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Dear 

This letter is in response to the request you made to the National Research Council (NRC) under the *Access to Information Act* for records pertaining to:

"Information regarding Covid-19 testing, isolation, vaccination:

Part 1 - All records describing the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus, directly from a sample taken from a diseased patient, where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka vero cells; liver cancer cells). Please note that I am using "isolation" in the every-day sense of the word: the act of separating a thing(s) from everything else. I am not requesting records where "isolation of SARS-COV-2" refers instead to: the culturing of something, or the performance of an amplification test (i.e. a PCR test), or the sequencing of something. To clarify, I am requesting all such records that are in the possession, custody or control of your institution Canada (for example: downloaded to a computer, printed in hard copy, etc.).

Part 2 - The known or estimated error rate (both false positives and false negatives), of PCR testing to test for SARS-COV-2. This can include reference to any studies. The known or estimated error rate (both false positives and false negatives), of antibody testing to check for immunity to SARS-COV-2. This can include references to any studies. Whether vaccine manufacturers have been indemnified (rendered legally immune from lawsuit), for any vaccines they provide related to SARS-COV-2. Whether any vaccine injury compensation plan will be established (or has been established), for people who are injured or killed by vaccines to treat SARS-COV-2."

Your request and application fee was received by the NRC on December 8, 2020.

With respect to Part 1 of your request: Please note that no records responsive to this request were identified because no records could be found that met the scope of the request within the Council's statutory obligation to provide access to its records under Part 1 of the Act. For context, Part 1 of the Act provides a right of access to information

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in "records under the control of a government institution," which, in this case, is the NRC. It does not apply to "published material... or material available for purchase by the public" (see subsection 68(a)).

Please also note that in the processing of your request, NRC's Access to Information and Privacy (ATIP) Office confirmed that it was not possible to generate a list of publications as specified within the above-cited text. Specific details regarding access to publications by NRC researchers have not been centrally documented by NRC's Human Health Therapeutics Research Centre, nor by the Library team responsible for NRC's electronic collections and journal subscriptions. However, the HHT team did identify three publications as being possibly of interest to the subject of your request. Those publications are listed as an addendum to this letter.

With respect to Part 2 of your request: The NRC does not have records responsive to this subject matter.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you are entitled to file a complaint with the Information Commissioner of Canada within 60 days (<https://www.oic-ci.gc.ca/en/submitting-complaint>) after the day on which you will have received this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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