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20 Pennsylvania :
21 Corporation, :
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2 sealing, filing and certification of the
3 transcript has been waived; and all
4 objections, except as to the form of the
5 question, have been reserved until the time
6 of trial.)

7 DR. RONALD KRALL, after having been
8 duly sworn, was examined and testified as
9 follows:

10 PROCEEDINGS

11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now on the
12 record. My name is Mike Kutys. I am a
13 videographer retained by Magna Legal
14 Services. Today's date is September 28th,
15 2007, and the video time is 9:09 a.m. This
16 deposition is being held at One Logan Square,
17 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This is a video
18 deposition for the Court of Common Pleas,
19 Philadelphia County, October Term, 2004,
20 Number 1503, In Re of Paxil, and for the
21 United States District Court for the Northern
22 District of Indiana, Civil Action Number
23 2:07-CV174-PPS-APR, in the matter of Cheryl
24 J. Cunningham, et al, versus SmithKline

1 Beecham.

2 The deponent is Ronald Krall. This
3 deposition is being taken on behalf of the
4 plaintiff. All counsel will be noted on the
5 stenographic record. The court reporter is
6 Kathy Ruccolo, and she will now swear in the
7 witness.

8 DR. RONALD KRALL, after having been
9 duly sworn, was examined and testified as
10 follows:

11 EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

13 Q. Doctor, can you please state and
14 spell your full name?

15 A. Ronald Lee Krall, R-0-N-A-L-D, L-E-E,
16 K-R-A-L-L.

17 MR. DAVIS: Sorry. Skip, I'm not
18 trying to interrupt you. I want to put a
19 couple additional logistical things on the
20 record. We can agree to relieve the court
21 reporter of her responsibilities, such that
22 the errata sheet can be exchanged between
23 counsel, as opposed to providing it to the
24 court reporter. Is that acceptable to both

1 of you all?

2 MR. MURGATROYD: That's fine.

3 MR. DAVIS: And then the court
4 reporter can send the transcript to me, as
5 opposed to witness, and I will forward the
6 transcript and the errata sheet to the
7 witness. And we've agreed that this
8 deposition, like the others, can be used in
9 the Baum Hedlund suicidality matters, so we
10 don't have to redo the deposition. Is that
11 acceptable?

12 MR. MURGATROYD: That's fine. What
13 about the other case?

14 MR. DAVIS: I don't believe they have
15 any outside the States.

16 MR. MURGATROYD: All right. Good
17 enough.

18 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

4 Q. Okay. Now, have you had a chance to
5 go over the ground rules of a deposition?

6 A. We reviewed ground rules of a
7 deposition yesterday.

8 Q. You understand you are under oath?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. It is the same oath you would take as
11 if you were sitting for a judge and jury?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Now, the court reporter is here to
14 take everything down, and at a later date you will get
15 a chance to review your testimony today, at which time
16 you can make changes, but I need to caution you now
17 that if you do make changes later the fact of a later
18 change can be commented upon at the time of trial. Do
19 you understand that?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. The idea is to give your best
22 testimony today. Okay?

23 A. Thank you.

24 Q. And the other thing is the court

1 reporter can't take down nods or shrugs. All your
2 answers have to be out loud.

3 A. I understand.

4 Q. Great. Have you ever been deposed
5 before?

6 A. Once, many years ago in a civil
7 matter.

8 Q. Okay. Not involving the drug Paxil,
9 obviously?

10 A. No.

5 Q. Okay. Did you review any e-mails or
6 correspondence between GSK and FDA regarding the
7 current label changes?

8 A. I did.

9 Q. Okay. And were those new to you or
10 had you seen those before?

11 A. I'm sure I had seen them at the time
12 they were written as e-mail correspondence. I hadn't
13 seen them since.

14 Q. Any other documents, any other
15 e-mails?

16 A. I know that I looked at several other
17 documents. I can't recall exactly which ones.

18 Q. Okay. Now, did you read any
19 depositions or any parts of any depositions?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Now, beginning with your medical
22 training, can you give us your background, please?

23 A. I did my medical school training at
24 the University of Pittsburgh. Subsequently went to

1 Los Angeles County Harbor General Hospital and did a
2 general medicine internship. I then spent three years
3 at the National Institute of Health doing research in
4 epilepsy. I then did a neurology residency and a
5 clinical pharmacology residency at the University of
6 Rochester in Rochester, New York. And I joined the
7 faculty of the Department of Neurology and Departments
8 of Clinical Pharmacology at the University of
9 Rochester.

10 In 1983 I joined the pharmaceutical
11 industry working for a company called Lorex
12 Pharmaceuticals. In, I believe it was 1989, I moved
13 to Abbot Laboratories, and in 1992 to Zeneca
14 Pharmaceuticals. I stayed at Zeneca through the
15 merger with Astra and stayed at Astra Zeneca until
16 2003, when I joined Glaxo SmithKline.

17 Q. Okay. So, I take it you do have
18 special training in neurology?

19 A. That's true.

20 Q. And do you have special training in
21 psychiatry?

22 A. I don't have credential training in
23 psychiatry. I have some experience taking care of
24 psychiatric patients, but not formal post-graduate

1 training in psychiatry.

2 Q. You don't consider yourself a
3 psychiatrist?

4 A. I do not.

5 Q. You have special training in
6 psychopharmacology?

7 A. I don't have special training in
8 psychopharmacology. I have worked on the development
9 of a number of psychotropic drugs, drugs for anxiety,
10 for depression, for schizophrenia in the past.

11 Q. Okay. That was actually going to be
12 my next question. Do you have experience in clinical
13 trials?

14 A. I do.

15 Q. Okay. And what type of experience do
16 you have?

17 A. I have certainly participated in the
18 design and conduct of clinical trials in many
19 therapeutic areas over the career that I've had in the
20 pharmaceutical industry, and much of my current
21 responsibilities, and responsibilities for many years
22 have been the interpretation of the results of the
23 clinical trials.

24 Q. Were you also involved in the safety

1 aspects of clinical trials?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Let me ask you this, in clinical
4 trials when you are looking for treatment, emergent
5 signs and symptoms, are you familiar with that?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. DESS?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Is that a common term in the clinical
10 trial business?

11 A. It is.

12 Q. Okay. And when you are looking for
13 treatment of emergent signs and symptoms did you count
14 event that occur during the placebo run-in period?

15 A. This depends on the trial, and the
16 purpose for which the events are being collected, and
17 the design of the trial.

18 Q. You are looking for treatment in
19 emergent signs and symptoms. Are you saying in some
20 instances you count placebo run-in events?

21 A. Key.

22 Q. And what does a treatment emergent
23 event mean?

24 A. It generally means events seen in the

1 period of randomized treatment but not in the period
2 of either entry or placebo run-in.

3 Q. Okay. Thank you. Now, you agree
4 that important safety information can be gleaned from
5 clinical trials?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And that information makes its way
8 into the label of the drug when it is ultimately
9 approved?

10 A. The information on the safety of a
11 medicine that comes from clinical trials is always
12 part of the label of a medicine, yeah.

13 Q. Okay. And doctors rely upon labels
14 in prescribing drugs to patients, correct?

15 MR. DAVIS: Objection to the form.

16 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

17 Q. Well, do they?

18 A. I'm sorry. Can you repeat the
19 question?

20 Q. Do doctors -- at some point in time
21 you were a practicing physician, correct?

22 A. That's true.

23 Q. At that time and to your knowledge
24 now do doctors rely upon the accuracy of labels in

1 deciding what drugs to prescribe to their patients?

2 A. Doctors rely on many sources of
3 information to understand the safety profile and the
4 benefit profile of the drugs, one of which is the
5 label.

6 Q. Okay. But then there are others,
7 such as Dear Doctor Letters, correct?

8 A. Dear Doctor Letters, scientific
9 publications, other kinds of reports and scientific
10 meetings, abstracts. So, many sources of -- yes.

11 Q. Posters presented at symposiums would
12 also be another source?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. Now, am I correct in stating
15 that the label is important because that allows the
16 physician who is going to prescribe the drug to do
17 what is called a risk/benefit analysis?

18 A. The label is one of the sources of
19 information in order to do a risk/benefit. To make a
20 risk/benefit decision for a given patient, yes.

21 Q. And can you tell the jury what a
22 risk/benefit analysis is for a physician who is going
23 to prescribe a drug?

24 A. A risk/benefit analysis -- first I

1 think we should be careful in using the term
2 risk/benefit analysis because there are many methods
3 that are used to understand and compare the benefits
4 of a medicine and the adverse events experienced with
5 the medicine. But essentially what we are talking
6 about is some way to understand what might be the
7 benefits that a patient would receive, and what might
8 be the risks that that patient might experience.

9 Q. And that's because drugs cause side
10 effects, correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. And all drugs cause side
13 effects?

14 A. Cause is a strong word. Drugs are
15 associated with adverse events, and in some cases they
16 may cause them.

17 Q. Okay. And you agree that Paxil can
18 cause some side effects to some patients who take the
19 drug?

20 A. Paxil is associated with a number of
21 adverse events.

22 Q. Okay. That is not my question. I
23 move to strike your answer as non-responsive. My
24 question was cause. Do you agree, sir, that Paxil can

1 cause certain side effects in some patients who take
2 the drug?

3 A. The best answer to that question that
4 I can give is, not being close to the data and an
5 expert in Paxil's adverse-event profile I am not
6 prepared to agree that it causes adverse events.

7 Q. Not a single one?

8 A. I am not prepared to be -- to say
9 today that I can tell you one that it causes.

10 Q. Well, you knew you were going to be
11 here today to discuss Paxil?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And do you have experience with that
14 drug?

15 A. I have some experience with that
16 drug, yes.

17 Q. And you have people who work for you
18 who have a lot of experience?

19 A. That's right.

2 Q. Well, what about those that are
3 actually caused -- do you have a hard time admitting
4 that -- you admitted that all drugs cause side
5 effects, and now you won't admit that Paxil
6 causes side effects?

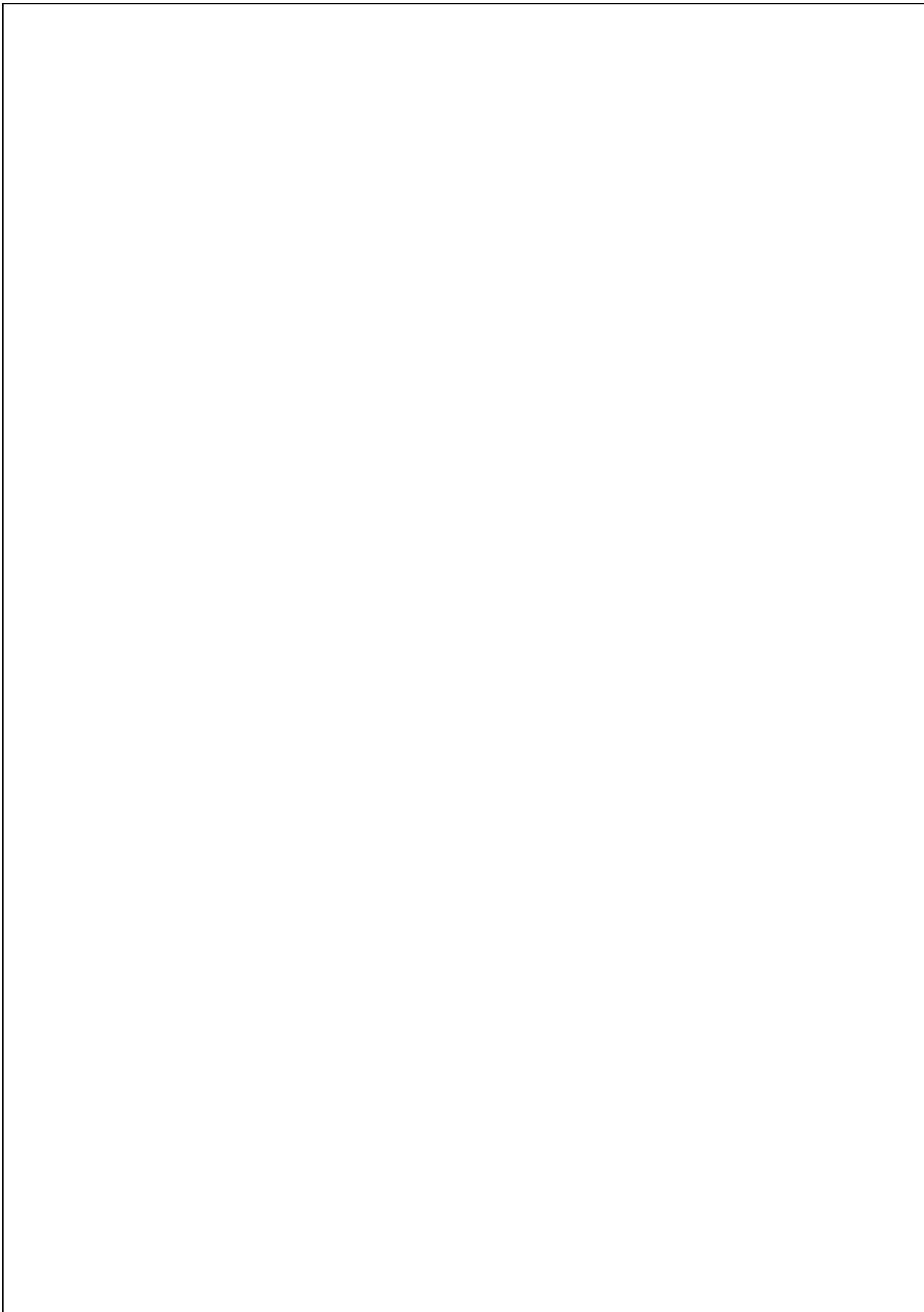
7 A. You'll remember that I added --
8 MR. DAVIS: Excuse me. I'll object
9 to the form of the question, but you may
10 answer the question.

11 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

12 Q. Go ahead.

13 A. You'll remember that I added quite
14 quickly after I made that statement that not -- that
15 there are many things -- many adverse events that are
16 associated with drugs, very few that are clearly
17 caused by them.

18 Q. So, do you want to state here, under
19 oath, that you are not familiar with a single -- this
20 is to the jury, by the way. The jury right there.



1 Q. Okay. Now, in terms of the question
2 I asked, the question I asked, are you willing to tell
3 the jury under oath that you are not aware of a single
4 side effect that is caused by Paxil?

5 A. I am prepared to say to the jury that
6 I am not sufficiently familiar with all of the data
7 for all of the adverse events to tell you that there
8 is an adverse event that is caused by Paxil.

9 Q. Now, you said you were familiar with
10 the Paxil side-effect profile?

11 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.

12 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

15 Q. And you agree that with regard to
16 children and adolescents Paxil is associated with
17 suicidality?

18 A. In the short-term trials of Paxil in
19 pediatric patients there was an increase in the
20 incidents of suicidal behavior of thinking in patients
21 that took Paxil compared to those that took placebo.

22 Q. I move to strike your answer because
23 it does not respond to my question.

24 MR. MURGATROYD: Can you read my

1 question back, please?

2 (At this time the court reporter read
3 back from the record as was requested.)

4 THE WITNESS: Yes, I can agree with
5 that question.

6 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

21 Q. Okay. I think you said that you came
22 to Glaxo in 2003?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. Okay. I think I actually saw the

1 announcement of that. Let me see if I can find that.

2 MR. MURGATROYD: Can I get a bunch of
3 exhibit stickers from you? I probably need
4 about 40. Thanks.

5 (At this time a document was marked
6 for identification as Exhibit No. 1.)

7 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

8 Q. Okay. Let me show you what I'm
9 marking as the first exhibit, which came from a
10 website called PharmaBiz. P-H-A-R-M-A-B-I-Z, dot com.
11 Let me have you take a look at that, sir.

12 A. Thank you.

13 Q. Okay?

14 A. Yup.

15 Q. And does this talk about your
16 appointment to GSK?

17 A. It does.

18 Q. And does it appear to be accurate?

19 A. It does.

20 Q. Okay. So, it says that your
21 employment began effective February 19th, 2003. Is
22 that a correct date?

23 A. I think it is correct.

24 Q. Okay. And then it says, Krall,

1 obviously Dr. Krall, will have global responsibility
2 at GSK for clinical development, medical affairs, and
3 regulatory affairs; is that correct?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. Okay. And your title, according to
6 this, is Senior Vice President World Wide Development,
7 Research and Development; is that correct?

8 A. That was my title when I joined the
9 company, that is correct.

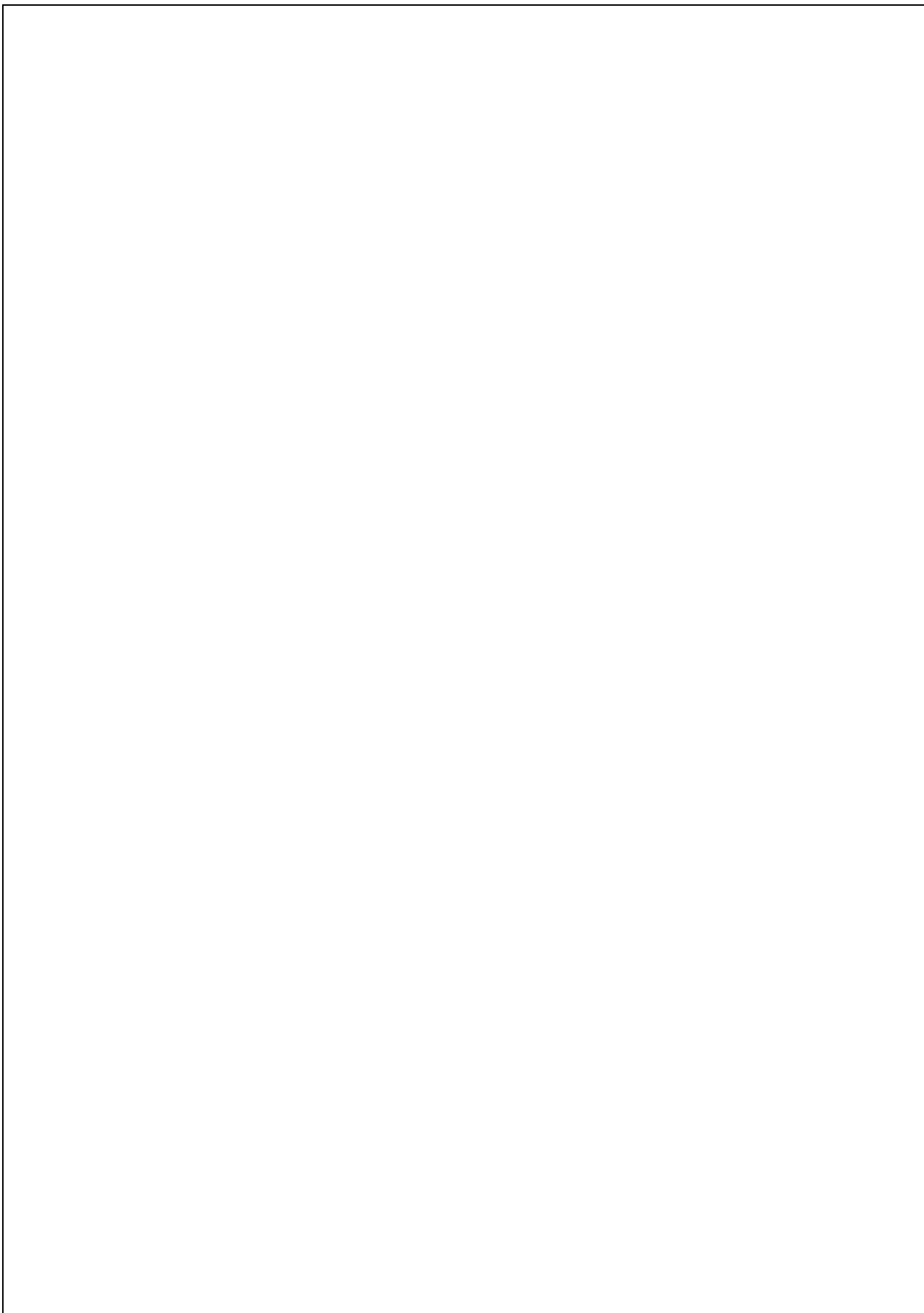
10 Q. And we are going to talk more about
11 any changes in your title in a minute.

12 A. Okay.









14 Q. Okay. Now, are you considered an
15 executive of the company?

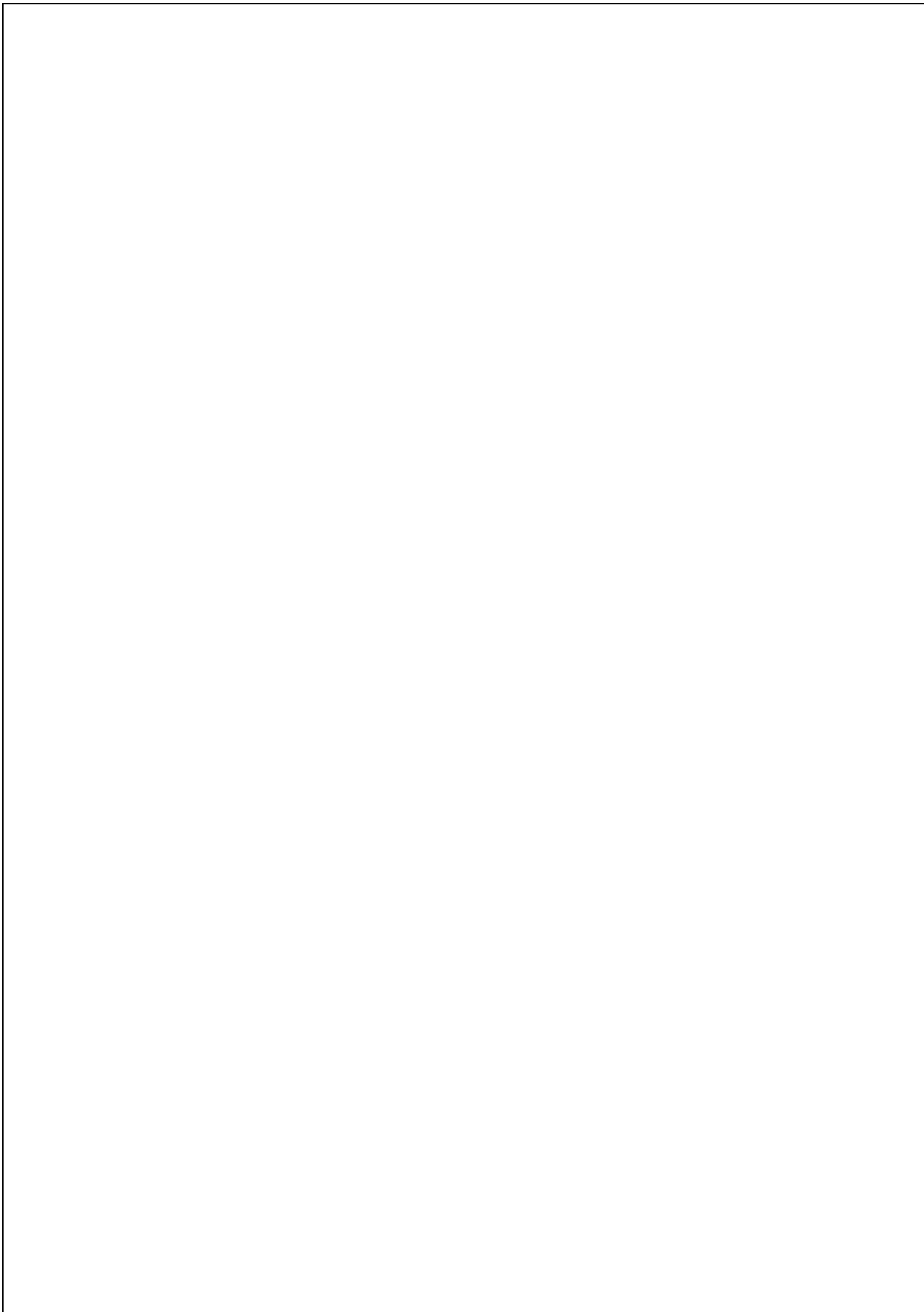
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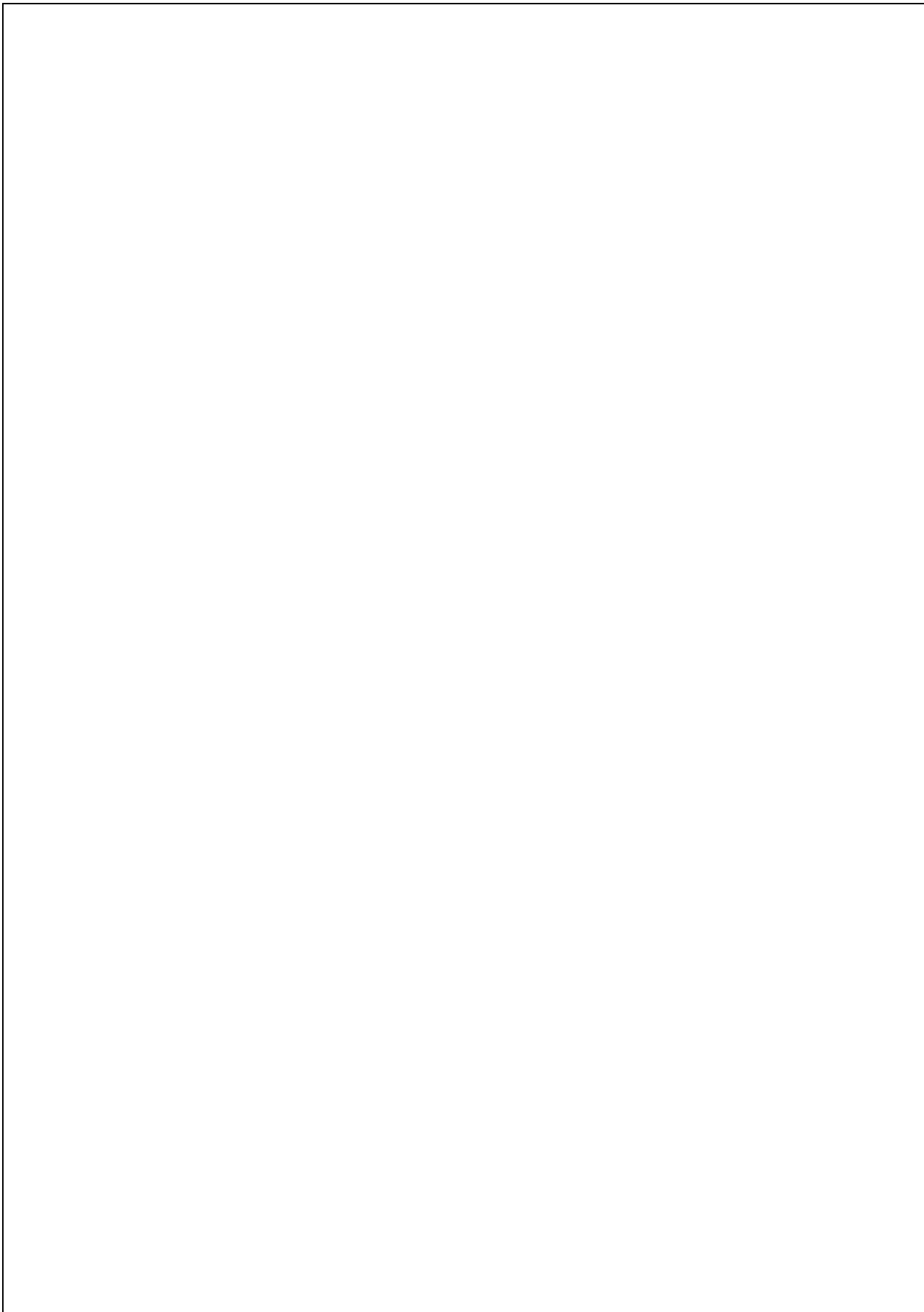
17 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

18 Q. Do you know?

19 A. I'm not sure what you mean by
20 executive. So, I don't how to answer that question.

21 Q. Okay. That is fine. If you don't
22 know, you don't know.





7 Q. Okay. And when did he leave the
8 company?

9 A. I believe about a year ago. I'm not
10 sure. It is actually more recent than that that he
11 left. Maybe six months.

12 Q. Do you know where he went?

13 A. He retired. I don't know whether he
14 stayed under employment.

15 Q. Okay. And is he in the UK?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Do you know what city he lives in?

18 A. I do not.

13 Q. Okay. And is Trevor Gibbs still with
14 GSK?

15 A. He is.

23 Q. Okay. And where is he physically
24 located?

1 A. He works in the United Kingdom.

2 Q. And do you know where he lives?

3 A. No, I don't.

4 Q. Have you ever physically met him?

5 A. Oh, yes.

6 Q. Okay. And does he come to the United
7 States?

8 A. From time to time.

9 Q. Okay. And do you know when the next
10 time he plans to come here?

11 A. Not offhand.

12 Q. Okay. But I take it those are
13 scheduled, those trips are scheduled?

14 A. They are.

15 Q. Okay.

16 MR. DAVIS: You mean scheduled when
17 they occur, as opposed to scheduling it is
18 going to happen or he is coming to the United
19 States.

20 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

21 Q. Are his trips --

22 A. What I meant by my answer was he
23 always plans his trips --

24 Q. Okay.

1 A. -- because it is otherwise impossible
2 to fly here.

5 Q. Do you know where he lives?

6 A. He is also a resident in the United
7 Kingdom. I don't know exactly where he lives.

7 Q. Okay. And Dr. Yamada, he is no
8 longer with GSK?

9 A. That is correct.

10 Q. But he was a member of the Board of
11 Directors?

12 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.

13 THE WITNESS: At that time I do not
14 think he was.

15 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

16 Q. Okay. Do you know his position was?

17 A. He was Chairman of R&D, Chairman of
18 Research and Development.

22 Q. Actually, I realized I need to show
23 you one other document before we talk about that. Let
24 me show you what I'll mark as Exhibit 4, which is a

1 portion of the deposition I took of a woman by the
2 name of Pamela Barrett, Pam Barrett. Do you know who
3 she is?

4 A. I do.

5 Q. Okay. And did you work with her or
6 she worked for you?

7 A. Yes, she did. Not directly for me,
8 but in the group that I manage.

14 Q. Okay. And let me just show you a
15 portion of the deposition that I excerpted for today.

16 (AT this time a document was marked
17 for identification as Exhibit No. 4.)

18 THE WITNESS: Okay.

19 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

20 Q. Okay. So, you see that I was asking
21 her in her deposition about studies 057 and 106,
22 correct?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. And I asked her whether or not these

1 two studies were different from all the others that
2 were performed regarding Paxil?

3 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.

4 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

5 Q. Do you see that?

6 A. I see that.

7 Q. I specifically stated?

8 MR. MURGATROYD: What is the problem
9 with form? What are you saying is wrong with
10 the form?

11 MR. DAVIS: You said they were two
12 that were different than all the others that
13 had been preformed. It is different in what
14 context?

15 MR. MURGATROYD: What does that have
16 to do with form?

17 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

18 Q. I asked her, there were two that were
19 different from all the others performed regarding
20 Paxil, right? Is that correct, Doctor?

21 A. That's true.

22 Q. And she said yes, correct?

23 A. (Indicating.)

24 Q. And she --

1 A. That's true.

2 Q. Okay. And she said that -- thank
3 you. That was self contracted. Very good. Did the
4 court reporter kick you?

5 All right. And she said what the
6 study numbers are, 057 and 106, correct?

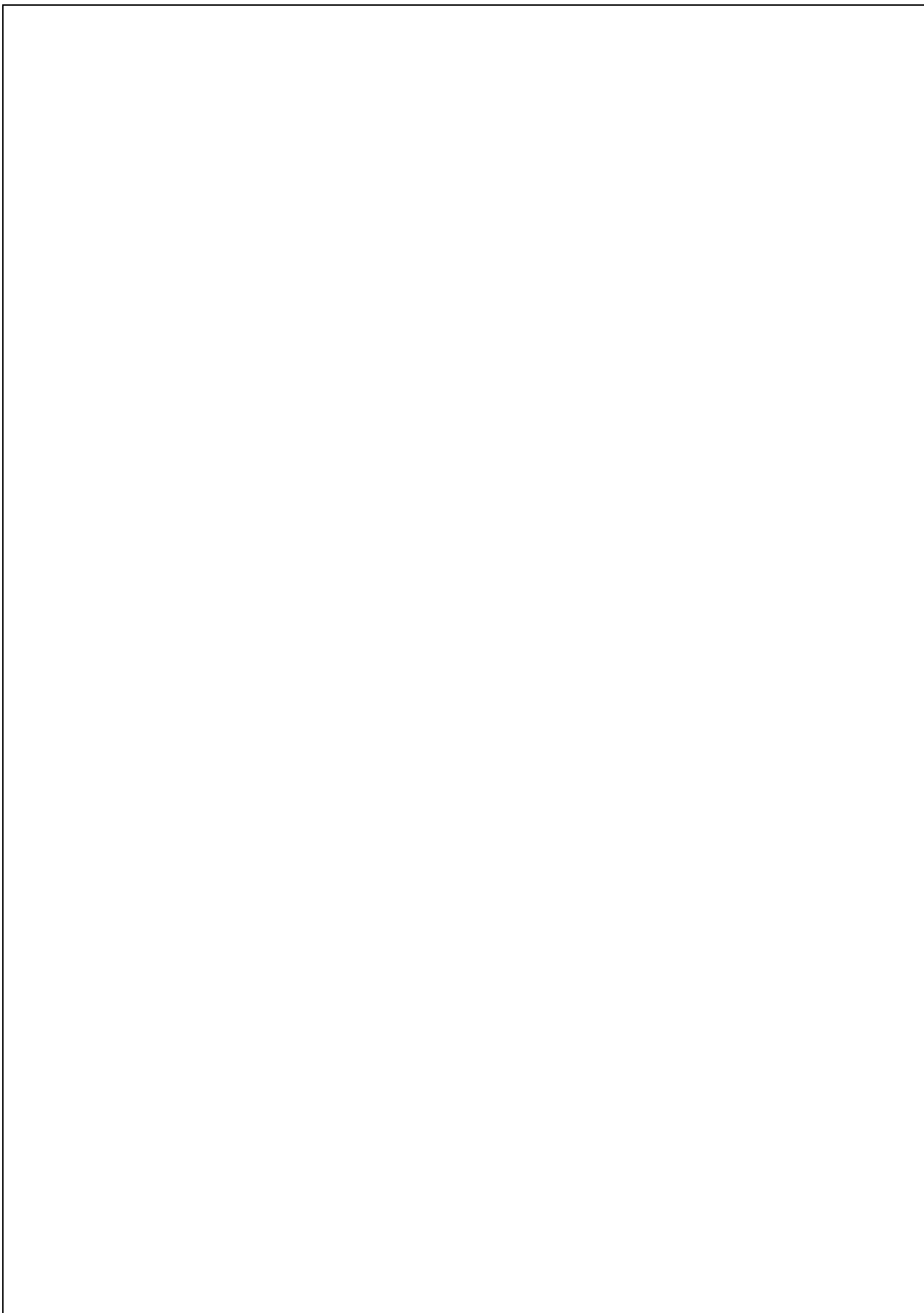
7 A. Correct.

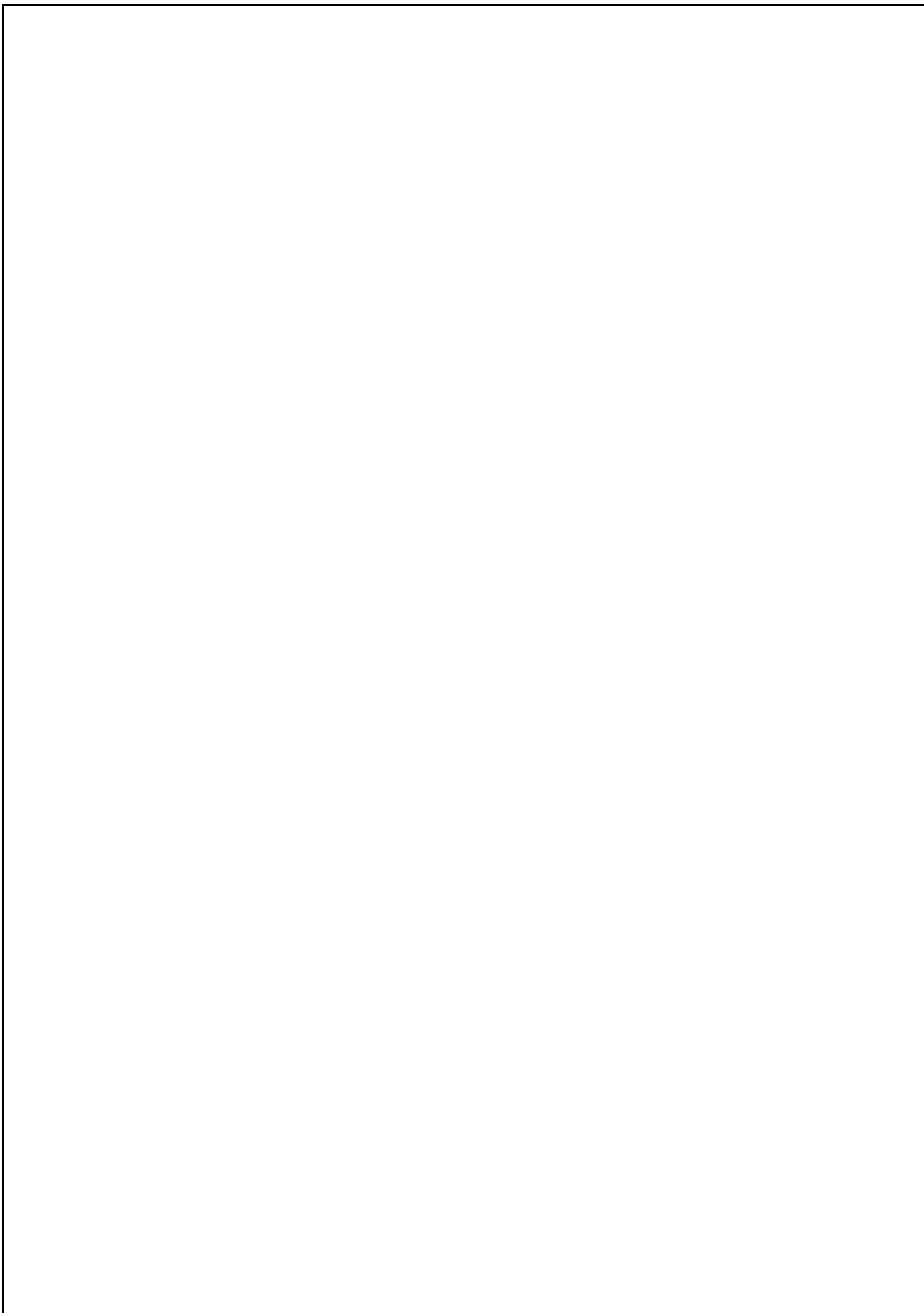
8 Q. Okay. And then she explains why they
9 are different, correct?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. And is that your understanding, what
12 of her explanation -- does that comport with your
13 understanding of why 057 and 106 were different than
14 the other studies?

15 A. I would have been a little bit more
16 -- I would have described the difference more
17 thoroughly, but otherwise what she has said I agree
18 with.











18 Q. Okay. And one data set was going to
19 be based on the original question, MDD only, less than
20 17 weeks, at least 30 patients?

21 A. I believe that is right.

22 Q. Okay. And then there is a second
23 data set that was later submitted to the FDA of all
24 indications, actually all lengths of trial?

1 A. What I don't remember about that
2 second submission is whether it was all durations or
3 all studies independent of duration, or whether it was
4 just other indications.

1 Q. Okay.

2 MR. DAVIS: Are we done with this

3 document?

4 MR. MURGATROYD: Yes.

5 MR. DAVIS: Do you mind if we take a

6 break? We have been going about ninety

7 minutes.

8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 10:39. Off the

9 record.

10 (At this time a short break was

11 taken.)

14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 10:48. On the

15 record.

16 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

17 Q. Doctor, I think before we took the

18 break we were determining whether or not the second

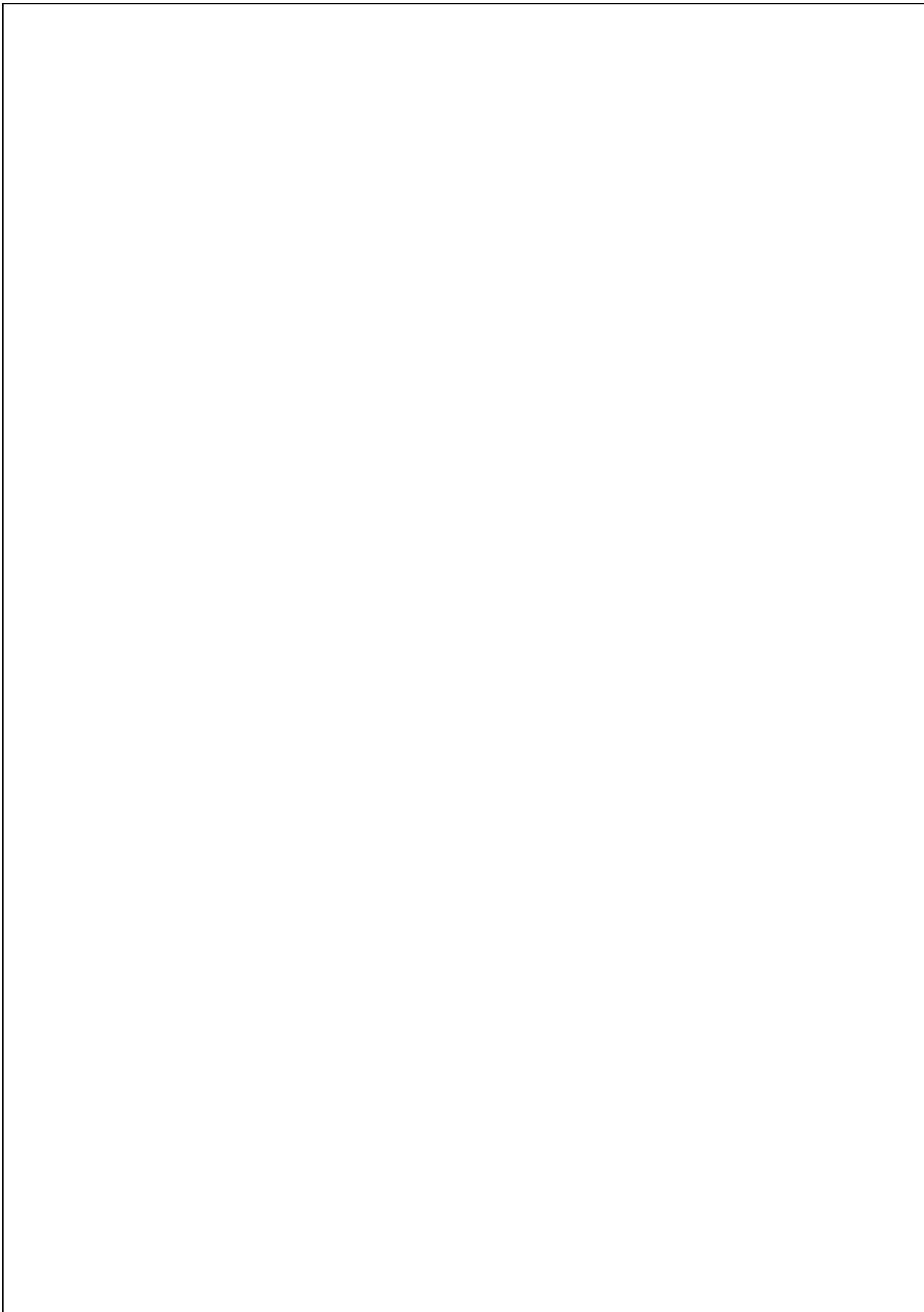
19 data set that GSK submitted to the FDA included

20 studies of all lengths. Do you recall that?

21 A. That's right.

22 Q. Working our way through that?

23 A. Yes.



15 Q. Okay. That's fine. Now, so as you
16 sit here today you do not know whether or not the
17 second data set submitted by GSK to the FDA to analyze
18 contained events that occurred in 057 and 106?

19 A. I believe that it did, but I'm not
20 certain about that.

6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 10:58. Off the
7 record.

8 (At this time, a discussion
9 was held off the record.)

10 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 11:02. On the
11 record.

22 Q. Do you know who John Mann is?

23 A. I know of him. I don't know him

24 personally.

1 Q. Is his opinion respected?

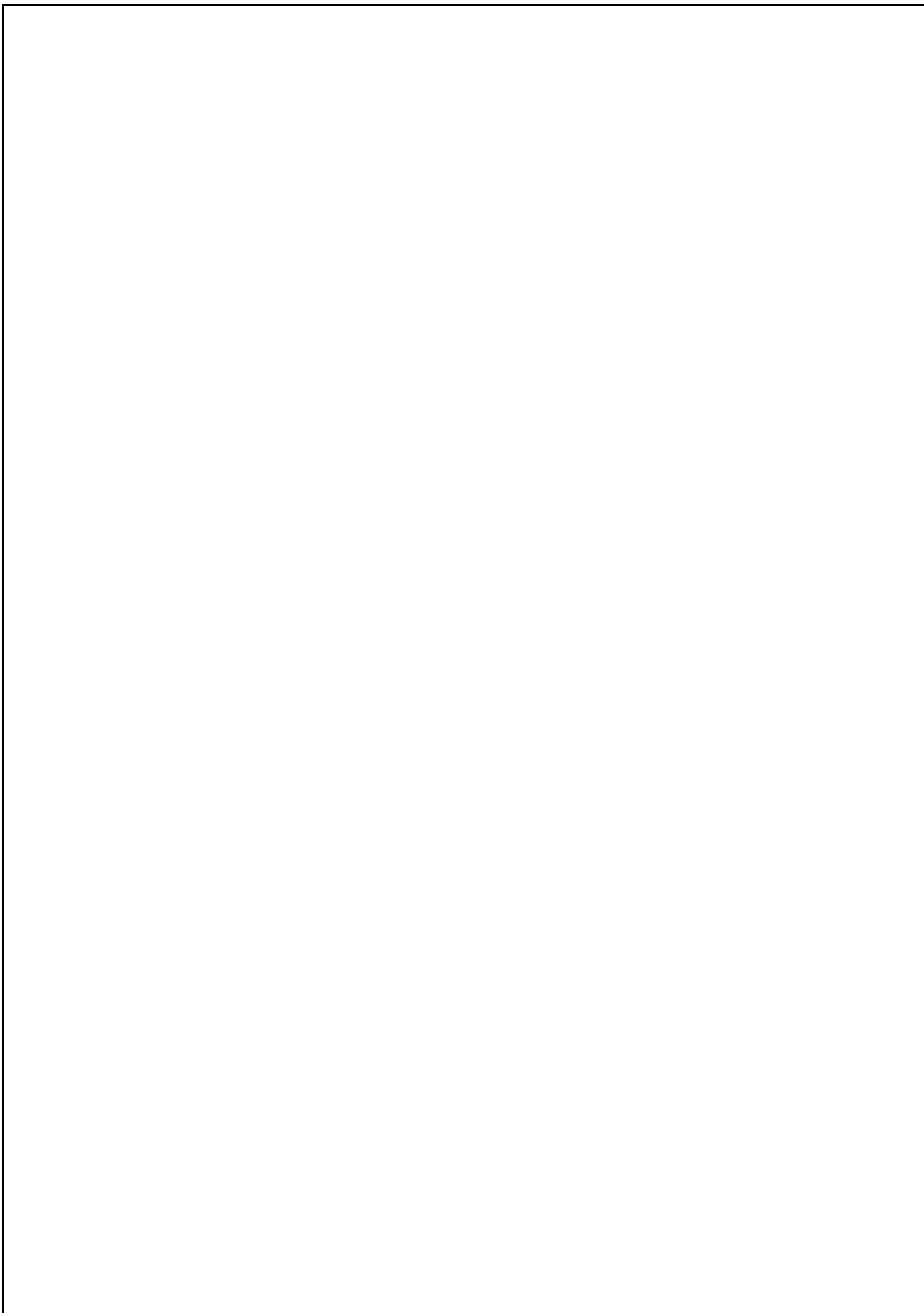
2 A. It is.

3 Q. And do you know who Dr. Thase is?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And is his opinion also respected?

6 A. Yes.



17 MR. MURGATROYD: We are going to go
18 off the record to change the tapes for just a
19 second.

20 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This concludes
21 video tape number one. The time is
22 11:17 a.m. We are off the record.

23 (At this time, a discussion
24 was held off the record.)

1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Stand by, please.
2 This begins videotape number two. The time
3 is 11:18 a.m. We are on the record.

22 Q. Okay. Have you heard the term break
23 point being used, in terms of when the risk of Paxil
24 outweighs its benefits in terms of people who take the

1 drug?

2 A. I don't think I've heard the term
3 break point used.

4 Q. Okay. Have you heard a term used
5 where -- or have you heard an age expressed where it
6 was determined that the risks of Paxil outweighed the
7 benefits, at a certain age cutoff, below, obviously?

8 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.

9 THE WITNESS: I think I have heard
10 and participated in discussions where we
11 talked about the effective age on the
12 incidents of suicide-related adverse events.

13 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

14 Q. Okay. My question went more to the
15 risk/benefit analysis, at what age does the risk of
16 Paxil outweigh its benefits?

17 A. I don't think I can recall specific
18 discussions about break points or age cutoffs or
19 anything like that in reference to risk/benefit
20 analysis, except in the pediatric population where
21 there has been demonstrated evidence of efficacy in
22 Major Depressive Disorder based on primary end points
23 in clinical trials.

18 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

19 Q. Okay. Now, the first analysis had to
20 do with what is called the MDD data set, right?

21 A. That's right.

22 Q. And that would be an analysis that
23 excluded the data from study 057 and 106?

24 A. That's right.

1 Q. Okay. And such an analysis was
2 performed by GSK?

3 A. Correct.

5 Q. Okay. And can you tell the jury what
6 that means to a -- what does that mean to a layperson,
7 odds ratio of 6.7 with regard to incidents of
8 definitive suicidal behavior?

9 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form. You
10 mean to a layperson?

11 MR. MURGATROYD: Yeah. Didn't I say
12 that?

13 MR. DAVIS: Yeah. Object to the
14 form.

15 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

16 Q. Do you understand what an odds ratio
17 is? Can you explain to it to the jury?

18 A. I'm not a statistician, so my
19 explanation would not be statistically correct.

20 Q. Can you tell us what your
21 understanding is?

22 A. Yeah. It expresses the likelihood of
23 an event occurring in one group compared to another
24 group.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. And it's a ratio of events that did
3 occur.

4 Q. Okay. And in this instance 6 --
5 there is an odds ratio of 6.7, meaning the odds of a
6 Paxil patient experiencing definitive suicidal
7 behavior were 6.7 of that of a person taking a placebo
8 pill?

9 A. I believe that is correct.

21 Q. Okay. But actually I think you will
22 find, and we'll go over a document in a moment, it was
23 statistically significant pursuant the protocol that
24 was devised for this analysis, correct?

1 A. I accept that. I don't have it in
2 front me.

3 Q. But do you recall that being correct?

4 A. I think so.

15 Q. Okay. But we are going to -- I don't
16 want to jump too far ahead, but we'll see that GSK did
17 find it to be statistically significant in a minute,
18 okay?

19 A. Okay.

9 or that GSK did send out a Dear Healthcare Provider
10 Letter to doctors regarding the data that was found by
11 these analyses?

12 A. Yes, but I don't recall whether it
13 was after this analysis or after the subsequent
14 analysis.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. And I don't recall the exact timing
17 or the content of that letter.

18 Q. Okay. And we are going to get into
19 that letter because that is where it talks about
20 statistical significance, also.

7 Q. Okay. Well, do you recall that GSK
8 did write to the FDA and tell the FDA about that
9 particular analysis?

10 A. My recollection is that we submitted
11 these results to the FDA, yes.

12 Q. Okay. And asked for a label change,
13 correct?

14 A. My memory, unfortunately, is not good
15 enough to know whether it was based on this data set
16 or the next data set.

17 Q. Okay. Well, let's take a look at the
18 next document I'll mark as Exhibit 13, which is a
19 letter to Tom Laughren at the FDA dated March 8th,
20 2006, and attached to it is a document entitled:
21 Briefing Document. And let's take a look at this,
22 sir.

23 (At this time a document was marked
24 for identification as Exhibit No. 13.)

1 THE WITNESS: Okay. Thank you.

2 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

3 Q. Okay. And did I identify this
4 document correctly, sir?

5 A. It is a correspondence to the FDA,
6 Division of Psychiatry Director, Thomas Laughren, from
7 us.

8 Q. Okay. Does it appear to be
9 authentic?

10 A. It does.

11 Q. Okay. This was created during the
12 ordinary course of GSK's business?

13 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. And then turning to the second
22 page of this document, there is a heading that says:
23 Summary of Results of GSK Adult MDD Suicidality
24 Analysis and Interpretation, correct?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. Okay. And then what we were talking
3 about earlier was definitive suicidal behavior, which
4 is discussed in the second bullet point, right?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. And this talks about -- actually it
7 says, quote: The results provide evidence of an
8 increased suicide attempts in adults with MDD treated
9 with paroxetine compared to placebo. Did I read that
10 correctly?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And that is what the results did
13 show?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. Okay. And then it talks about the
16 odds ratio being 6.7, which we've already talked
17 about, correct?

18 A. It also points out the number of
19 events are small, and that these data should be
20 interpreted with caution --

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. -- because of that.

23 Q. I understand. And it concludes down
24 at the bottom of this page that, based on these recent

1 findings -- this is a quote: In the adult patient set
2 GSK conclude that some statements in the approved
3 prescribing information will need to be amended to
4 reflect the results from this analysis following the
5 completion of the entire analysis, correct?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. Okay. So, GSK in this sentence is
8 telling the FDA that they are going to want -- GSK is
9 going to want to amend the label?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. Okay. And in the next paragraph it
12 talks about GSK also wants, not only to amend the --
13 to revise the label, but also provide the information
14 directly to healthcare professionals through a Dear
15 Doctor Letter, correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. After completion of the entire
19 analysis.

20 Q. Correct. And, in fact, GSK did amend
21 its label to reflect this data, correct?

22 A. Yes.

24

(At this time a document was marked

1 for identification as Exhibit No. 15.)

9 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

10 Q. Okay. Thank you, sir. And so the
11 record is clear, what you are looking at, this is the
12 Paxil label, correct, the Document 15?

13 A. It is.

14 Q. And you'll see on the last page it is
15 dated June 2006, correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Okay. So, that is after the request
18 by GSK to the FDA to amend its label?

19 A. Correct.

2 Q. Okay. And the sentence in adults
3 with MDD (all ages) there was a statistically
4 significant increase in the frequency of suicidal
5 behavior in patients treated with paroxetine compared
6 to placebo, in this actual label, correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And, sir, would you agree that this
9 new change to the warning section of the Paxil label
10 GSK thought was important to get to prescribing
11 physicians?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. Now, in fact, the importance
14 was such that GSK believed that it should notify
15 physicians immediately through what we've described or
16 what we've called the Dear Healthcare Professional
17 Letter?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. Okay. So, let's take a look at that
20 actual letter, which I'll mark as Exhibit 16.

21 (At this time a document was marked
22 for identification as Exhibit No. 16.)

23 MR. DAVIS: Thanks.

24 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

1 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

2 Q. Okay. So, this is a Dear Healthcare
3 Professional Letter dated May 2006, correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. And it is entitled important
6 prescribing information, correct?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. And it does tell prescribing doctors
9 or healthcare professionals about the results of GSK's
10 analyses that we have been discussing, correct?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. Okay. And if you go to the one, two,
13 three, four, fifth paragraph, it says: Further in the
14 analysis of adults with MDD (all ages) the frequency
15 of suicidal behavior was higher in patients treated
16 with paroxetine as compared with placebo. Did I read
17 that correctly, sir?

18 A. You did.

19 Q. And that is consistent with the label
20 change, correct?

21 A. It is.

8 Q. Okay. And do you believe the
9 information contained within the letter is accurate
10 and correct?

11 A. I do.

12 Q. Okay. Now, on --

13 MR. MURGATROYD: What time is it?

14 MR. DAVIS: It is almost 12:00.

15 MR. MURGATROYD: This is a good
16 chance, I think, to break for lunch. Is that
17 okay for you?

18 THE WITNESS: It's fine by me.

19 MR. MURGATROYD: Let's go off the
20 record. Let's take a lunch break, and,
21 actually, I have a meeting, so I'll probably
22 be gone an hour.

23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 12:01. Off the
24 record.

1 (At this time, a discussion
2 was held off the record.)

3 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 1:17. On the
4 record.

5 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

6 Q. Okay. Did you have a good lunch?

7 A. I did.

8 Q. Great. I see you looking at your
9 watch. We won't be long.

10 A. I'm just checking my watch against
11 his time.

12 Q. Okay. I think we ended off, before
13 lunch we talked about the changes to the label in 2006
14 and the Dear Doctor Letter that was issued, correct?
15 Do you remember that?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Okay. And then after that, after
18 both of those events occurred the FDA held a meeting
19 where it reported its analysis of the adult
20 suicidality data, correct?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. Were you present at that meeting?

23 A. No, I was not.

24 Q. Okay. Were you provided the results

1 of that meeting?

2 A. A summary of the results of that
3 meeting.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. And I don't think I was provided
6 anything in writing, or if it was it was just an
7 e-mail --

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. -- summary.

10 Q. Were you aware that there was report
11 issued by two individuals by the name of Stone and
12 Jones?

13 A. I do not remember that.

14 Q. Okay. Well, let me show you -- well,
15 are you aware that the results that the FDA issued
16 came from a pooled analysis of antidepressant data?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. And were you aware that some
19 of the analyses actually separated the analyses out by
20 drug?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. Have you seen those results
23 with regard to Paxil?

24 A. I have.

1 Q. Okay. So, let's -- I just want to
2 show you one particular chart from that meeting, which
3 I'll mark as Exhibit 17, which consists of the cover
4 page, entitled, Clinical Review: Relationship Between
5 Antidepressant Drugs and Suicidality in Adults. And I
6 attached table 16, because this is the one I want to
7 discuss with you.

8 (At this time a document was marked
9 for identification as Exhibit No. 17.)

10 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

11 Q. Does it look familiar to you, sir?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. You've seen this before?

14 A. I have.

15 Q. Okay. And this table is entitled:
16 Suicidal Behavior Risk for Active Drug Related to
17 Placebo - Preparation or Worse - Adults with
18 Psychiatric Disorders - By Drug and Drug Class,
19 correct?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. Okay. And under the -- in the box
22 that has an analysis for what are called the SSRI
23 drugs, correct?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. And Paxil is an SSRI drug?

2 A. It is.

3 Q. Okay. And do you see the data for
4 Paxil in this table?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And do you see it lists an odds
7 ratio?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. And what is that odds ratio?

10 A. 2.76.

11 Q. Okay. And does it appear to be
12 statistically significant?

13 A. It does appear to be statistically
14 significant, with the caveat that there are multiple
15 statistical analyses done in this analysis, no
16 corrections for multiple comparisons, and my
17 recollection the FDA's interpretation here was to be
18 very cautious about findings with individual drugs.

19 Q. Okay. But there weren't any multiple
20 comparisons in this table concerning Paxil, right?

21 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.

22 THE WITNESS: No, not compared to

23 Paxil, but there are multiple statistical

24 analyses done even on this table alone, let

1 alone the other analyses that were done as
2 part of this analysis.

3 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

4 Q. Correct, but with regard to this
5 table there is just one analysis for Paxil?

6 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.

7 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

8 Q. I'm sorry. Just one analysis for
9 Paxil?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. Thank you. Now -- and this
12 analysis is not for -- for Paxil is not inconsistent
13 with the analysis that was done by GSK internally,
14 correct?

15 A. It is not inconsistent with.

16 Q. Okay. Now, based on the results of
17 the analyses, these FDA analyses, the FDA asked drug
18 manufacturers to change their label, correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Do you recall that?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And the label requested is what is
23 known as a generic class-wide label?

24 A. A class label.

1 Q. A class label?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And that -- so the jury understands,
4 what is a class label?

5 A. It is labeling that applies equally
6 to a group of products all defined to be in the same,
7 quote, class.

8 Q. And the class here is
9 antidepressants?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. So, basically, the FDA asked that all
12 the drug manufacturers conform to one warning
13 regarding the issue of suicidality in adults?

14 A. Right.

15 Q. Okay. Now, GSK asked the FDA if it,
16 meaning GSK, could include in the label its
17 Paxil-specific language that it had just put in its
18 label, as we discussed, in 2006. Do you recall that?

19 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. Now, let me show you what I'll
24 mark as Exhibit 18. And this is a letter dated

1 May 11, 2007 to Thomas Laughren from GSK?

2 A. Hold on just a second. Okay. Thank
3 you.

4 Q. Sure.

5 A. Yes, this is a letter.

6 Q. It's dated May 11, 2007, from GSK to
7 Thomas Laughren, regarding the proposed label change.

8 A. Okay.

9 Q. Okay. And this letter actually
10 reflects what we are just talking about, right? I
11 think in the second full paragraph it says, and I
12 quote, this is in the middle of the paragraph: The
13 specific information on incident rates in young
14 adults, specific data on patients with MDD and the age
15 ranges given, could help physicians to make a more
16 informed decision regarding the use of paroxetine in
17 the adult patient population. We therefore propose
18 maintaining the paragraph within the new class
19 labeling. Did I read that correctly, sir?

20 A. You did.

24 Q. Okay. And it is talking about the

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And that's that paragraph, correct?

5 A. It is.

6 Q. Okay. And do you recall that the FDA
7 responded to this letter?

8 A. It did.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And how were you made aware of the
12 response?

13 A. I don't remember how I was made aware
14 of the response.

15 Q. Okay. Did you actually see the
16 e-mail to GSK that contained the response?

17 A. I think I did, and it may have even
18 been sent to me in an e-mail.

19 Q. Okay. Well, let's take a look at it.

20 A. My recollection is there were several
21 communications between GSK and the FDA on this matter,
22 and in each case the FDA was very clear that it did
23 not want us to incorporate this Paxil-specific
24 paragraph.

1 Q. All right. Let's take a look at what
2 the FDA actually said in this e-mail, and I marked it
3 as Exhibit 19. And just so the record is clear, with
4 regard to Exhibit 18, sir, would you agree that
5 document is authentic?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And it was prepared during the
8 ordinary course of GSK's business?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. Thank you.

11 MR. DAVIS: Do you have the other
12 correspondence?

13 MR. MURGATROYD: Do I?

14 MR. DAVIS: Yes.

15 MR. MURGATROYD: I don't know. I
16 have the documents that I chose to show to
17 the doctor.

18 MR. DAVIS: Okay.

19 THE WITNESS: Okay.

20 (At this time documents were marked
21 for identification as Exhibit Nos. 18 and
22 19.)

23 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

24 Q. Okay. And this is an e-mail from the

1 FDA to GSK, correct?

2 A. It is.

3 Q. And this is the one you recall you
4 think you saw?

5 A. I actually think I've seen another
6 one, as well, which occurred before this one. I think
7 this was the second of two communications between the
8 FDA and us.

9 Q. Okay. But, again, you recall seeing
10 this?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. And can you read the first
13 sentence of the second paragraph, beginning with as,
14 into the record slowly, please?

15 A. Yes. As for your first question, the
16 agency has reviewed your proposed changes and we do
17 not believe that your product-specific analysis should
18 be included in the class labeling revisions, since the
19 labeling is targeted at the class of drugs.

20 Q. Okay. And that's your understanding
21 of what the FDA said, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. And now can you please read
24 the next sentence into record?

1 A. If you would like to discuss this
2 matter further, please submit a formal meeting
3 request.

4 Q. Okay. So, the FDA didn't put a
5 complete bar to GSK including the Paxil-specific
6 language? It said that if it wanted to include it, it
7 would have to be requested in a meeting, correct?

8 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.

9 MR. MURGATROYD: What is wrong with
10 the form?

11 MR. DAVIS: There is an improper
12 foundation that has been laid to ask that
13 question, and it is also a compound question.
14 It is more of a statement than a question.

15 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

16 Q. Well, Doctor, is it true that the FDA
17 gave -- in this e-mail gives GSK an opportunity to
18 request a meeting to discuss further the addition of
19 the Paxil-specific language in the label?

20 A. This e-mail leaves open the
21 opportunity to submit a formal meeting request. From
22 experience in regulatory matters, especially with this
23 division, the fact that the division had already
24 declined to agree to our inclusion of the

1 Paxil-specific labeling twice told us that it would
2 take a long time to schedule such a meeting, and the
3 outcome would not lead to a different result.

4 Q. Well, you speculated that?

5 A. Of course it is a speculation.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. But it's based on lots of experience
8 with this division.

9 Q. All right. Well, let me ask you
10 this, so you agree that the option was there to ask
11 for a meeting?

12 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. Now --

3 A. And I believe that the FDA had given
4 us a very clear answer to your request to include the
5 Paxil-specific labeling.

6 Q. Okay. Well, I have to move to strike
7 your answer, simply because there wasn't a question
8 pending.

9 MR. DAVIS: I'll disagree. Someone
10 else brought that out.

11 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

12 Q. Now, let's take a look at the --
13 well, let me just take the next document in order.

18 Q. Okay. And that's referenced in what
19 I'm going to mark as Exhibit 20. Actually, I marked
20 the wrong one. Let's see.

21 (At this time a document was marked
22 for identification as Exhibit No. 20.)

23 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

24 Q. And this is a letter dated July 3,

1 2007 to Tom Laughren from GSK. And so the record is
2 complete, let me show you what I'm marking as
3 Exhibit 21, and we can discuss these two documents in
4 conjunction with each other.

5 (At this time a document was marked
6 for identification as Exhibit No. 21.)

7 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

8 Q. So, the record is clear -- actually,
9 Doctor, let me just interrupt for a second. I think I
10 forgot to authenticate that last Document 19. Does
11 that document appear to be authentic?

12 A. It does.

13 Q. And did GSK receive that during the
14 ordinary course of its business?

15 A. I believe so.

16 Q. Okay. Great. So, let's take a look
17 at the next two exhibits. And the next one is dated
18 June 25, 2007, an e-mail between GSK and the FDA. And
19 the second is a letter dated July 3, 2007, from GSK to
20 Tom Laughren of the FDA. And we'll see how they
21 relate to each other as soon as you've had a chance to
22 read them.

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. Okay. So, according to this first

1 document, the e-mail, does this appear to be
2 authentic?

3 A. It does.

4 Q. And received by GSK in the ordinary
5 course of its business --

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. -- or written? Actually, this was
8 written, right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. And it confirms that GSK -- it
11 says, confirm the intention of GSK to comply basically
12 with the generic label, am I reading that correctly?

13 A. Class label.

14 Q. I'm sorry. The class label?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And then going to the next document,
17 Exhibit 21, it is a formal letter that was written to
18 the FDA, to Tom Laughren, and in it GSK announces, on
19 the second page, top sentence, that the
20 paroxetine-specific language originally included in
21 the warning section is now deleted, correct?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. Okay. And then can you read the next
24 sentence into the record, please?

1 A. GSK still believes that the
2 paroxetine-specific language that has been in effect
3 for the past year would be useful for prescribers.
4 Nevertheless, we understand the FDA's reasons for
5 keeping the language generic to the class and will
6 implement the labeling as attached after receiving
7 your approval letter.

15 Q. And you agreed that GSK believes it
16 is important to provide the Paxil-specific language,
17 though it was going to not request a meeting and go
18 forward with the class one labeling?

19 A. We believed that the language would
20 be useful for prescribers, but we understood the
21 strength of the FDA's view for keeping the language
22 generic to the class, as the letter states, and felt
23 that that underscored the FDA's view about the caution
24 that should be applied to the analysis for specific

1 drugs.

2 Q. Okay. Now, let me go to the next
3 document, instead of asking to you speculate. Let's
4 look at the current label for Paxil and the Paxil CR
5 label, which I'll mark as Exhibit 22.

6 (At this time a document was marked
7 for identification as Exhibit No. 22.)

8 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

9 Q. Well, just so I have it clear, when
10 you sent the Dear Doctor Letter in 2006 with the
11 results of the MDD analysis and the other analyses
12 that GSK did, that was entitled Important Prescribing
13 Information, correct, as a title?

14 A. I believe so.

15 Q. So, that information regarding the
16 2006 analysis GSK thought was important, correct?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Okay. And now it is being taken out
19 of the current label, correct?

20 A. Well, it is being substituted by
21 labeling that is consistent across all of the SSRIs.

22 Q. And the Paxil-specific language is
23 deleted, gone?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. As you'll see from Exhibit 22, let's
2 just confirm that, in fact, this Paxil-specific
3 language from the current label has, in fact, been
4 deleted?

5 A. Yes, the Paxil-specific language has
6 been deleted.

7 Q. Okay. And, in fact, turning to page
8 nine of this document where it has a table one.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. And it talks about the risk
11 decreasing by age. Do you see that, 25 to 64?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. Now, would you agree, sir,
14 that that information is inconsistent with the
15 Paxil-specific language that we looked at in the
16 earlier label that was amended in June 2006?

17 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.

18 THE WITNESS: No, I would not agree.

19 It is not inconsistent. It is additional
20 information.

21 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

22 Q. Well, let's take a look at --

23 MR. MURGATROYD: Todd, will you pull
24 up PL42? Can I see that for a second,

1 please? Actually, I have a copy.

2 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

3 Q. Doctor, let's take a look at that.

4 Give me one second to pull up my copy.

5 Okay. So, turning to the warning
6 section it says: PXL42, which is the June 2006 label,
7 correct, which you have in front of you?

8 A. I think so.

9 Q. See it at the top right-hand corner?

10 A. Yes, I believe you are right. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. Good. And then turning to
12 page 11 -- I'm sorry, page 12. There you have
13 Paxil-specific language, correct, in the second full
14 paragraph, starting with young adults?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. And within that paragraph you have
17 the data, in adults with MDD, all ages, there was a
18 statistically significant increase in frequency of
19 suicidal behavior of patients treated with paroxetine
20 compared with placebo, correct?

21 A. That is correct, but in the sentence
22 before there is a very specific statement, in the
23 older age groups, age 25 for 64 ages, and above
24 65 years, no such increase was observed.

1 Q. Yes. But that's not true for
2 patients treated with MDD?

3 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form. I
4 withdraw the objection. Go ahead and answer
5 the question, if you understand it.

6 THE WITNESS: No, that is true for
7 patients treated with MDD.

8 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

9 Q. Well, it says in the next sentence,
10 in adults with MDD, all ages, there was a
11 statistically significant increase in the frequency of
12 suicidal behavior in patients treated with paroxetine
13 compared with placebo?

14 A. Allow me to read the sentence again
15 to make sure I answer it correctly.

16 Q. Absolutely.

17 A. You are right. I misspoke. The
18 sentence I wanted to emphasize was the sentence after
19 that, or the sentence after it. It pointed out that
20 the majority of the attempts for paroxetine, eight of
21 eleven, were in younger adults, age 18 to 30 years.

22 Q. Okay. That's fine. But, again, this
23 sentence also says all ages, correct? I read that
24 correctly?

1 A. It does say that.

2 Q. And that information, you agree, sir,
3 is no longer in the current Paxil label?

4 A. That's right. But I don't think that
5 the new label is inconsistent with the one in June of
6 2006, because, in fact, what was conveyed in the
7 June 2006 label was that the majority of events were
8 in the younger age population, and that the risk would
9 not necessarily extend to all ages.

10 Q. Well, according to your 2006 label it
11 extended to all ages?

12 A. It says if you include all patients
13 of all ages there is an increase, but that increase,
14 in fact, was largely confined to the 18- to
15 30-year-old age group.

16 Q. All right. And you don't see that in
17 the current label, do you?

18 A. In the current label, in fact, it
19 goes further. This is based on the overall analysis
20 all SSRIs, and says from 25 for 64 there is one fewer
21 case, and above the age 65 there is six fewer cases.

22 Q. So less risk?

23 A. Right.

24 Q. Okay. And that only -- and the

1 increase risk is only to 24?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. And your 2006 letter, which goes to
4 30?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. So, it is inconsistent in that
7 regard?

8 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. Does GSK ever have meetings
16 with the FDA?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. And that is something that is
19 part of the activities of GSK in terms of its drugs?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. Now, have you participated in
22 such meetings?

23 A. In some, yes.

24 Q. Where you have met face-to-face with

1 the FDA?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And have you met face-to-face with
4 Dr. Laughren?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Have you discussed the issue of Paxil
7 and its association with suicidality with him at any
8 time?

9 A. To my knowledge, no.

10 Q. Okay. Is that something you could
11 have brought up if you wanted to, but you just didn't?

12 A. I don't believe I have been present
13 at a meeting with Dr. Laughren where Paxil was the
14 subject.

15 Q. Okay. Other drugs?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay. And how many occasions have
18 you met with Dr. Laughren?

19 A. You know, I can't give you an exact
20 answer to that because it goes back over 20, 25 years.
21 It could be a half a dozen formal meetings, maybe even
22 ten that I've had with him.

23 Q. Okay. And how about is it also
24 possible to have an informal meeting with the FDA?

1 A. Yes. It is possible to have informal
2 meetings.

3 Q. And have you participated in such
4 meetings?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. How many --

7 A. It is very difficult to have informal
8 meetings that have any effect, any regulatory effect.

9 Q. Okay. It is better to have a formal
10 meeting?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. And what is the process of
13 having a formal meeting? You have to make a written
14 request?

15 A. Yes, for a formal meeting you have to
16 make a written request. You have to file a briefing
17 document for that meeting.

18 Q. Okay. And that is something GSK has
19 done in the past?

20 A. Certainly.

21 Q. Okay. Great. Now, let's clean those
22 exhibits up there. I think I authenticated all of the
23 documents, didn't I?

24 MR. MURGATROYD: Todd, are all of

1 those authentic? Do you have any problem
2 with authenticating any of those documents we
3 went through?

4 MR. DAVIS: You mean, 22, 21, 20?

5 MR. MURGATROYD: Yup.

6 MR. DAVIS: 19?

7 MR. MURGATROYD: Yup.

8 MR. DAVIS: And 18?

9 MR. MURGATROYD: Yes.

10 MR. DAVIS: Yes, no question on
11 authenticity.

12 BY MR. MURGATROYD:

13 Q. Those were all created during the
14 ordinary course of GSK's business?

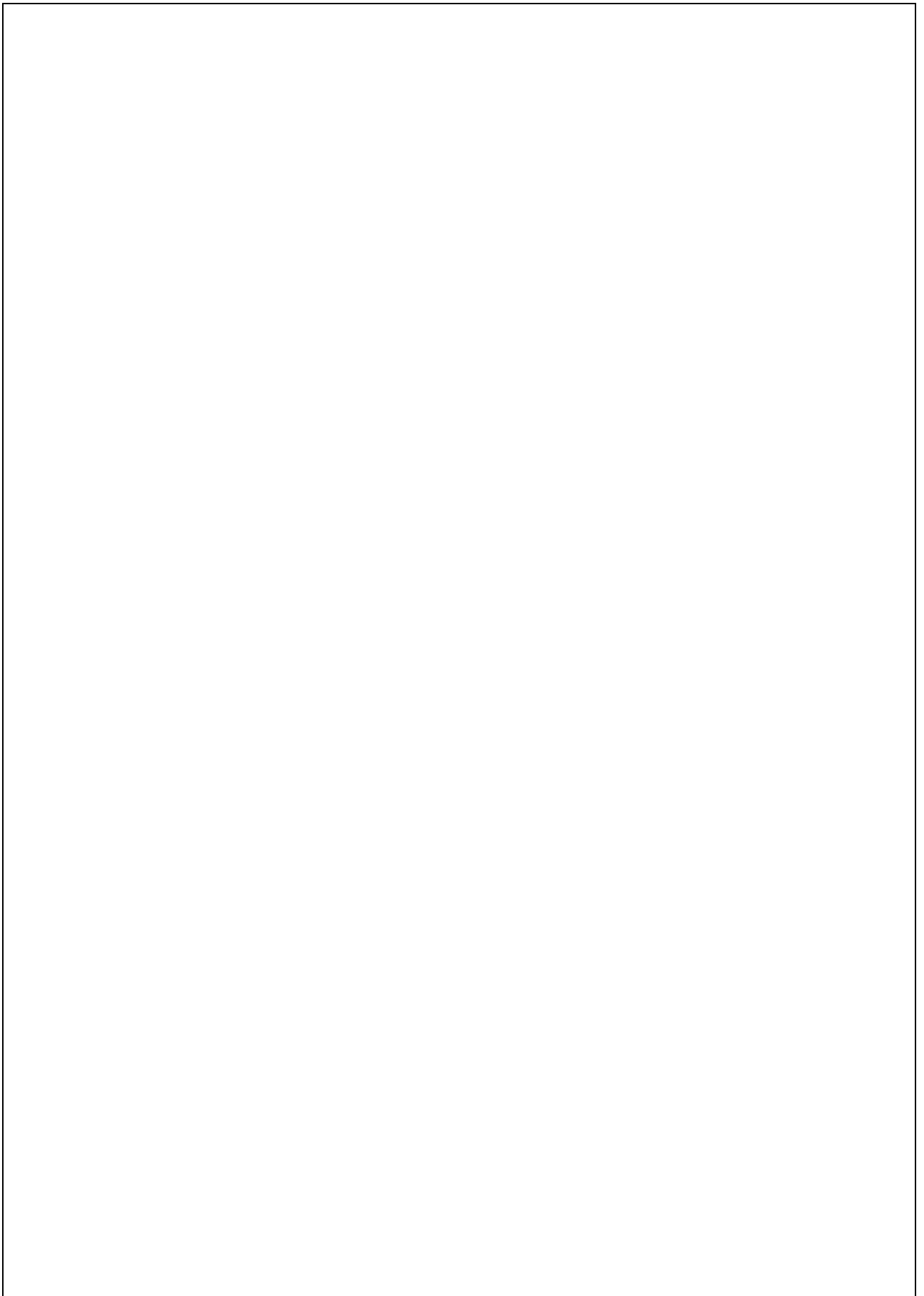
15 A. Yes, some of them were received.

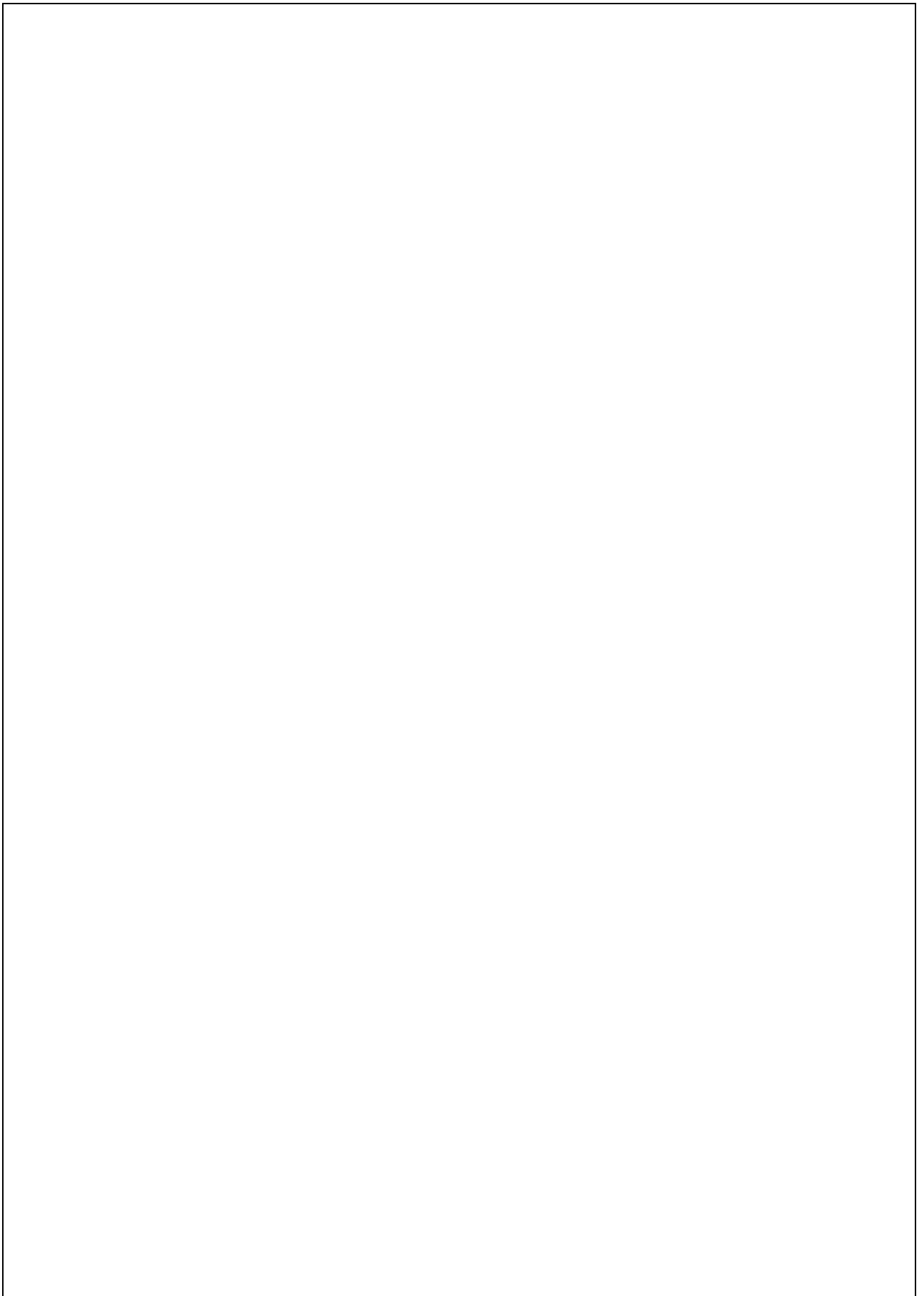
16 Q. Right. Some were received?

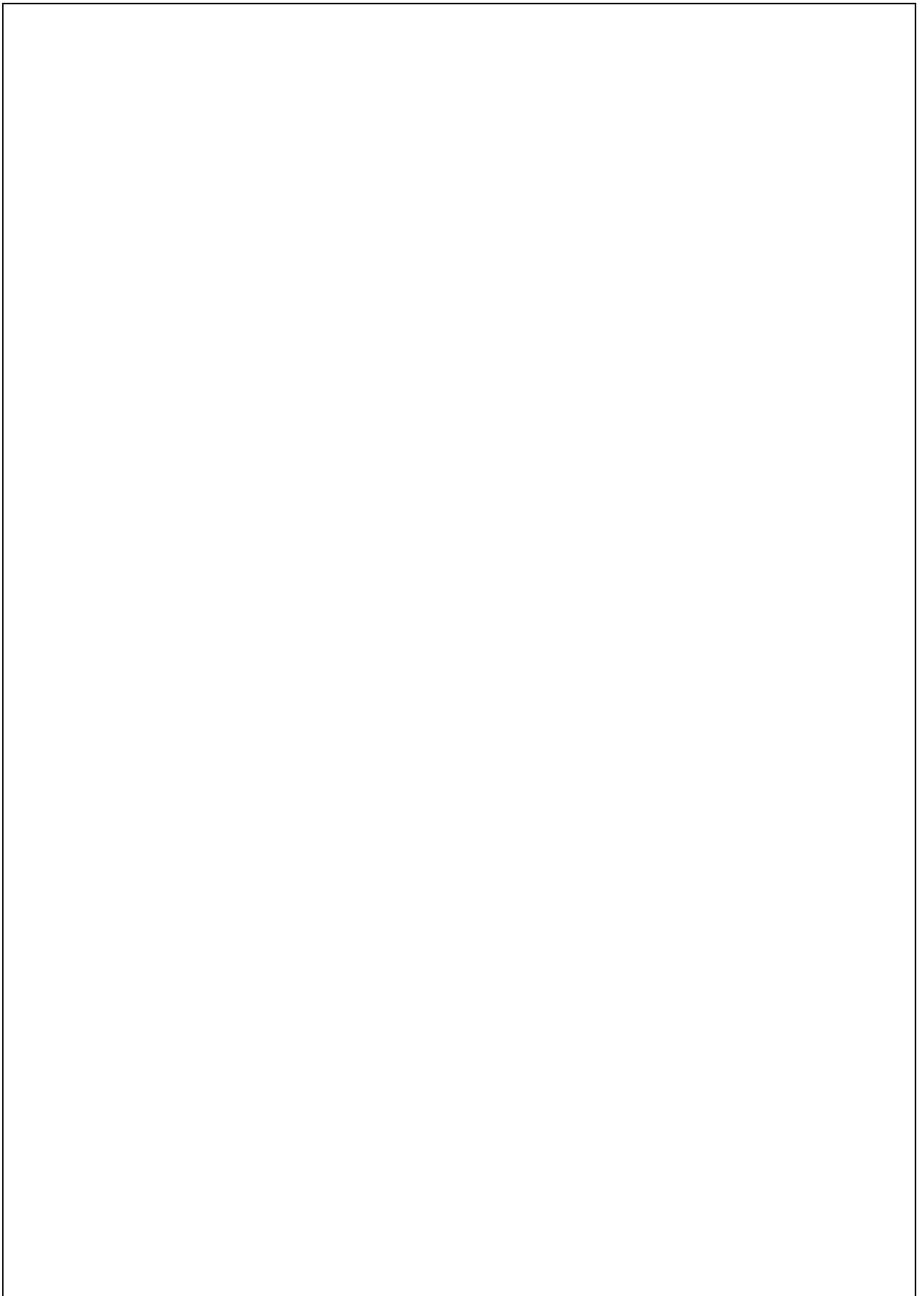
17 A. And some were created.

18 Q. Now I'm going to turn to a different
19 topic. You've met a gentleman by the name of Robert
20 Gibbons, correct?

21 A. I believe I have met Robert Gibbons,
22 yes.







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Q. Okay. You know there is an upcoming

1 trial in these cases set for next month? Are you
2 aware of that?

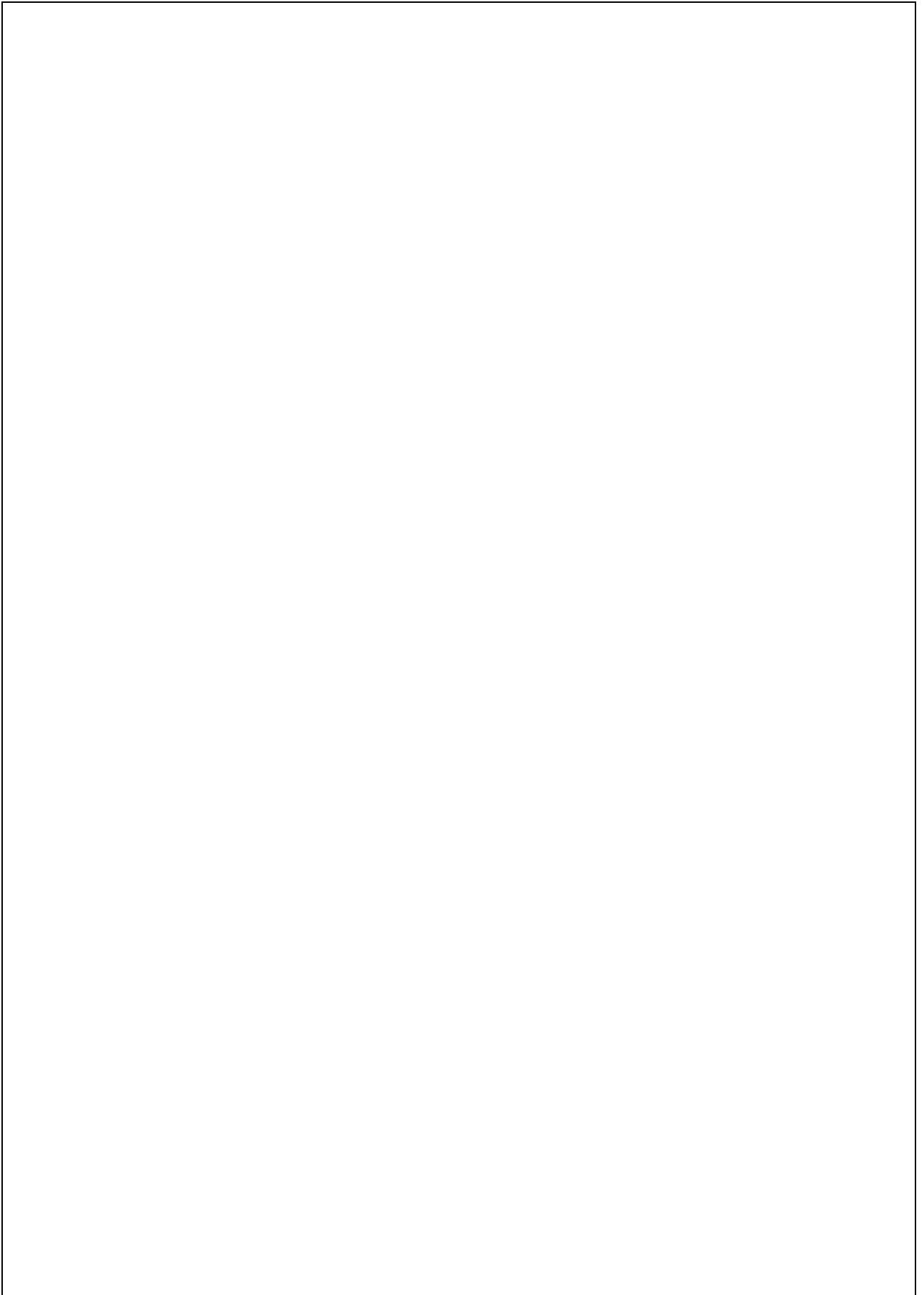
3 A. No, I was not aware it was next
4 month.

5 Q. It is actually set for November 7th.

6 MR. DAVIS: It is a setting that says
7 we are to be prepared by November 7th. There
8 is not a special setting in the case.

9 MR. MURGATROYD: Okay. I'm sure
10 somebody can sort that out other than me. I
11 got what you are saying.

12 BY MR. MURGATROYD:



9 Q. Okay. That's fine.

10 MR. MURGATROYD: Now, let's take a
11 five-minute break. I just have to make a
12 quick phone call.

13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 1:58. Off the
14 record.

15 (At this time, a discussion
16 was held off the record.)

17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 2:08. On the
18 record.

19 EXAMINATION

20 BY MR. SCIOLLA:

21 Q. Doctor, I'm Andrew Sciolla. We met
22 earlier. I just have a few more questions. My
23 colleague was just starting to go into suicidality in
24 adolescents and pediatrics.

1 MR. DAVIS: And before you start,
2 Andrew, I just want to put on the record that
3 Mr. Murgatroyd left. He informed us that he
4 was finished with his questioning and he was
5 handing the questioning over to Mr. Sciolla,
6 and that we are proceeding accordingly and
7 hopefully to get done today.

8 MR. SCIOLLA: I'll do my best.

9 MR. DAVIS: Thanks.

10 BY MR. SCIOLLA:

11 Q. So, we are getting in to the subject
12 of suicidality in adolescents and pediatrics taking
13 Paxil. I'm going to continue along with that line of
14 questioning. When did GSK change the label to warn
15 about suicidality in kids or adolescents taking Paxil?

16 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.

17 THE WITNESS: I'm not certain about
18 the -- I'm sorry. You asked about when we
19 changed the label.

20 BY MR. SCIOLLA:

21 Q. Are you aware at some point --

22 A. Actually, could you repeat your
23 question? Make sure I understood.

24 Q. Are you aware at some point GSK

1 changed the label on Paxil to warn about suicidality
2 in children and adolescents?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. When did that occur?

5 A. I am not certain I can remember
6 exactly when it occurred. It might -- it was sometime
7 in 2003 to my recollection, but I'm not sure when.

8 Q. Was it before or after you arrived at
9 GSK or began your employment at GSK?

10 A. I believe it was after.

11 Q. Okay. And in that changing of the
12 label what language did GSK change at that time?

13 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.

14 THE WITNESS: I would have to see the
15 labels to be able to answer that for you.

16 BY MR. SCIOLLA:

17 Q. Are you aware of when the black box
18 -- are you aware that a black box warning was put on
19 the label for Paxil at some point?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. When did that occur?

22 A. Again, I'm not certain of the exact
23 timing of the black box warning. So, I wouldn't want
24 to give you a date without actually looking at the

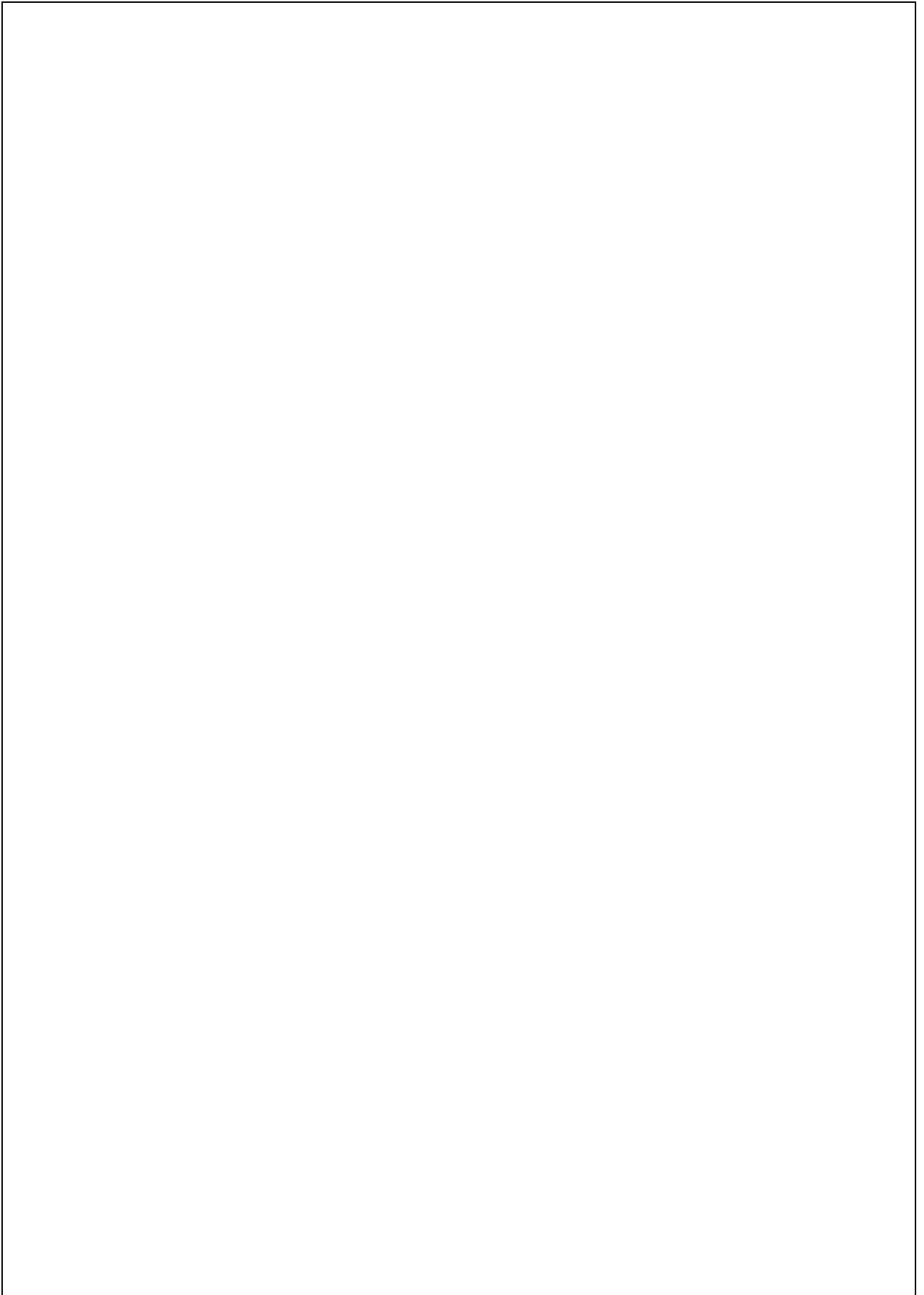
1 progression of the labels.

2 Q. Okay. Do you think that it was
3 towards the beginning of your employment or do you
4 think it was more --

5 A. No, it was some time later.

6 Q. Does early 2005 sound correct?

7 A. It sounds correct, but I only want to
8 say that it sounds correct.



15 Q. And what is MHRA, sir?

16 A. I think -- it is the UK regulatory
17 authority, the equivalent of the FDA.

8 Q. Sir, are you aware that at some point
9 the UK put a contraindication on Paxil for children
10 and adolescents?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Was that during the time that you
13 were working for GSK?

14 A. Yes.

15 MR. SCIOLLA: I'm going to mark this
16 as Exhibit 25.

17 (At this time a document was marked
18 for identification as Exhibit No. 25.)

19 MR. DAVIS: You done with this
20 document?

21 MR. SCIOLLA: Yes.

22 BY MR. SCIOLLA:

23 Q. Take a moment and look that over.

24 A. Okay.

1 Q. Have you ever seen this document
2 before?

3 A. I don't believe I have.

4 Q. Does it look authentic?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Do you believe that you would not
7 have received this during the ordinary course of your
8 business at GSK?

9 A. I could have received it during the
10 ordinary course of my business at GSK, but I don't
11 recall that I did.

12 Q. Okay. The top of the exhibit says,
13 Department of Health Press Release, correct?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. It's dated Tuesday, June 10th, 2003?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And the opening line of the body of
18 this document says: Seroxat must not be used for
19 treatment of children?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. What is seroxat?

22 A. Seroxat is the trade name for
23 paroxetine in Europe.

24 Q. What is a contraindication, Doctor?

1 A. A contraindication is -- means that
2 something should not happen.

3 Q. Would you consider that statement
4 that seroxat must not be used for treatment of
5 children to be a contraindication?

6 A. It could be interpreted that way, but
7 it is interesting that this document has a number of
8 statements in it that suggest that it actually is not
9 a contraindication, including the statement right
10 below there that says, it is essential that patients
11 taking seroxat do not suddenly discontinue use of the
12 drug, and further statements that suggest that
13 patients seek advice from their physician.

14 Q. You would agree that neither of those
15 statements that you just pointed out specifically
16 draws attention to children and adolescents, correct?

17 A. Sorry. I don't -- I don't understand
18 your question.

19 Q. In neither of the statements that you
20 just read to me does it mention children or
21 adolescents specifically, correct?

22 A. The first statement which I read to
23 you, was one I actually read to you. I didn't
24 actually read any other statements, and it does not

1 specifically refer to children, but surely it must
2 refer to children since the letter is about treatment
3 of children.

4 Q. So --

5 A. The press release is about the
6 treatment of children.

7 Q. So, the answer to my question is that
8 neither of those two following statements mentions
9 children or adolescents specifically?

10 A. That's true.

11 Q. Okay. But that first sentence that
12 seroxat must not be used for treatment of children,
13 obviously, does mention children specifically?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Are you aware that -- did you become
16 aware that the contraindication was changed by the
17 British regulatory authority?

18 A. I'm sorry. Would you repeat the
19 question?

20 Q. Sure.

21 A. I was reading another sentence here.

22 Q. That's fine. You can take your time
23 if you need to.

24 A. That's fine.

1 Q. Are you aware that the regulatory
2 authorities in the UK eventually changed the
3 contraindication?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. And from your understanding
6 what did they change the contraindication to?

7 A. I don't have the exact language in my
8 mind, so I would have to see it, but it was a removal
9 of the contraindication. It also, to my recollection,
10 brought the UK language in line with the rest of the
11 European union labeling for seroxat.

12 Q. Did that include a warning instead of
13 contraindication?

14 A. I would have to see it in order to
15 answer that question.

16 Q. Okay.

17 MR. SCIOLLA: I'm marking Exhibit 26.

18 (At this time a document was marked
19 for identification as Exhibit No. 26.)

20 MR. DAVIS: Thank you.

21 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

22 BY MR. SCIOLLA:

23 Q. Doctor, have you ever seen this
24 document before?

1 A. I do not believe I have.

2 Q. This seems to be a press statement,
3 correct?

4 A. If you give me just a minute to look
5 at it --

6 Q. Sure. Take your time.

7 A. -- I will be glad to tell you. Yes,
8 this seems to be a press statement.

9 Q. Okay. Now, in this press statement
10 it seems to indicate that the contraindication was
11 replaced, if you look in the second paragraph, by a
12 warning against the use of seroxat in the age group of
13 under 18, correct?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. If I could draw your attention back
16 to Exhibit 25 quickly. One second. Could I just see
17 that real quickly? Drawing your attention to that
18 third paragraph that begins new data.

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. Could you read that into the record?

21 A. New data received within the last two
22 weeks has been evaluated and considered by the
23 Committee on Safety of Medicines (CSM) and its expert
24 working group on SSRIs.

1 Q. If you could continue?

2 A. It shows that there is an increase in
3 the rate of self harm and potentially suicidal
4 behavior in this age group when seroxat is used for
5 depressive illness. It has become clear that the
6 benefits of seroxat in children for the treatment of
7 depressive illness do not outweigh these risks.

8 Q. Is there anything in that statement
9 that you disagree with?

10 A. This statement reaches a conclusion
11 about risk and benefit, which I personally would not
12 agree with.

13 Q. You don't agree with the risk/benefit
14 analysis?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. Okay. Why?

17 A. Because I believe that there is
18 evidence that some children receive great benefit from
19 seroxat and other SSRIs, and in those children it's
20 not clear to me that the benefit is outweighed by the
21 risk.

22 Q. But, obviously, in this
23 contraindication the British regulatory authorities
24 did find that the risk did not out -- I'm sorry -- the

1 risk outweighed the benefit, correct?

2 A. That is what this statement says.

3 Q. Okay. If I could draw your attention
4 back to Exhibit 26. I am done with 25. You can put
5 that to the side. Now, this warning in Exhibit 26 was
6 for use of paroxetine in the under-18 age group,
7 correct?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. Now, in this country did the FDA call
10 a meeting to look at this decision?

11 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.

12 THE WITNESS: Sorry. In the United
13 States?

14 BY MR. SCIOLLA:

15 Q. Yes.

16 A. Did the FDA call a meeting to look at
17 the decision of the MHRA?

18 Q. Yes. Are you aware of that?

19 A. Not to -- I am not aware of that.

20 Q. Do you know what a PDAC is, or
21 P-D-A-C?

22 A. Pediatric Drug Advisory Committee to
23 the FDA.

24 Q. I think it is actually

1 Pharmacological Drug Advisory Committee?

2 A. Is it the Psychopharmacology Drugs
3 Advisory Committee?

4 Q. Could be it as well.

5 A. I guess the answer is no.

6 Q. Okay.

7 MR. SCIOLLA: We are going to go
8 ahead and change the tapes.

9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This concludes
10 videotape number two. The time is 2:34 p.m.
11 We are off the record.

12 (At this time, a discussion
13 was held off the record.)

14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This begins
15 videotape number three. The time is 2:36
16 p.m. We are on the record.

17 BY MR. SCIOLLA:

18 Q. Okay. So, going back to what we were
19 discussing, have you ever heard of the
20 Psychopharmacologic Drugs Advisory Committee?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. And what is that?

23 A. That is an advisory committee to the
24 Food and Drug Administration's division of

1 psychopharmacology.

2 Q. Are you aware that they had two
3 meetings to discuss the use of paroxetine or Paxil in
4 the pediatric population?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Do you know when those meetings were?

7 A. I won't have the dates exactly right,
8 but it seems to me they were in the first part of
9 2004.

10 Q. Do you know who is on that committee
11 or on the panel on that committee?

12 A. I couldn't name the members, no.

13 Q. Do you know what types of doctors?

14 A. They are -- routinely that committee
15 has experts in psychiatry and neurology on it.

16 Q. In you said that you believe that the
17 meetings took place in early 2004? Is that what you
18 said?

19 A. That is my recollection, but I
20 wouldn't want to be held to that.

21 Q. Does February of 2004 sound correct?

22 A. It sounds correct.

23 Q. Okay. Do you remember, did the FDA
24 announce that they were going to analyze this

1 pediatric suicidality data more carefully and then
2 have another meeting, which would be the second
3 meeting later that year?

4 A. Yes. They were going to complete the
5 analysis of the suicidality data that they had
6 requested from and received from manufacturers.

7 Q. And they did actually complete that
8 analysis, correct?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. And that is when they held the second
11 meeting, sometime in late 2004?

12 A. Later in 2004. I don't believe it
13 was late. I think it might have been April.

14 Q. Okay. And do you agree that the
15 panel in that second meeting found that there was a
16 causal link between antidepressants and suicidality in
17 children and adolescents who took the drugs?

18 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.

19 THE WITNESS: I don't have in front
20 of me the minutes from that meeting, and,
21 therefore, can't really speak to what the
22 committee concluded.

23 (At this time documents were marked
24 for identification as Exhibit Nos. 27 and

1 28.)

2 BY MR. SCIOLLA:

3 Q. Okay. I'm handing you what has been
4 marked as Exhibit 27. If you'll take a look at this
5 exhibit, Doctor. You can feel free to take a look at
6 the whole thing, but I only want to draw your
7 attention to one line on the second page.

8 A. Okay. Okay.

9 Q. Okay. Real quickly this is an
10 article entitled: The FDA Pediatric Advisories and
11 Changes in Diagnosis and Treatment of Pediatric
12 Depression.

13 A. It is an editorial.

14 Q. Correct. It is an editorial. And
15 the author of the editorial, if you'll look on the
16 last page, is Cynthia Pheffer?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Okay. I'm going to use this document
19 in conjunction with the next one, which is marked as
20 28.

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. And if you'll look, 28 is the summary
23 minutes of the CDER Psychopharmacologic Drugs Advisory
24 Committee and the FDA Pediatric Advisory Committee.

1 Do you see that?

2 A. I do.

3 Q. And this is dated September 13th
4 through 14th, 2004?

5 A. It is.

6 Q. Do you think that this could have
7 been the second meeting that we are talking about
8 occurred on September of 2004?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. And if you'll look under where
11 it says consultants, second paragraph down almost,
12 you'll see that Cynthia Pheffer is included as a
13 consultant to the Psychopharmacologic Drugs Advisory
14 Committee?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And she's also a voting member?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. Now, going back to Exhibit 27,
19 turning your attention to the second page.

20 A. If you don't mind, I would like to
21 finish looking at Exhibit 28.

22 Q. Oh, sure. Take your time.

23 A. Okay.

24 Q. Okay. So, now we are looking at 27

1 again.

2 A. Okay.

3 Q. If you'll look on the second page, in
4 the second full paragraph, about halfway down the
5 paragraph the sentence starts, At a second advisory
6 meeting. Do you see that?

7 A. Uh-huh. I do.

8 Q. Okay. It says, At a second advisory
9 meeting conducted September 13th through 14th, 2004,
10 FDA researchers presented statistical reanalyses of
11 suicidality data indicating an increased risk of
12 drug-induced suicidal behavior. And then it goes into
13 the relative risk equals 1.95, 95 percent CI equals
14 1.28 minus 2.98. So, increased risk of drug-induced
15 suicidal behavior from the combined database of the
16 clinical trials. Did I read that correctly?

17 A. You did.

18 Q. If you skip the next sentence, going
19 on to where it begins, The committee, do you see that?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. It says, The committee concluded that
22 a causal link exists between antidepressant treatment
23 and pediatric suicidality and advised that policies be
24 implemented for pediatric use of antidepressants. Did

1 I read that correctly?

2 A. You did.

3 Q. Do you agree with the statement that
4 a causal link exists between antidepressant treatment
5 and pediatric suicidality?

6 A. No, I do not.

7 Q. So, do you think --

8 A. And I don't believe that I could say
9 that this statement in the editorial accurately
10 reflects the question that was asked of the advisory
11 committee.

12 Q. We are going to come back to that
13 document in a second. I'm not avoiding that. But
14 this statement right here is from a woman who was on
15 that committee or was a consultant to the committee,
16 correct?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. And she says that the committee
19 concluded that a causal link existed between
20 antidepressant treatment and pediatric suicidality,
21 correct?

22 A. That's what it says.

23 Q. And you said that you disagree with
24 this statement?

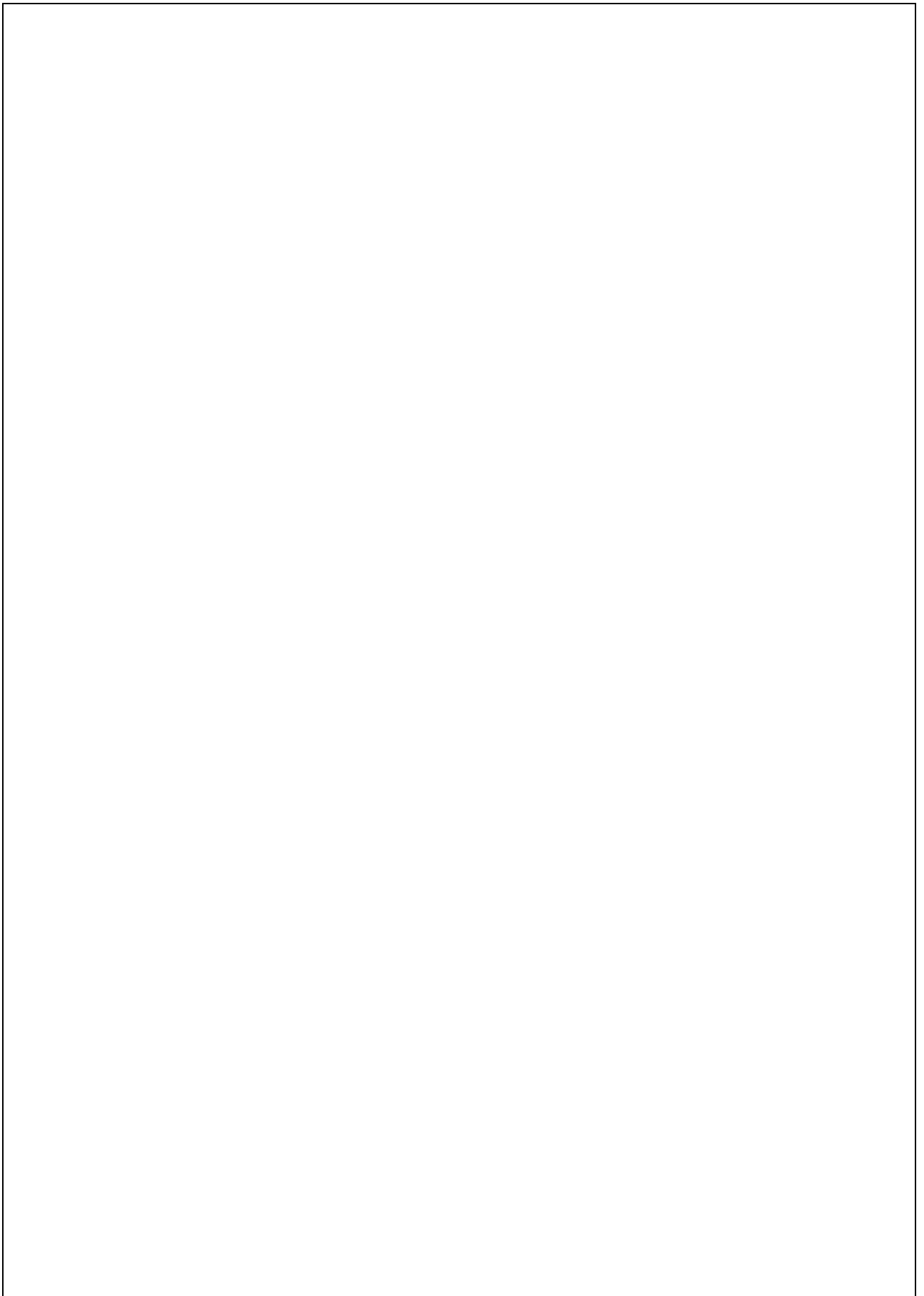
1 A. Yes.

2 Q. So, do you believe this woman who was
3 a consultant to the committee got it wrong?

4 A. I just don't agree with that
5 conclusion.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. And bluntly, I don't believe that a
8 causal relationship between antidepressant treatment
9 pediatric suicidality has been shown. There is an
10 association, but many of the elements that would be
11 expected to prove a causal link do not exist.



21 Q. Okay. If we go back to Exhibit 28,
22 and we'll go right to the section that has the votes
23 on it, which you were pointing out before.

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. If you could read number two, the
2 question to the committee?

3 A. Do the suicidality data from these
4 trials support the conclusion that any or all of the
5 these drugs increase the risk of suicidality in
6 pediatric patients.

7 Q. So, that was the question, correct?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. And there was a vote?

10 A. There was.

11 Q. And the vote count was, 25 yes; no
12 one; and abstain one?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. So, 25 members of this panel voted
15 that the data that they reviewed supported the
16 conclusion that any or all of the antidepressant drugs
17 increased the risk of suicidality in pediatric
18 patients, correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. And someone who was a voting member
21 of this panel, as we looked at her editorial on
22 Exhibit 27, as we read earlier, did say that the
23 committee concluded that there was a causal link,
24 correct?

1 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.

2 THE WITNESS: That's what the
3 sentence in Exhibit 27 says.

4 BY MR. SCIOLLA:

5 Q. And she was a voting member of this
6 committee, correct?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. You can put that to the side.

9 A. Thank you.

10 Q. We've talked about Thomas Laughren,
11 correct, today?

12 A. I believe we have.

13 Q. You know who he is?

14 A. Yes, I do.

15 (At this time a document was marked
16 for identification as Exhibit No. 30.)

17 BY MR. SCIOLLA:

18 Q. I'm handing you what has been marked
19 as Exhibit 30. Exhibit 30 is a memorandum which says
20 that it's from Thomas P. Laughren, M.D., correct?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. It's dated November 16th, 2006?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. If you need a minute to look over the

1 document, Doctor, feel free.

2 A. Thank you.

3 Q. But actually the portion that I'm
4 going to draw your attention to is on the second page.
5 There is actually brackets next to it.

6 A. Okay.

7 Q. That is unintended.

8 A. Okay.

9 MR. DAVIS: While he is reading that,
10 what is your timetable?

11 MR. SCIOLLA: I'd say probably 20,
12 25 minutes.

13 MR. DAVIS: Okay.

14 MR. SCIOLLA: I'll try to go quick.

15 BY MR. SCIOLLA:

16 Q. Doctor, I don't mean to interrupt,
17 but I'm actually going to refer you to a citation
18 which -- in this article, which somewhat makes the
19 rest of the article not necessarily the most
20 important.

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. If you'll look on that second page in
23 the bracketed, do you see that?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. It reads: The pediatric data
2 presented at the September, 2004 PDAC meeting
3 represented the first systematic demonstration of a
4 causal link, citing to Hammad, et al, 2006?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Okay. So, this article that is being
7 cited to also used the terminology of demonstrating a
8 causal link, or that a causal link existed?

9 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.

10 THE WITNESS: It specifically says:
11 The first systematic demonstration of a
12 causal link.

13 BY MR. SCIOLLA:

14 Q. Okay. And that's similar language
15 that Dr. Pfeffer used in her editorial, correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Okay. Now, after the PDAC voted, and
18 we looked at the vote, the FDA requested that GSK
19 change its label, correct?

20 A. Correct.

12 Q. Okay. That is fair. Now, at the
13 bottom of that first page it says, Alert for
14 healthcare professionals on paroxetine hydrochloride,
15 and that's Paxil, correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Do you see the section that says,
18 Pediatrics?

19 A. I do.

20 Q. Do you see the second sentence
21 underneath that paragraph that begins with, Increases
22 in suicidal?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. Could you read that into the

1 record?

2 A. I would like to read the first
3 sentence, as well.

4 Q. Sure.

5 A. FDA has concluded that suicidal
6 thinking or behavior may increase in pediatric
7 patients treated with any type of antidepressant,
8 especially early in treatment. Increases in suicidal
9 thinking or behavior due to drug can be expected in
10 about 1 out of 50 treated pediatric patients.

11 Q. Okay. Now, thank you for reading
12 that first sentence, and I understand your stress on
13 may increase, but that second sentence says can be
14 expected, correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. So, that is more than just may? It's
17 can be expected, correct?

18 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.

19 THE WITNESS: Two sentences say two
20 different things.

21 BY MR. SCIOLLA:

22 Q. Okay. Well, turning your attention
23 to the second sentence about how often suicidal
24 thinking and behavior can be expected, do you agree

1 with that statement?

2 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form. Are
3 you saying do you agree that it is written or
4 do you agree with the substance?

5 BY MR. SCIOLLA:

6 Q. Do you agree with the substance of
7 the statement?

8 A. No, I do not.

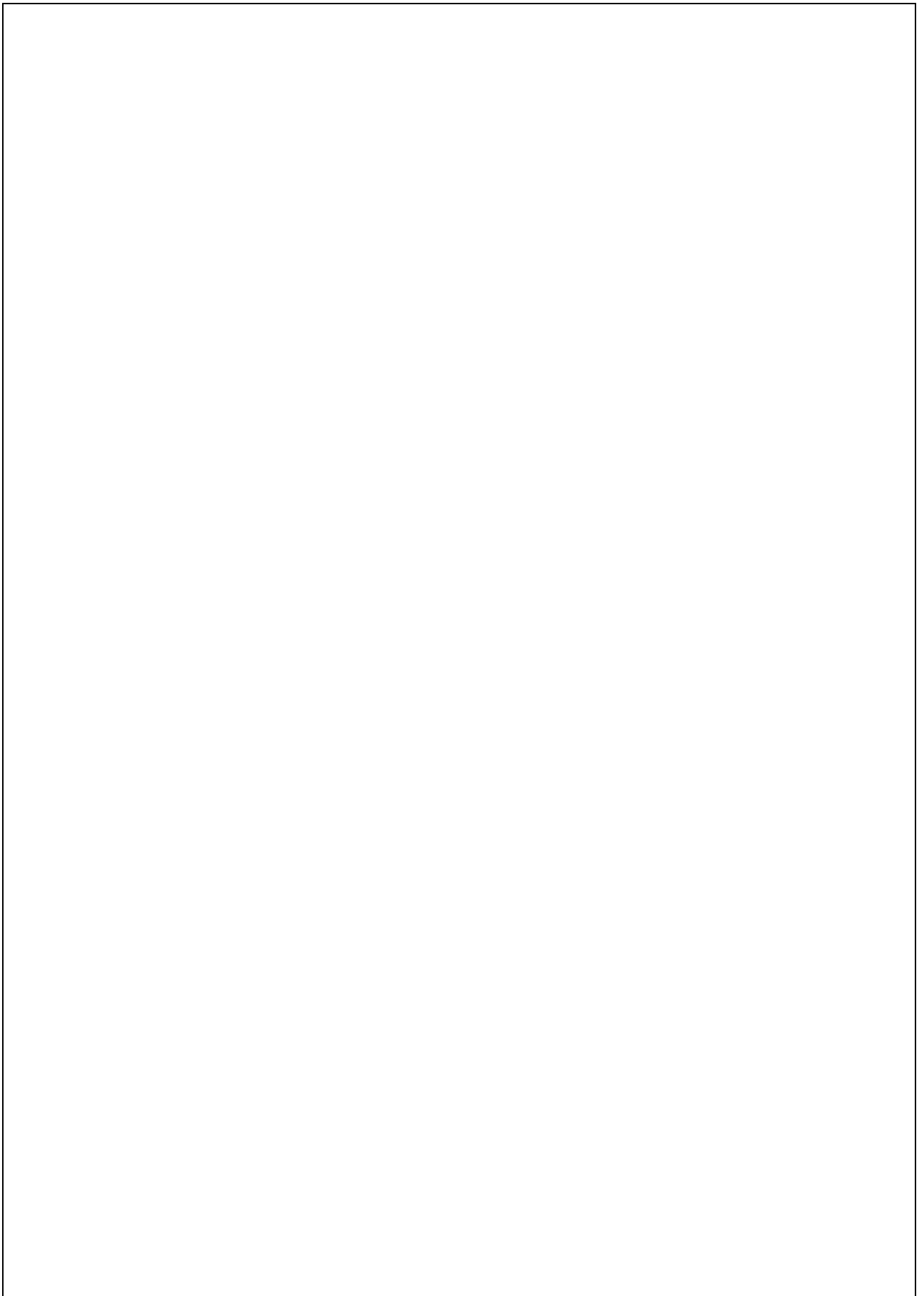
9 Q. So, this FDA alert you disagree with
10 the substance of what the FDA is saying?

11 A. It is more definitive than I would
12 have been. It is also quantitative, and I don't have
13 the data with me today to be comfortable with that
14 quantitative statement.

15 Q. Okay. But this -- the language that
16 we just read does reflect the FDA's thinking on the
17 subject, correct?

18 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.

19 THE WITNESS: You are asking if it
20 reflects the FDA's thinking. All I can say
21 is this is a statement that appears to have
22 been issued by the FDA.



4 BY MR. SCIOLLA:

5 Q. Okay. Well, we'll show you.

6 MR. SCIOLLA: Let's mark this 36.

7 Did I skip 35?

8 MR. DAVIS: Yeah, you don't have 35.

9 MR. SCIOLLA: If you could hand that
10 one back to me?

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12 (At this time a document was marked
13 for identification as Exhibit No. 35.)

14 BY MR. SCIOLLA:

15 Q. There you go. That is what I meant
16 to give you. Have you ever seen this document before?

17 A. Yes, I have.

18 Q. Okay. When did you receive this
19 document?

20 A. I'm not sure of the first time I saw
21 this document.

22 Q. Okay. The heading of this document
23 says: Evaluation of Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors
24 in Children and Adolescents Taking Paroxetine,

1 correct?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. And the first author listed
4 underneath that is Alan Apter?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Okay. I'm sorry -- give me one
7 second.

8 MR. SCIOLLA: Can we go off the
9 record one second?

10 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 3:22. Off the
11 record.

12 (At this time, a discussion
13 was held off the record.)

14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 3:25. On the
15 record.

16 BY MR. SCIOLLA:

17 Q. Okay, Doctor, I handed you what has
18 been marked as Exhibit 36 and you said that you
19 recognize this, correct?

20 A. I'm sorry, you handed me --

21 Q. 35. 35.

22 A. Yes, I want to make sure we are
23 talking about the same one.

24 Q. I'm sorry.

1 A. That is okay.

2 Q. If you look in the abstract of this
3 article, which was -- I'm sorry, this article was
4 published in the Journal of Child and Adolescent
5 Psychopharmacology, correct?

6 A. That's right.

7 Q. And it says, Volume 16, 2006?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. And the author is Alan Apter?

10 A. That is the lead author, yes.

11 Q. Some of the other authors are Alan
12 Lipschitz, who we mentioned before?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. And are some of these authors some of
15 your colleagues at GSK?

16 A. They are.

17 Q. Now, in your abstract, if you look in
18 the results section. The first sentence of the
19 results section says: Suicide-related events occurred
20 more often in paroxetine than placebo groups, correct?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. And if you look in the conclusion
23 section it says: Adolescents treated with paroxetine
24 showed an increased risk of suicide-related events?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. Okay. Is this language consistent
3 with the other language that we have been looking at
4 in these exhibits regarding a causal link or causal
5 relationship?

6 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.

7 THE WITNESS: This --

8 BY MR. SCIOLLA:

9 Q. In your opinion?

10 A. This language is quite specific and
11 does not say anything about a causal link. It reports
12 a fact.

20 Q. Okay. Correct. Thank you. So,
21 considering all the documents that we just looked at,
22 specifically the ones mentioning the committee's
23 conclusions of the causal link, you are still not
24 comfortable saying at that point that there is a

1 causal link between suicidality and pediatric patients
2 taking Paxil?

3 A. I do not believe it has been
4 demonstrated that there is a causal link.

5 Q. But you are comfortable saying, at
6 the very least, there is an association?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Okay.

9 MR. SCIOLLA: All right. I don't
10 have any further questions.

11 MR. DAVIS: Okay.

12 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This concludes --

13 MR. DAVIS: Give me a chance. All
14 right. I'm going to switch sides over here,
15 if I could, with Andrew.

16 MR. SCIOLLA: Thanks, Doctor.

17 THE WITNESS: You're welcome.

18 EXAMINATION

19 BY MR. DAVIS:

20 Q. Are you ready?

21 A. I'm ready.

22 Q. Well said, Doctor. Dr. Krall, I'm
23 going to ask you some follow-up questions based upon
24 what plaintiffs' counsel asked you. If at any time

1 you don't understand one of my questions, will you
2 please let me know?

3 A. I will.

4 Q. Thank you, sir. Now, we have been
5 talking -- the plaintiffs' lawyers have been
6 questioning you all day about questions concerning
7 whether there is an association between Paxil and
8 suicidal thinking or behavior in either pediatric or
9 adult patients. With respect to those questions I
10 would like for you to tell us how you would
11 characterize the strength of that association between
12 Paxil and suicidal thinking and behavior enter
13 pediatric or adult patients?

14 MR. SCIOLLA: Object to the form.

15 THE WITNESS: I characterize the
16 association as a weak association. It lacks
17 a number of characteristics that would -- I
18 would want to see for it to be both stronger
19 or causal.

20 First, only some of character -- some
21 of the measures of suicide, and suicide
22 behavior, and suicidal thinking have been
23 shown to be increased in patients treated
24 with Paxil, or have been found to be

1 increased in patients treated with Paxil, and
2 for a stronger association I would have
3 expected all of those measures to go in the
4 same direction and to show stronger
5 statistical significance.

6 Second, the measures of suicidality
7 in the depression rating scales of Hamilton
8 and MADRS rating scales do not show any
9 evidence changing in the direction of an
10 increase of suicidal thinking or behavior,
11 and leave me uncertain about the
12 inconsistency between the sensitive measures
13 and the adverse experiences that lead to the
14 one positive finding that exists.

15 It's not clear to me that there is
16 any biological plausibility between an
17 association between SSRIs and suicidal
18 thinking and behavior. And these are just
19 some of the reasons that, for me, mean the
20 association is weak and falls far short of a
21 causal link.

22 BY MR. DAVIS:

23 Q. Now, with respect to what you
24 mentioned as the HAM-D and the MADRS rating scales,

1 would you describe those, just briefly, for the jury
2 so they can understand what those are?

3 A. Yes. The HAM-D is a rating scale.
4 It is a Hamilton Depression Rating Scale, that kind of
5 rates the severity of depression overall with a series
6 of questions that kind of ask for the severity of
7 different symptoms of depression.

8 The MADRS is a Montgomery-Asberg
9 Depression Rating Scale. It is a different scale, but
10 it achieves the same purpose.

11 So, patients who have significant
12 depression have high scores on those rating scales.
13 One of the items in each of those rating scales is a
14 question about suicidality, and in the case of the
15 studies for Paxil neither of those items has shown
16 evidence of an increase in Paxil-treated patients.

17 Q. Now, you were asked some questions
18 about one of the statistical analyses that was
19 completed by GSK in the early part of 2006, dealing
20 with the adult clinical trials for Major Depressive
21 Disorder. And I'm going to refer you back, and I want
22 to ask you some follow-up questions about that.

23 I want to hand you what has been
24 marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 13, which is the

1 March 8th, 2006 correspondence with FDA submitting the
2 briefing document you were asked some questions about.
3 With respect to the findings in the adult -- what's
4 called the Adult MDD Analyses, on the primary end
5 point, which included suicidal ideation and behavior,
6 was there a statistically significant increased risk
7 between Paxil and suicidal ideation and behavior?

8 A. No, there was not.

9 Q. Now, with respect to the -- what has
10 been described as -- there is a secondary end point
11 that included suicidal behavior?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Now, and that finding, what were the
14 vast majority -- what were the age ranges of the
15 majority of the patients?

16 A. Eight of the eleven patients who had
17 suicide attempts or suicide behavior were under the
18 age of 30 or 30 years old. In the last paragraph of
19 this sentence or letter -- next to last paragraph of
20 the clinical summary it says, There were
21 proportionally slightly more events in young adults
22 between 18 and 24 years of age, but the vast majority
23 were under 30.

24 Q. With respect to the analyses on the

1 adult MDD studies, did GSK find an increased risk with
2 completed suicides in the use of Paxil?

3 A. No.

4 Q. And with respect to the other data
5 set, what has been referred to as the non-MDD data
6 set, do GSK find in its analyses increased risk of
7 completed suicide with the use of Paxil?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Now, were there any completed
10 suicides in any of the Paxil pediatric studies that
11 were submitted and then ultimately analyzed by FDA?

12 A. No.

13 Q. With respect to the one finding of an
14 association between use of Paxil and suicide attempts
15 in the MDD analyses, were there any other analyses
16 that were part of GSK's 2006 analysis of the data
17 using either the primary or secondary end point that
18 showed a statistically significant increased risk for
19 the use of Paxil in either suicidal behavior?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Okay. Let me ask it just a little
22 bit clearer way, because that was a long question. In
23 any of the analyses done by GSK in the beginning of
24 2006 on the MDD data set and non-MDD data set, when

1 one was looking at the primary and the secondary end
2 points, was there any statistically significant
3 increased risk shown in those analyses, other than the
4 one finding with respect to adult with pediatric MDD?

5 A. To my knowledge, no.

6 Q. So, and just so the jury can
7 understand, how many analyses did GSK run on the MDD
8 data set and the non-MDD data set?

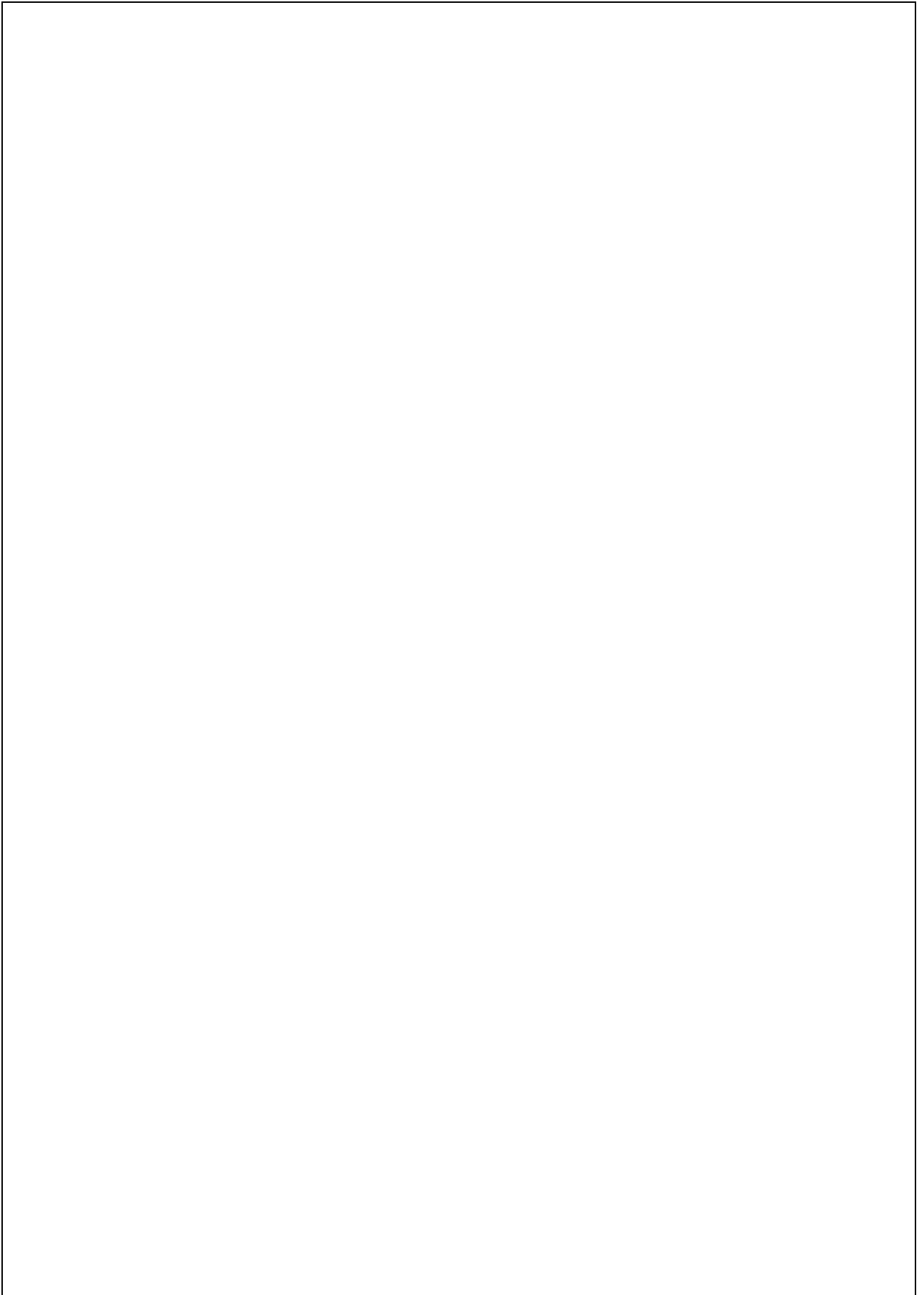
9 A. Many, but I don't know the number.

10 Q. All right. Fair enough. Now, was
11 the only statistically significant association found,
12 was a single statistically significant association
13 when looking at the primary or the secondary end
14 point?

15 A. Yes.

16 MR. SCIOLLA: Object to the form.

17 BY MR. DAVIS:



2 Q. Let me hand you what has been marked
3 as Plaintiff's Exhibit 17, which is the excerpt of a
4 clinical review that the FDA did. You got some
5 questions asked of you of that?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. All right. Now, you were asked
8 questions about the statistical association between
9 Paxil and suicidality risk that is reflected the table
10 15, is that right?

11 A. Table 16, yes.

12 Q. Table 16, yes. And let me hand you
13 what's marked -- what's page 23 of the FDA analysis,
14 and if you could look at the paragraph that is below
15 the table. I'm going to ask you some questions about
16 that.

17 Dr. Krall, does that table have any
18 discussion about the FDA's views about the
19 significance of the findings in table 16 that you were
20 asked questions about?

21 A. It does.

22 Q. Okay. And what does it say?

23 A. The middle sentence in the paragraph
24 says, Although the values for some individual drugs

1 are statistically significant at the 0.05 level, the
2 significance of those findings must be discounted for
3 the large number of comparisons being made.

4 Q. And do you agree with that
5 assessment?

6 A. I do.

7 Q. So, even though that there is a
8 statistical significant association reflected for the
9 paroxetine data in Table 16 of the FDA's clinical
10 review, do you believe that that establishes that
11 there is a causal relationship between use of Paxil
12 and suicidal thoughts or behavior?

13 A. I do not.

14 Q. Let me turn your attention to -- let
15 me hand you Plaintiff's Exhibit 28. This is the
16 summary minutes of the Psychopharmacologic Drugs
17 Advisory Committee that you got asked a number of
18 questions about by plaintiffs' counsel?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And you were asked questions about
21 the conclusions of the committee; is that right?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. And the committee we are talking
24 about is the Pediatric Advisory Committee that took

1 place in September of 2004?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. Now, and you were asked -- if you
4 recall, you were asked questions about whether or not
5 the committee concluded that a causal link had been
6 established between the use of antidepressants and
7 suicidal thoughts or behavior?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. Now, look at each of the questions
10 that were put to the committee by the FDA that are
11 reflected the summary of that meeting. Do you see
12 those questions?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. How many questions there?

15 A. Five.

16 Q. Do any of those questions put to the
17 committee -- are any of the questions that the FDA put
18 to the committee, ask the committee whether or not a
19 causal link has been established between the use of
20 antidepressants and suicidal thoughts or behavior in
21 pediatric patients?

22 A. None of the questions ask that.

23 Q. Do any of the questions contain a
24 reference or language concerning a causal link?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Okay. And so, in terms of what the
3 committee voted on, based upon the questions put to
4 them, did the committee conclude anything about a
5 causal relationship between use of -- strike that.

6 Did the committee -- based upon the
7 questions put to the committee, did the committee ever
8 vote on the question of whether or not a causal
9 relationship had been established between the use of
10 antidepressants and suicidal thoughts or behavior in
11 pediatric patients?

12 A. Under the assumption this is an
13 accurate accounting of what the committee voted on,
14 no.

20 Q. You were asked some questions about
21 the FDA's analyses with respect to Paxil in the
22 pediatric suicidality analyses. I'm going to hand you
23 an article entitled: Suicidality in Pediatric
24 Patients, that is authored by Dr. Tarek Hammad, Dr.

1 Thomas Laughren, and Dr. Judith Rancosin. Okay. Are
2 you familiar that the authors are members of the FDA?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Now, let me turn your attention to
5 the highlighted portion of the article, and do you
6 understand that this article is a reflection of the
7 FDA's analysis on the pediatric data for all
8 antidepressants manufacturers concerning possible risk
9 of suicidal thoughts or behaviors?

10 MR. SCIOLLA: Object to the form.

11 THE WITNESS: It is.

12 BY MR. DAVIS:

13 Q. Now, let's turn back to the
14 highlighted portion. Can you, based upon FDA's
15 analysis of the paroxetine or Paxil data for possible
16 suicidal thoughts or behavior, did the FDA find a
17 statistically significant increased risk in the Paxil
18 data?

19 A. You asked me to look at the
20 highlighted section?

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. Give me just a minute to look at
23 this, because -- I do not see in the figure or in the
24 text any evidence that the paroxetine data alone were

1 found statistically significant.

2 Q. Okay. And finally, to wrap this up.
3 You've been asked a host of questions about FDA's
4 position about whether or not a causal link has been
5 established between use of Paxil and suicidal thoughts
6 or behavior. Let me hand you a copy of the
7 prescribing information for Paxil that's been marked
8 as Plaintiff's Exhibit 22, which is the current
9 prescribing information, and I call your attention to
10 page nine of that prescribing information in the
11 paragraph that begins, The follow symptoms. Doctor,
12 based upon the FDA's recent approval of that
13 prescribing information for Paxil, does it contain any
14 language showing that there -- that the FDA believes
15 that a causal link has been shown between use of Paxil
16 and suicidal thoughts or behavior?

17 MR. SCIOLLA: Object to the form.

18 THE WITNESS: No.

19 BY MR. DAVIS:

20 Q. And what language does it contain
21 instead?

22 A. I'm not sure about what you mean.

23 Q. If you look at the language part that
24 begins, Although?

1 A. So, the language here is: Although a
2 causal link between did emergence of such symptoms --
3 and it refers here to a series of symptoms earlier in
4 the paragraph -- and either the worsening of
5 depression and/or the emergence of suicidal impulses
6 has been established there is concerns that such
7 symptoms may represent precursors to emerging
8 suicidality.

9 Q. That is all the questions I have.
10 Thank you, Doctor.

11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This concludes
12 today's videotape deposition. The time is
13 3:54 p.m. We are off the record.

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15 (Witness excused.)

16 (Deposition concluded at 3:54 p.m.)

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