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Sent: Sun, 27 Jun 2021 09:09:53 -0400 **To:** Sherry, Steve (NIH/NLM/NCBI) [E]

Subject: Re: SARS-CoV-2 data deleted from the NIH/NCBI SRA

Hi Steve,

I was writing to ask if the NCBI sill plans to compile a detailed report of all the SRA deletions, and if so whether it will be shared? I have several meetings next week with congressional staffers who were interested in the deletions, and I'm sure they will be asking about this.

As mentioned before, I'd be happy to help analyze any SRA data for anything relevant to SARS-CoV-2. I'm also still really curious about the second Wuhan University BioProject mentioned in the e-mail you forwarded last Saturday, as I don't think I've been able to identify that one.

Thanks, Jesse

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Subject: RE: SARS-CoV-2 data deleted from the NIH/NCBI SRA

Dear Francis and Jesse.

Below is the June 2020 exchange between Wuhan University and SRA submission staff. I have redacted names and the withdrawal request tracking ID for privacy. Please read from the bottom up.

I would note that this request was received and processed according to SRA policy. As Jesse notes in his manuscript, submitters own their SRA records and can withdraw them upon request. SRA does not adjudicate the reason.

More generally, I have requested the SRA team to compile a report of all withdrawn SARS-COV2 data so there is transparency into the status of all SRA SARS-COV2 sequence submissions. I will share the report as soon as it is available.

Kind regards,