-Fon Okpewho,

I was reviewing this file and saw that we do not have a record of receiving a response from you regarding the below email.

Could you please let me know what the response was?

Thanks,

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Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 11:21 AM
To: S&G Information Request Staff <foia@sirillp.com>
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Good afternoon Ms. Brehm,

Happy Hump-Day! Thank you for your feedback. I will follow-up with NCEZID with your concerns regarding the response to the aforementioned request. I will let you know of their response to your feedback.

Thank you for your time. You should hear from me no later than **Tuesday, March 23, 2021.**

Remain Safe 😊!

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From: S&G Information Request Staff <foia@sirillp.com>
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Thank you for the response. However, none of the 23 studies listed related to assessing autism and aluminum adjuvants used in vaccines. Most of the studies have nothing to do with autism and the few that do study thimerosal exposure or antigen exposure – not exposure to aluminum adjuvants.

Our client has directed us to appeal this response and bring an action in federal court, but before we do same and in the hopes of avoiding same, can you please ask the NCEZID to identify the specific studies that support that aluminum adjuvant used in vaccines do not cause autism.

Thank you.

From: xxo5@cdc.gov <xxo5@cdc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 7:54 AM
To: S&G Information Request Staff <foia@sirillp.com>
Subject: CDC FOIA #21-00740 Final Response Letter {Brehm}

March 16, 2021

Request Number: 21-00740-FOIA

Dear Ms. Brehm:

This is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of February 19, 2021, seeking:

“The CDC webpage <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/concerns/autism.html> states that ‘Vaccine ingredients do not cause autism.’ Produce the studies or reviews the CDC relies upon to claim that aluminum adjuvant(s) used in vaccines do not cause autism.”

Please see the attached letter.

Sincerely,

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