MRC Reference FOI 2017-045

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request in which you asked for information on funding for the MRC and the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology (LMB) and also the income received by the MRC as revenue resulting from the LMB’s work on monoclonal antibodies. Following discussions with my colleague and I you refined your request to comprise following information:

1. MRC funding (Parliamentary Grant-in-Aid)
2. LMB funding (core funding from MRC)
3. MRC Intellectual Property receipts (net)

The information that you have requested is detailed in the attached a spreadsheet ‘FOIA 2017-45 MRC funding 121017’.

The information on MRC funding (column b) represents our Parliamentary Grant-in-Aid, this is the core funding received by the MRC from our Sponsor Government Department, currently the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). This represents the majority of funding received by the MRC however in addition to Grant-in-Aid MRC also receives funding from other Government Departments, Charities and other organisations resulting from partnerships and jointly funded research initiatives. Further information on MRC funding can be found in our Annual Report and Accounts.

Information on LMB funding (column c) represents the core funding provided to the LMB from the MRC, this represents the majority of LMB funding.

Information on receipts (column d) represents the net income resulting from Intellectual Property generated by MRC Research Institutes and Units, including the LMB. It has not been possible to provide a detailed breakdown of this figure within the appropriate limit of the FOIA, however we have estimated that the LMB’s work on monoclonal antibodies accounts for at least 90% of this figure.

I hope that you find this response to be helpful, if you are not satisfied that this response has been handled appropriately; you may appeal using the MRC's complaints procedure. Details are on the MRC website at: www.mrc.ac.uk/index/about/about-contact/about-complaints_procedure.htm. You may contact the MRC Complaints Officer at:

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Yours sincerely,