

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Atlanta GA 30333

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Dear Ms. Evans:

This is the first interim release in 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 August 23, 2022, assigned #22-02105-FOIA by the agency, and has now been assigned case # 23-cv-00431 by the court. These records relate to the 1st item of your request for:

- 1. Records of all PRR conducted by CDC in connection with COVID-19 vaccines from October 1, 2021, to the present;
- 2. Records of all communication about PRR results and all follow-up investigation done in connection with those results (whether clinical review or other investigation) from October 1, 2021, to the present, within CDC, and all communications about these matters between CDC and FDA. This request includes but is not limited to records of the comparisons between PRR results and data mining results described by the CDC spokeswoman in her statement to the Epoch Times;
- 3. Records of all communications discussing, referencing, or mentioning Proportional Reporting Ratio, PRR (or PRRs), safety signal (or signals), signal detection, or data mining, from January 30, 2021, to the present, within CDC and between CDC and FDA, to the extent not already provided in response to numbers 1 and 2 above;
- 4. Copies of or links to all papers, articles, presentations, or other scientific data that provided the basis for the CDC spokeswoman's Epoch Times statement that Empirical Bayesian data mining is a "more robust data mining technique" than PRR.

Please note that PRRs were only conducted from March 25, 2022, to July 31, 2022; therefore, the PRRs will not encompass the entire date range stated in your request. We located 51 Excel spreadsheets responsive to your request. After a careful review of these Excel spreadsheets, no information was withheld from release. You may download a copy of the records at the link below.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact U.S. Department of Justice attorney Jared Littman at jared.littman@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

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