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Dear Andrew Lewis

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 9 June 2021 for:

“Could you please provide a list of the protocol assay sequences used in New Zealand with RT-PCR for detecting SARS-CoV-2 viral ribonucleic acid in the nasopharynx or any other body sites.”

Protocol assay sequences is proprietary information that the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) does not hold, therefore, your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act.

Below are the platforms that provide the test kits, which may be useful to you:

- Roche Diagnostics <https://diagnostics.roche.com/global/en/article-listing/general-information-cobas-sars-cov-2-coronavirus-test.html>
- Abbott www.molecular.abbott/us/en/products/infectious-disease/RealTime-SARS-CoV-2-Assay
- Hologic <https://www.hologic.com/coronavirus-test>
- Thermofisher <https://www.thermofisher.com/au/en/home/clinical/clinical-genomics/pathogen-detection-solutions/sars-cov-2-covid-19.html>
- Dnature www.dnature.co.nz/
- MiRXES Pte Ltd <https://mirxes.com/>

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Yours sincerely



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