

## FYI sent: FOI 24/002 - Freedom of Information request - In what cycle threshold the PCR test detects dead nucleotides

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**From:** MHRA Customer Services

**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2024 5:49 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** FOI 24/002 - Freedom of Information request - In what cycle threshold the PCR test detects dead nucleotides

Dear [REDACTED]

### FOI 24/002

Thank you for your email correspondence with our FOI team on 30<sup>th</sup> of December 2023, where you submitted an FOI request for the following:

*In what cycle threshold the PCR test detects dead nucleotides*

The MHRA does not hold information on dead nucleotides as it is not a scientific term used in PCR.

For your information, below are links to publicly available websites that explain PCR testing and cycle thresholds.

1. [[Explained: COVID-19 PCR Testing and Cycle Thresholds | Public Health Ontario](http://Cycle%20threshold%20(Ct)%20in%20SARS-CoV-2%20RT-PCR%20-%20GOV.UK%20(www.gov.uk)]Cycle threshold (Ct) in SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a></li><li>2. <a href=)
3. [What is a Cycle Threshold Value? \(idsociety.org\)](#)

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Sent: Saturday, December 30, 2023 4:11 AM

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Subject: FOI 24/002 - Freedom of Information request - In what cycle threshold the PCR test detects dead nucleotides

Dear Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency,

In what cycle threshold the PCR test detects dead nucleotides

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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