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Sent by email: minyrafon@btinternet.com

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Dear Mr Jones,

Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00281

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 5 September in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I would be grateful if you could arrange to provide me with the following additional information at your convenience.

- 1. a copy of the project licence granted under UK Home Office Animals [Scientific Procedures] Act 1986 in respect of candidate vaccine LNP-n CoV saRNA, and*
- 2. a copy of the project licence granted authorising progression from "animal trial" to "human trial" in respect of candidate vaccine LNP-n CoV saRNA.*

Our response

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) do not hold the information relevant to your request. I will respond to each of your questions in turn.

- 1. a copy of the project licence granted under UK Home Office Animals [Scientific Procedures] Act 1986 in respect of candidate vaccine LNP-n CoV saRNA,*

A copy of the project licence granted under UK Home Office Animals [Scientific Procedures] Act 1986 in respect of candidate vaccine LNP-n CoV saRNA will be held by the research organisation, Imperial College London who are undertaking the research.

- 2. a copy of the project licence granted authorising progression from "animal trial" to "human trial" in respect of candidate vaccine LNP-n CoV saRNA.*

UKRI's primary role is to fund research, in response to proposals from the research community. It does not have a regulatory role in the running of vaccine trials in the UK. The authority to progress from animal research to human trials would have been granted by the [Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency \(MHRA\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/medicines-and-healthcare-products-regulatory-agency)¹. We are unable to advise how this authorisation is usually granted and would therefore, suggest contacting Imperial College London, to find out whether it would have been granted in the form of a licence. Contact details can be found on the [Imperial College London website](https://www.imperial.ac.uk/)².

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/medicines-and-healthcare-products-regulatory-agency>

² <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/>

Head of Information Governance

Email: foi@ukri.org or infogovernance@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,

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