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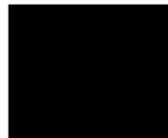
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Dear 

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:

"SARS-COV-2 ALL Documentation request: Hello, I would like to request all possible data you have in regards to SARS-COV-2 viral strain isolation, and research done with the year of 2020 on SARS-COV-2 that Canada has access to. I would also like all research in the health effects of SARS-COV-2 and any science related material for data collection purposes. All records describing the isolation (the act of separating a thing(s) from everything else) 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). All records describing the isolation of a SARS-CoV-2 virus, directly from a sample taken from a COVID-19 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)."

Your request and application fee was received by the NRC on December 18, 2020.

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 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 (HHT) 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.

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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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