

Our Ref: FOI2023/144 – Internal Review

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Thursday, September 21, 2023

Dear John Lubbock,

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Internal Review**

Regarding your request for an internal review of our response to your recent request for information, received by the University of Westminster on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, request reference FOI 2023/144.

**Internal Review Summary**

The University can confirm that it has held a formal review into its earlier handling of your request and can report the following:

- The University continues to find the response that no information held is correct.
- The University has since been made aware that Manuel Corpas carried out research in partnership with BGI Genomics when he was working at a previous institution in Spain. However, it took a while until the resulting research paper titled '*Low-coverage whole genome sequencing for a highly selective cohort of severe COVID-19 patients*' got published which was after he joined the University of Westminster in 2021. This is why Corpas's affiliation on the research paper is marked as University of Westminster despite the University not having anything to do with the research paper.
- This report should be given to the requestor and the internal review noted as completed.

The full report is enclosed with this letter. The report details our reasoning and contains the added context referred to above.

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Having contacted the University of Westminster regarding your recent request and having received this response, if you are not happy with the outcome, you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner.

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