Dear Sir/Madam,

REF: Bovine TB: Efficacy studies into cattle vaccination

If you can, please forward to me details and results of studies which have been carried out where non-vaccinated and vaccinated cattle have been penned with infected cattle. I am particularly interested in what sample sizes were used, the age at which cattle were vaccinated, dosages used, and what proportions of cattle got infected with and without the vaccine.

Please treat this as a Freedom of Information request.

All responses by email will be fine.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear xxxxxxxx

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Bovine TB: Efficacy studies into cattle vaccination

Thank you for your request for information about details and results of studies where nonvaccinated and vaccinated cattle have been penned with infected cattle, which we received on 20th September 2012. As the information is publicly available we are exempt from providing a copy under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act.

The information that you have requested is available from the Veterinary Record website. A short communication on a study entitled ‘A natural-transmission model of bovine tuberculosis provides novel disease insights’ was published on 30th August 2012. The communication can be found at

http://veterinaryrecord.bmj.com/content/early/2012/08/29/vr.101072.full.

The specification of the study can be found at


The only element not covered is which infected cattle belonged to which treatment group. This will be answered by Martin Vordermeier of the AHVLA in response to your separate FOI request.

I attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service that you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Defra TB Programme

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