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VIA EMAIL AND FEDEX

Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky
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Dear Dr. Walensky:

We previously wrote on behalf of ICAN to inquire about viral vector COVID-19 vaccines and the CDC's assertion that "[t]he genetic material delivered by the viral vector does not integrate into a person's DNA." <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/viral-vector-vaccine-basics.html>. We pointed out that "studies have shown that replication-incompetent adenoviral vectors randomly integrate into host chromosomes at frequencies of 0.001-1% of infected cells" (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/12109211/>) and asked that you either provide the science to explain how these studies are incorrect or confirm removal of CDC's aforementioned assertion.

On March 22, 2021, we received a reply email from Sandra Cashman thanking us for our letter and our "interest in COVID-19 vaccines and viral vector technology" and directing us to "see the latest information on the COVID-19 response at <https://www.cdc.gov/COVID-19/>."

We write again to follow-up on that request and to also bring the following study to your attention which, we are informed, indicates that segments of SARS-CoV-2 Viral RNA can become integrated into human genomic DNA and that this newly acquired viral sequence is not silent, meaning that these genetically modified regions of genomic DNA are transcriptionally active (DNA is being converted back into RNA). See <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/biorxiv/early/2020/12/13/2020.12.12.422516.full.pdf>

Given the foregoing, please advise whether the CDC and FDA still maintain that it is not possible for the mRNA in the COVID-19 vaccines to integrate into a vaccinee's DNA?

Kind Regards,



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