

EXHIBIT 3



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Re: FOIA Case Number: 17-FOI-00314-NHGRI; NIH Case Number: 46450

Dear Dr. Zirvi:

This is our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), dated May 16, 2017 and received May 17, 2017. You requested copies of the following grant application and any progress reports or other supporting documents that were submitted by the applicants for 1U54HG002753-01, awarded by NHGRI of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Per your June 20, 2017 email, you agreed to exclude proprietary information, and per your July 18, 2017 email, you agreed to exclude hand-signed signatures.

Enclosed are 70 pages responsive to your request. This includes a copy of grant number 1U54HG002753-01 (52 pages) and progress report 5U54HG002753-02 (18 pages). Please note that the grant and all associated progress reports are beyond their NIH records retention lifecycle of ten years and are eligible for destruction. These two were the only two that were in existence and located in response to this request. It is Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) policy to expunge effort and percentage of effort, institutional base salary, pending support, private source of support, and any in press references to unpublished information wherever they appear throughout the grant material. This information has been removed from the enclosed material.

Requesters who ask for grant applications usually want to receive only material that will help in understanding the process that led to the awards, or to improve their own methods of drafting grant applications. Requesters usually do not want material that applicants believe would harm them if released. We have found that the spirit of the FOIA can be enhanced through a spirit of cooperation among requesters of materials and those who submitted the materials.

In this instance, we asked the grantee for advice concerning patent rights and other confidential commercial or financial information and the material that we are furnishing reflects that advice. If you feel that materials have been omitted that should have been made available to you, please write to me and I will consult with the NIH Freedom of Information Officer. Please feel free to call me on 301-496-9737 for additional information or to inquire about your request.

If you are not satisfied with the processing and handling of this request you may contact the NHGRI FOIA Public Liaison:

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In certain circumstances provisions of the FOIA and HHS FOIA Regulations allow us to recover part of the cost of responding to your request. Because no unusual circumstances apply to the processing of your request, there are no charges for search time.

Sincerely,



Marianne Manheim

Government Information Specialist, NHGRI

Enclosures - 70 pages