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SENT VIA EMAIL

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Dear Mr. Siri:

This letter is our final 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 December 23, 2021, for

“All documents sufficient to support that COVID-19 vaccines do not create or cause variants of the virus that causes COVID-19.”

A search of our records failed to reveal any documents pertaining to your request because COVID-19 vaccines do not create or cause variants. There are many factors that contribute to virus evolution and the emergence of variants. One of these is the selective pressure that may be imparted by an individual's immune response to previous infection or vaccination as well as the overall immunity of a population.

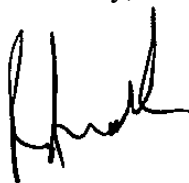
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) may be engaged in research related to this topic. Therefore, you may wish to contact the NIH's FOIA Office at the following link:

<https://www.nih.gov/institutes-nih/nih-office-director/office-communications-public-liaison/freedom-information-act-office>.

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 Monday, April 18, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Andoh', with a stylized, cursive script.

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