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6	VS.		No. 12 CV 6403	
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(Proceedings heard in open court. Jury out.) (Proceedings heard in open court. Jury in.) THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen. Please be seated. We will resume. You may proceed, sir. MR. BAYMAN: Thank you, your Honor. DAVID HEALY, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, PREVIOUSLY SWORN CROSS-EXAMINATION (Resumed) BY MR. BAYMAN: Q. Dr. Healy, when we left off, we were talking about your Zoloft healthy volunteer article. I just want to finish that line of questions briefly. A. Okay.

- 1 Q. You have that article?
- 2 | A. No, I don't actually. I'm in the Miller deposition --
- 3 | actually, it's over here, yes.
- 4 | Q. If you'd pull up the article.
- 5 | A. There's going to be a very big heap here, but all right.
- 6 | Q. Are you ready?
- 7 **A**. Yes.
- 8 Q. Okay. In your article, you stated that the cases
- 9 described in this paper appear to have become suicidal on
- 10 sertraline with no easy means of explaining what happened
- 11 ■ other than by invoking an SSRI-induced suicidality; is that
- 12 | correct?
- 13  $\blacksquare$  A. That actually sounds like it probably is correct, but you
- 14 | haven't pointed me to the spot.
- 15 Q. Sure. It is -- do you see that there on the screen?
- 16 | A. Yes. It's from where, which bit?
- 17 THE COURT: Page, sir, and the exhibit number, sir,
- 18 for the record.
- 19 MR. BAYMAN: Yes, sir, your Honor. It's the exhibit
- 20 | that we've been talking about, which is Defendant's Exhibit
- 21 | 7002, and I believe -- let me see if I can find the -- I think
- 22 | it's Page --
- 23 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 24 | Q. It's Page 27, Doctor.
- 25 A. Yes. Yes, I do.

- 1 Q. That's what you wrote, correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 | Q. Okay. But, Doctor, isn't it true, one of the subjects
- 4 | Isabel Logan, had a family member die during the course of the
- 5 study, and she thought that caused her extreme stress?
- 6  $\blacksquare$  A. No. It caused her stress, but it didn't cause this
- 7 | reaction. It didn't cause her to become suicidal.
- 8 Q. But isn't it true that as a result of the death of the
- 9 | family member, she became so worn out and weary that she was
- 10 annoyed, miserable, unhappy, and angry on reboxetine?
- 11 A. I don't know that that is the case. You're testing my
- 12 recollection here, and I don't have her folder actually here
- 13 in front of me. She's on a few occasions since said very
- 14 clearly that she attributes what happened to her to the drug
- 15 | rather than to the death of anyone in -- at the family.
- 16 | Q. Turn back to that transcript that we were looking at
- 17 | before lunch, if you would, to Page 322. Have you got that?
- 18 A. I have, yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. Look at Page 322, Line 21 to 25. The question was:
- 20 | "In fact, she became so worn out and weary that
- 21 during the second week, she was annoyed, miserable,
- 22 unhappy, and angry during the reboxetine period."
- 23 Do you recall that?
- 24 **A**. I do, yes.
- 25 | Q. And your answer was, "I do, indeed, yes, yes," correct?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 | Q. And then --
- 3 A. This deposition, just so the jury is aware, this is
- 4 | happening 16 years ago, this particular testimony that you're
- 5 asking me.
- 6 Q. I understand.
- 7 **A**. Okay.
- 8 Q. A lot closer in time to the Zoloft trial than today,
- 9 | correct?
- 10 **A**. Yes.
- 11 | Q. The healthy volunteer trial. And she -- and, in fact, by
- 12 the time she started Zoloft, she was under great stress,
- 13 | miserable, angry, sad, unhappy, and annoyed, correct?
- 14 A. Yes, but she apparently had been exposed to reboxetine
- 15 beforehand, and this may well have been the cause of her
- 16 | feeling that way rather than anything else.
- 17 Q. And when she started sertraline, or Zoloft, she
- 18 experienced nausea, lethargy, and uncomfortable symptoms,
- 19 | correct?
- 20 A. She did, yes.
- 21 | Q. And you also conceded that she had a history of lucid
- 22 dreaming including both sleepwalking and sleep-talking in
- 23 | which she had what you called suicidal ideation; to this day,
- 24 she doesn't know whether that was a dream or whether she
- 25 | thought about it when she was awake, does she?

- A. No, that's not exactly the case. First of all, lucid dreaming, so the jury and the Court is aware, it's a very technical term, and it's something that many members of the jury may have. And it can be caused by an SSRI. It's where you're dreaming but you feel like you're awake, fully awake so
- 6 it's -- it's not a pathology as such. It's a particular kind of dreaming that people can have.
  - Q. But she didn't know whether -- when she was experiencing what she thought was suicidal ideation, she doesn't know whether that was in her dream or whether she was awake?
  - A. No. She described it as being like being in a lucid dream. She was very clear that it was happening when she was awake.

The other point about it is, we didn't get full details from her because working in a mental health unit, she thought if she told us what was happening, they would lock her up. It's one of the things about a healthy volunteers trial, people may not volunteer everything that is happening to them. They figure I might be so concerned, I'll detain them in a

- 21 Q. Turn, if you would, to Page 324, Line 7. Have you got it? 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. The question was:

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"Isn't it also true, Dr. Healy, that even under ordinary circumstances, Isabel Logan was, quote, prone to

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lucid dreaming including both sleepwalking and sleeptalking and when she had what you call suicidal ideation, to this day she doesn't know if it was a dream or if she had that thought when she was awake."

And your answer was:

"Let me be absolutely clear, Mr. Wheeler. offered to the Court both the studies. I mean, on the issue of what happened, whether it was caused by Zoloft or communications between the subjects, between me and them, I thought the best way to handle the issue, this issue was to bring the two subjects here to the court, and they've agreed to be brought. Isabel Logan's testimony, I believe, would reveal the fact that she had recorded much less of what was happening to her and has since told me much less of what was happening to her because if she told anyone what had been happening to her on this drug, given that she worked in a psychiatric unit, she was worried about the fact that our response would be that, hey, you're seriously ill, and you need to be treated."

And the next question is: "Is the answer to my question yes, Dr. Healy?"

And your answer was, "I think in the context that I've given you, the answer is yes."

Did I read that correctly?

- 1 | A. Well, no, I'm not sure you did because you left out a
- 2 ∥ whole load -- first of all, I want the jury to be clear that I
- 3 offered -- both Isabel Logan and the other healthy volunteer
- 4 offered to come along to court and let a jury hear what had
- 5 | happened to them, and Pfizer declined to bring them.
- 6  $\parallel$  Q. Your counsel can ask you about that on redirect. I just
- 7 want to know if I read your testimony correctly.
- $8 \mid A$ . I don't know that you about because it's a bit confusing.
- 9 | The question that I'm actually answering yes to here is a
- 10 | little confusing.
- 11 Q. Doctor, you formed your views that SSRIs can cause
- 12 | suicidality due to akathisia, emotional blunting, psychotic
- 13 decompensation in the early 1990s, didn't you?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 | Q. Yet in these -- this healthy volunteer study, you
- 16 didn't -- in your disclosure to these healthy volunteers in
- 17 | 1999, you said that these two drugs, reboxetine and
- 18 sertraline, which is Zoloft, had been selected because they
- 19 were as close to entirely safe as any two agents can be and
- 20 | that they neither should detract from your daily function --
- 21 | and that neither should detract from your daily functioning
- 22 | significantly. Didn't you say that there?
- 23 A. That's the information that they were given, and that was
- 24 before, for instance, I had been in to GSK's healthy volunteer
- 25 | files. So I had no reason to believe that our healthy

- 1 volunteers at that point were going -- that at least two of 20
- 2 | were going to become suicidal.
- 3 | Q. But you had already had an opinion that SSRIs can induce
- 4 | suicidality?
- 5 A. Yes, but I guess I expected, like lots of other people,
- 6 | that it would be less frequent than we found it, and also that
- 7 | I didn't expect at that point in time healthy volunteers would
- 8 become suicidal. I'm not sure I'd have done the trial if I
- 9 ∥ had expected that, if I had a strong expectation that that was
- 10 | likely to happen.
- 11 | Q. Thank you, Doctor. You can put that down, and we'll move
- 12 to a new topic.
- 13 A. Okay.
- 14 | Q. You testified last week about there being many different
- 15 | types of data sources. And you said it's important to be
- 16 | looking at data from all the different kinds of sources that
- 17 | you can, correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. The FDA, though, disagrees when it comes to analyzing
- 20 | SSRIs and suicide, doesn't it?
- 21 A. I don't know that it does. When you talk about FDA, as
- 22 you I've indicated before, it's a very large beast, and the
- 23 | safety arm of FDA, for instance, probably would agree
- 24 | completely with me.
- 25 Q. Well, since the late 1990s, FDA's general approach to

- 1 assessing the risk of suicidality with antidepressants
- 2 compared to placebos has been to look at only
- 3 placebo-controlled clinical trials or active-controlled
- 4 | clinical trials post-randomization and not to look at data
- 5 from uncontrolled trials, correct?
- 6 | A. Well, as we've seen, it's not clear how closely FDA look
- 7 ∥ at anything.
- 8 Q. Well, but in terms of --
- 9 A. You put all the information up there --
- 10 | Q. What they requested --
- 11 | A. -- for the jury to see.
- 12 Q. What they've requested from the sponsors is only data from
- 13 placebo-controlled clinical trials or active-controlled
- 14 clinical trials post-randomization, right?
- 15 | A. And that's quite different to FDA's view, you know,
- 16 particularly at the safety side of FDA, FDA's view as to what
- 17 | the best way to look at risks are. It is absolutely true that
- 18 in the case -- in 2006, for instance, the FDA asked the
- 19 companies for their controlled trials. That doesn't mean FDA
- 20 | thinks this is the only valid form of information.
- 21 | Q. And they've been asking for control data, I think in your
- 22 | words, since the late 1990s, correct?
- 23 A. I'm not sure that's my words. It certainly wasn't the
- 24 | late 1990s. It's 2002 when we got the Davies report.
- 25 | Q. Okay. Let's -- can we look at your deposition testimony?

- 1 A. We certainly can.
- 2 | Q. I want you to turn to Tab F and ask you to go to Page 363,
- 3 | Line 2 to 11.

- A. I'm sorry. Page what?
- 5 Q. 363, 3-6-3.
- 6 A. Okay. Yes.
  - Q. Are you there? The question was:

"And you do know -- you do know, would you agree that at least since the mid-1990s, FDA's general approach to assessing the risk of suicidality with antidepressants compared to placebo has been to look at placebo-controlled clinical trials or active-controlled clinical trials post-randomization and not to look at data from uncontrolled trials?"

## And your answer was:

"I think this is probably more the case that it was in the late 1990s. I think this is when FDA got back to GlaxoSmithKline, for instance, and said, 'We want you to present your -- that we want the data actually presented in the form broken down as you've outlined so we can see the placebo-controlled data. We can see the active controlled data'" --

THE COURT: Not so fast, Mr. Bayman. It's not an exercise for the court reporter.

MR. BAYMAN: Yes, sir. I apologize.

## BY MR. BAYMAN:

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Q. "We -- that we want the data actually presented in the form broken down as you've outlined so we can see the placebo-controlled data, we can see the active-controlled data quite apart from that, and we can see the uncontrolled data separately."

Did I read that correctly?

A. You did, yes.

MR. WISNER: Objection, your Honor. His answer actually continues on for the next two lines. I'd like it to be read in its entirety.

MR. BAYMAN: Sure.

MR. WISNER: I'll read it.

MR. BAYMAN: Okay.

MR. WISNER: It goes on:

"Answer: This is about 1999, though. You sort of mentioned to me that it was the mid-'90s. I think it was more 1999, 2000. That was the watershed."

## 19 | BY MR. BAYMAN:

- Q. And I said late 1990s, in the late '90s.
- 21 A. Well, you read for the Court, mid-1990s --
- 22 | Q. In your answer, you said late '90s?
- A. Well, yes. I think that's a particular bias. My view was the late '90s, early 2000s, and it's 2002 before GSK gave FDA that kind of data. It was a lengthy interchange within GSK

- 1 debating on how they were going to handle these issues before
- 2 | that.
- 3 Q. But certainly since -- in your view, since the late 1990s,
- 4 | FDA has asked for data from randomized placebo-controlled
- 5 clinical trials and active-control --
- 6 | A. My view is --
- 7 **Q**. -- trials --
- 8  $\|$  A. -- I'm not sure what the data that FDA actually asked for.
- 9 I know the date GSK gave it was 2002, but it was on GSK's
- 10 radar before this that that was heading their way. This was
- 11 the train coming down the line.
- 12 Q. Well before 2006, correct?
- 13 A. That's before 2006, yes.
- 14 Q. Yes. Okay. Now, you testified on Thursday about the
- 15 | analysis of antidepressants in suicide that FDA conducted in
- 16 | 2006 --
- 17 **A**. Yes.
- 18 **Q**. -- right?
- 19 I'd like you to turn to Tab 17 in your exhibit
- 20 | notebook.
- 21 MR. BAYMAN: It's Defendant's Exhibit, your Honor,
- 22 | 1117.
- 23 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 24 | Q. Have you got that?
- 25 A. I do indeed.

- 1 Q. This is Hammad 2006, and it's entitled, "Suicide rates in
- 2 | short-term randomized controlled trials of newer
- 3 antidepressants." It's published in the Journal of Clinical
- 4 | Psychopharmacology, correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 | Q. And you've -- you followed the statements by the FDA
- 7 | scientists on the issue of whether there's a risk in adult
- 8 | patients who take SSRIs, correct?
- 9 A. I'm not sure that this qualifies as a statement from FDA
- 10 scientists. This is a paper that's come out of FDA, and
- 11 | there's been a number of different papers that have come out
- 12 of FDA.
- 13 Q. Sure, but Dr. Hammad was with FDA, correct?
- 14  $\blacksquare$  A. He was at that time, yes.
- 15 | Q. Right. And he published in this scientific publication,
- 16 | correct?
- 17 **A**. He did.
- And Dr. Laughren was also with FDA at that time
- 19 before becoming an expert witness for SSRI companies.
- 20 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, I move to strike that.
- 21 THE COURT: Yes, that may go out.
- 22 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 23 | Q. One of the authors, Dr. Laughren, you said, in fact, you
- 24 said last week he was one of the key people within the FDA who
- 25 was responsible for SSRIs and other medications used for

- 1 | mental health purposes?
- 2 A. He was one of the people who was there right from the
- 3 | start through recently, as I say, until he changed career.
- 4 | Q. Would you turn, if you would, to the paper itself.
- MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, may I publish the paper to the jury?
- 7 THE COURT: Yes.
  - MR. WISNER: Objection, your Honor. I don't believe the foundation has been laid that this is one of the teachers.
- THE COURT: All right. Yes. You have to lay the foundation first. Then you have to ask him whether he considers it authoritative or not.
- 13 BY MR. BAYMAN:

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- 14 Q. Do you consider this publication by the FDA in the Journal
- 15 of Clinical Psychopharmacology to be authoritative?
- 16 A. No, I don't particularly. It's labeled a brief report to
- 17 begin with so clearly, it's not going to be authoritative.
- 18 Q. You don't agree that the Journal of Clinical
- 19 | Psychopharmacology is a publication referenced and relied on
- 20 by people in your field?
- 21 A. Well, as I said, this is a brief report. Right at the
- 22 top, the first two words are "brief report." Secondly, the
- 23 | journal is not among the most prestigious journals, no.
- 24 Q. You agree with me, though, that this brief report outlines
- 25 the FDA's findings in 2006, correct?

- 1  $\blacksquare$  A. I'm not sure it outlines FDA's findings. What we're
- 2 getting here is an article by Drs. Hammad, Laughren, and
- 3 Racoosin. It's not clear that this should be called FDA's
- 4 | findings.
- 5 | Q. Well, it describes FDA's analysis, does it not?
- 6 | A. I'm not sure it does describe FDA's analysis. That same
- 7 | year, we have a different document from FDA, a much more
- 8 comprehensive one by Stone and Jones which doesn't give the
- 9 | same results as you have here.
- 10 Q. And we'll get to Stone and Jones in a minute, but you will
- 11 agree with me that the FDA considered only events that
- 12 occurred in the post -- I mean, the FDA excluded events that
- 13 occurred in the post-double blind period, that is, after the
- 14 controlled phase of the trials were over, in order to avoid
- 15 | confounding results from an array of treatment scenarios that
- 16 | occurred after the end of a given trial, correct?
- 17 | A. That may well be the case. If you ask me whether these
- 18 | authors did that in this paper, they may well have done so
- 19 | but -- but, you know, I'm not fully sure what your point is
- 20 | yet.
- 21 | Q. Well, my point is that the FDA did not consider events
- 22 | that occurred after the controlled phase of the randomized
- 23 | clinical trials were over, correct?
- 24 A. These authors appeared not to have. Whether that's a good
- 25 | idea or not is a completely different issue, and I think it

- 1 may well not be such a good idea, and it's also the case that 2 they probably don't consider all trials.
- 4 patients, after the trials were over, took all kinds of
- 5 | medicines once the SSRI treatment ended which confounds or
- 6 compromises the results if you count those events, correct?
- $7 \mid A$ . And as I've outlined to the jury, in GSK trials, the
- 8 patient took Prozac who had been on placebo and had committed
- 9 | suicide and was counted as a placebo suicide, and FDA were
- 10 | probably trying to avoid just that, yes.
- 11  $\mathbf{Q}$ . They were trying to avoid confounding or compromising the
- 12 results because of another medication, correct?
- 13 A. Such as another SSRI causing patients being on a placebo
- 14 | to commit suicide.
- 15 | Q. And they also -- it was also the FDA's view, at least per
- 16 | Dr. Hammad and Dr. Laughren, that rates based on pooling data
- 17 | from both randomized control trials and open-label extension
- 18 | trials are subject to bias and can lead to misleading
- 19 conclusions, correct?
- 20 A. Oh, absolute -- all studies including randomized control
- 21 | trials including placebo-controlled trials are subject to
- 22 | bias. There's a major bias in the placebo-controlled trials
- 23 | here which is that GSK didn't look at people becoming
- 24 | suicidal. This is a huge bias that cannot be overcome simply
- 25 │ by virtue of the fact that you've got a placebo-controlled

- 1 | trial here.
- 2 | Q. I don't think that was my question, Doctor. My question
- 3 was: The FDA said that rates based on the pooling of data
- 4 | from both randomized control trials and open-label extension
- 5 | trials are subject to bias and can lead to misleading
- 6 conclusions, correct?
- $7 \mid A$ . And I'm saying that they're no more likely to lead to
- 8 | misleading conclusions than placebo-controlled trials that
- 9 have been designed to look at the issue in question.
- 10 | Q. Okay. I think you agreed with me there.
- 11 ▮ A. I'm not fully sure we're on quite the same page. We'll
- 12 | leave it to the jury to decide.
- 13 Q. Sure. Exactly. So when the FDA, when it did its
- 14 suicidality analysis of SSRIs, it excluded events from what
- 15 you called the withdrawal period, correct?
- 16 A. Well, we're not talking about FDA here. We're talking
- 17 | about three authors, one of whom was actively involved in
- 18 trying to gag other FDA authors who were raising these issues.
- 19 MR. BAYMAN: I move to strike that, your Honor.
- THE COURT: It's a volunteered statement. It may go
- 21 | out.
- 22 MR. BAYMAN: Thank you.
- 23 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 24 Q. You didn't talk about this article in your direct
- 25 | examination, correct?

- 1 A. That's correct.
- 2 Q. Now, you told the jury last week that in the FDA's
- 3 analysis in 2006, the two big areas were suicidal ideation and
- 4 | behavior, correct?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6  $\parallel$  Q. And, in fact, you said the FDA study characterized the
- 7 | analysis of ideation as the primary analysis, correct?
- 8 A. Well, no. They had a combination of ideation and
- 9 behavior, I believe, as the primary outcome measure.
- 10 **Q**. You don't --
- 11 A. Is that not correct?
- 12 | Q. You don't recall saying that ideation was the primary
- 13 | analysis?
- 14 A. I remember us talking about primary. I thought -- well,
- 15 certainly what I intended to say was a combination of ideation
- 16 ■ and behavior rather than behavior being the primary analysis
- 17 or outcome measure.
- 18 | Q. No, I think you said ideation was the primary.
- 19 A. Perhaps I did. We'd have to have a look at a transcript,
- 20 and I may have been speaking too quickly for the court
- 21 reporter to get it all. I'm impressed that you have a
- 22 | transcript from last week already.
- 23 Q. I'm going to show you the transcript at Page 436 at Line
- 24 | 18 to 24.
- 25 A. Okay.

- MR. WISNER: Your Honor, I'm not entirely sure what
  the purpose of this is. I think he just explained what the
- THE COURT: Well, we'll let him read it, and then we'll hear what the question is, sir.
- 6 MR. WISNER: Okay.
- 7 THE WITNESS: What do you want me to turn to?

fact was. This is an improper impeachment.

- 8 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 9 Q. 436, Line 18 to 24.
- 10 A. Yes.

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- 12 analysis" --
- 13 THE COURT: What -- ask him a question, sir.
- 14 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 15 Q. Okay. Did you not say that ideation was the primary
- 16 | analysis of done --
- 17 A. Well, I don't think I did. Mr. Wisner says that, and I
- 18 I think he may have made a mistake to some extent. Certainly,
- 19 | my understanding at that point was that ideation and behavior,
- 20 | a combination of the two rather than behavior on its own was
- 21 | the primary analysis.
- 22 | Q. But when he asked you the question, "Now, the FDA study
- 23 characterizes the analysis of ideation as a primary analysis;
- 24 | is that right, "you said, "yes, "correct?
- 25 A. Well, it may well have been that this came up in the pages

- 1 beforehand and at this stage, we're into using shorthand, as
- 2 | it were.
- 3 Q. And when he asked you, were behaviors the secondary
- 4 analysis, you said yes, correct?
- 5 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 6 | Q. All right.
- 7 | A. But it can still be correct with ideation and behavior
- 8 | being the primary analysis.
- 9 | Q. Okay. So you would agree with me, the primary outcome in
- 10 the FDA's analysis was not just suicidal ideation but was
- 11 completed suicide, suicide attempt, preparatory acts towards
- 12 | imminent suicidal behavior, and suicidal ideation, correct?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 | Q. Thank you, Doctor. Now, you told the jury on Thursday
- 15 | that one of the ways GSK supposedly hid the risk was through
- 16 what you called coding maneuvers.
- 17 **A**. Yes.
- 18  $\blacksquare$  Q. But in the FDA's analysis, the FDA didn't rely on the way
- 19 the manufacturers or the clinical investigators originally
- 20 coded suicide-related events, correct?
- 21 A. When FDA came to analyze the data in 2006, they asked the
- 22 companies to produce the case reports from different patients
- 23 | using a different approach. They weren't asking for coding
- 24 terms like emotional lability, that's correct.
- 25 | Q. In fact, the FDA asked manufacturers to use a specific set

- 1 of search terms to find events that might relate to suicide,
- 2 | correct?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 | Q. Uh-huh. And they asked for both what we call preferred
- 5 | terms as well as verbatim terms, correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 | Q. And the FDA also told the manufacturers to -- also
- 8 searched the comment fields within the trial so if
- 9 investigators made comments, those would be searched, also,
- 10 | correct?
- 11 A. Well, it depends. In the case of any clinical record that
- 12 GSK has, for instance, there may be several different clinical
- 13 records on the same patient. Like if one of the jurors was in
- 14 | their trial, there might be four completely different clinical
- 15 | report forms or sets of material on that juror, and GSK may
- 16 | well have searched one of those rather than all four.
- 17 | Q. But -- and when -- Dr. Healy, when GSK ran the searches,
- 18 | it didn't just immediately share the results with FDA; in
- 19 | fact, GSK sent the entire case file for each patient to
- 20 | independent expert reviewers at Columbia University, correct?
- 21 A. It may well have done so, but when I say -- hang on. No.
- 22 I I would disagree with you. I am pretty certain GSK did not
- 23 send the entire case file.
- 24 | Q. That's your understanding?
- 25 A. That will be my understanding based on my experience of

- 1 GSK's case files.
- 2 Q. And the Columbia experts reviewed the information GSK
- 3 provided with each event and made an independent determination
- 4 | as to which category from a list of categories the event
- 5 | should go in, correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 | Q. And once the experts made that -- at Columbia made that
- 8 classification, Dr. Posner and colleagues, GSK sent that
- 9 information along with the details of the events to the FDA
- 10 | for analysis, correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 | Q. You told the jury there's a wide body of data, and anybody
- 13 who's trying to work out what's actually going on, they need
- 14 to take it all into account. We talked about that this
- 15 | morning, correct?
- 16  $\blacksquare$  A. Well, I think that would be self-evident to the jury, if
- 17 | no placebo-controlled trial has been designed to look at the
- 18 question of, can people become suicidal on Paxil, then anybody
- 19 who is going to look at this question wants to look at
- 20 | material other than the placebo-controlled trials.
- 21 MR. BAYMAN: I want to turn, if you will, in your
- 22 | exhibit book to Tab 11-D -- which is Joint Exhibit 13, your
- 23 | Honor, that's already in evidence.
- 25 MR. BAYMAN: 13, your Honor.

- 1 THE COURT: Okay.
- 2 MR. BAYMAN: It's behind-- it's 11 and then capital
- 3 | letter D.
- 4 THE COURT: Okay. Gotcha.
- 5 MR. BAYMAN: Can you put the first page of this
- 6 document up?
- 7 ∥ BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 8 | Q. This is the FDA's clinical review relationship between
- 9 antidepressant drugs and suicidality in adults, correct?
- 10 **A**. Correct.
- 11 □ Q. And you're familiar with this document?
- 12 **A**. I am, yes.
- 13 Q. Turn, if you would, to Page 13-024.
- 14 **A**. Yes.
- 15 **Q**. Got that?
- 16 A. I have indeed.
- 17 | Q. Now, this is -- we established a couple minutes ago that
- 18 the primary outcome measure of the FDA analysis was completed
- 19 | suicide attempts, preparatory acts, and ideation all combined,
- 20 | correct?
- 21 A. Correct, yes.
- 22 | Q. All right. And this -- and in Table 15 here that you're
- 23 | looking at, and it's on the screen, that presents the results
- 24 of the FDA's analysis, doesn't it?
- 25 A. Correct, yes.

- 1  $\parallel$  Q. And you didn't show Table 15 to the jury last week,
- 2 | correct?
- 3 ▮ A. Mr. Wisner didn't show Table 15, that's correct.
- $4 \parallel Q$ . And we see that as we look at that, for paroxetine, the
- 5 odds ratio is .93, correct?
- 6 ∥ A. Correct.
- $7 \mid Q$ . And you told the jury anything over 1 is an indication of
- 8 risk, correct?
- 9 A. I told the jury repeatedly that drugs that can cause a
- 10 problem can have an odds ratio of less than 1.0.
- 11  $\mathbb{Q}$ . But the finding on the primary outcome for paroxetine is
- 12 | less than 1, you would agree with that?
- 13 A. Yes, and I've indicated that I believe a drug that causes
- 14 people to become suicidal can have an odds ratio of less than
- 15 \ 1.0. I'm happy to explain exactly how it happens if you want.
- 16 Q. No. We've heard that. But this means the risk of suicide
- 17 attempts, preparation, and ideation was lower on paroxetine
- 18 when compared to the placebo, correct?
- 19 A. No, it doesn't mean that at all. What you're doing is the
- 20 data that FDA has which is the data from a select group of
- 21 | trials having been boxed in by all the companies into asking
- 22 | for certain trials and not others, this is what the data comes
- 23 out as. When you analyze this behavior on its own as we see,
- 24 we get a very different effect.
- 25 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, I move to strike "having

- 1 | been boxed in by the companies." There's no --
- 2 THE COURT: No, that may stand.
- 3 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 4 | Q. The confidence interval here by your standards is very
- 5 | narrow, .62 to 1.42?
- 6 A. That's correct, yes.
- $7 \parallel Q$ . And compared to the other SSRIs that paroxetine had the
- 8 | third lowest odds ratio in this chart, correct?
- 9 A. On that chart, yes, correct.
- 10 Q. Okay. And I think the finding is based on the -- we
- 11 | looked at the patient, the number of patients earlier. That
- 12  $\parallel$  finding is based on 8,728 patients on paroxetine and 7,005
- 13 patients on placebo. Do you remember that?
- 14 A. Yes. I suspect there's a lot of other paroxetine patients
- 15 | that aren't there.
- 16  $\parallel$  Q. You told the jury last week, and I recalled it at the time
- 17 | because I wrote it down, that the paroxetine data in the FDA
- 18 ■ analysis may have been unusually reliable. Do you remember
- 19 | that?
- 20 A. Oh, I thought, yes, in some respects, it was, but there's
- 21 other aspects to that question that I'd be happy to elaborate
- 22 | on if you want, which is when FDA asked --
- 23 | Q. I'll let your counsel do that on redirect.
- 24 **∥ A**. Fine. Okay.
- 25 | Q. None of the SSRIs had a statistically significant

- 1 association with suicidal thoughts or behavior in the FDA's
- 2 2006 adult analysis?
- 3 | A. Yes, but we know that I wouldn't use the term "statistical
- 4 | significance" there anyway.
- $5 \mid Q$ . You also told the jury that based on the data from this
- 6 analysis, the SSRIs as a group cause a problem, correct?
- 7 A. Based on the data -- yes. It's in the Stone and Jones
- 8 report. When you look at behavior, they -- these drugs do
- 9 | cause a problem, yes.
- 10 Q. All right. Let's look at the finding for all SSRIs. In
- 11 the line for all SSRIs, do you see that right there?
- 12 **A**. Yes.
- 13 Q. That odds ratio is .86, correct?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. And the 95 confidence interval is .69 to 1.06, correct?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 | Q. And that's another narrow --
- 18 **A**. Yes.
- 19 Q. -- window, correct?
- 20 **A**. It is, yes.
- 21 | Q. And the FDA found no increased risk between SSRI
- 22 | medications when they're grouped together on the primary
- 23 | outcome of suicidal thoughts and behavior in their adult
- 24 | analysis, correct?
- 25 | A. That's correct, yes.

- 1 Q. And the FDA also found no association between all
- 2 | antidepressant medications that they looked at on the primary
- 3 | outcome of suicidal thoughts and behavior, correct?
- 4 A. Correct.
- $5 \parallel Q$ . And that finding by the FDA was based on 52,000 patients
- 6 on antidepressants and over 45,000 placebo patients. Can we
- 7 pull that table up, Table -- Table 7, Dr. Healy, which is at
- 8 | Page 13-18. Do you see those numbers at the bottom?
- 9 ∥A. I do, yes.
- 10 Q. So you agree that the finding was based on 52 -- over
- 11 | 52,000 patients on antidepressants and over 45,000 on placebo?
- 12 A. As I've indicated to you earlier, I think this means it's
- 13 | a particularly messy data set. It's not a good data set.
- 14 | Q. The FDA in this report which you're familiar with
- 15 discusses the results, correct?
- 16 | A. It does, yes.
- 17 | Q. And that begins at Page -- if you would turn to again the
- 18 same exhibit, Joint Exhibit 13, to Page 13-044.
- 19 ■ A. We probably should say, when you say "FDA discusses," it's
- 20 Drs. Stone and Jones. To say "FDA" may be a little misleading
- 21 | here.
- 22 | Q. Well, they did the -- they're FDA employees, correct?
- 23 A. They are FDA employees, and I'm sure there were others
- 24 | within FDA who would have framed the issues differently.
- 25 | Q. But they issued the report, correct?

- 1 A. They did, yes. So we're talking about the Stone and Jones
- 2 report --
- 3 | Q. Yes.
- 4 | A. -- rather than FDA's corporate view.
- 5 | Q. And they did the analysis, correct?
- 6 | A. They did, yes.
- 7 | Q. Okay. I want to turn you then to -- to Page 44, Section
- 8 | 5.2.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. In the first sentence, FDA -- let's go ahead and highlight
- 11 | that, please.
- 12 FDA said, the pooled estimate -- or Stone and Jones
- 13 of the FDA said, "The pooled estimates of studies of the adult
- 14 population support the null hypothesis of no treatment effects
- 15 on suicidality." Did I read that correct?
- 16 ▮ A. Well, that's on suicidality, yes. This is not on suicidal
- 17 | behavior as such.
- 18 Q. Another way of saying that is the FDA concluded that it
- 19 doesn't believe use of antidepressants increased the risk of
- 20 | suicidality in its analysis?
- 21 | A. I don't know that I'd agree with that.
- 22 Q. Okay. What's a null hypothesis?
- 23 A. Well, a null hypothesis is a thing that was introduced by
- 24 | Fisher. And FDA, in the analysis here, are not applying it in
- 25 | the way Fisher would have applied it. He would not have

- 1 applied statistical significance tests to the data you have 2 here.
  - Q. And the FDA further goes down to say later at the end of that paragraph:

"The net effect appears to be neutral on suicidal behavior but possibly protective for suicidality for adults between the ages of 25 and 64 and to reduce the risk of both suicidality and suicidal behavior in subjects aged 65 years and older."

Did I read that correctly?

- A. You did. It's very -- I mean, it's hard to know what the right tone of voice would be for an FDA person writing this talking about a complex situation where, for example, the data from 45 to 55-year-olds was exactly the same as under-25-year-olds.
- 16 Q. You didn't tell the jury last week about these findings, 17 did you?
- 18 A. I didn't conceal them. I would have been awfully happy
  19 for the jury to get the full text of the entire document.
- 20 Q. You talked -- you talked about the findings on the 21 secondary end point but not on the primary end point?
- A. Well, as we explained, I think it makes no sense to talk about primary and secondary in this context.
- 24 | Q. You showed the jury --

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25 MR. BAYMAN: Pull up Table 16.

- 1 THE COURT: Page?
- 2 THE WITNESS: 36, your Honor.
- 3 MR. BAYMAN: 36, your Honor. Sorry.
- 4 MR. WISNER: Your Honor, it's 26 just in case you're
- 5 | looking for it.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Oh, sorry. 26.
- 7 MR. BAYMAN: Dr. Healy and I were both had the wrong
- 8 page. It's 26.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Maybe we're just shortsighted. I saw
- 10 | 36 rather than 26.
- 11 ∥ BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 12 | Q. You did show the jury this table, correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 | Q. Okay. And that's titled, "Suicidal behavior risk for
- 15 | active drug relative to placebo, preparation or worse, adults
- 16 | with psychiatric disorders, by drug and drug class."
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18  $\mid$  Q. And that table doesn't show the primary outcome of the
- 19 | analysis but rather the secondary outcome, correct?
- 20 A. Well, what has been termed the primary outcome, yes.
- 21 | Q. What the FDA terms the primary outcome?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 | Q. And the 2.76 that you told the jury about, that appears in
- 24 | Table 16 --
- 25 A. It does.

- 1 | Q. -- for paroxetine, correct?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. And then I would turn you, if you would, Doctor, back to
- 4 | Page 23.
- 5 MR. BAYMAN: Pull up, if you would, Roger, that.
- 6 THE WITNESS: 23?
- 7 ∥ BY MR. BAYMAN:
- $8 \parallel Q$ . Yeah, the bottom of 23 below the table.
- 9 | A. All right. Yes. Yes.
- 10 Q. The FDA explicitly stated, though, even though some of the
- 11 results in Table 16, which we just saw, were statistically
- 12 significant, the significance of these findings must be
- 13 discounted for the large number of comparisons being made,
- 14 | correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 | Q. And you didn't mention that last week to the jury, did you?
- 17 A. Well, I took pains to say that I think people shouldn't be
- 18 putting undue weight on statistical significance in the first
- 19 instance, but I've also made it clear that discounting a fact
- 20 because of multiple comparisons is rather avoiding the
- 21 elephant in the room which these trials were designed not to
- 22 | find the problem. So applying fancy statistical tests is
- 23 really a bit of a waste of time.
- 24 Q. You've attended FDA advisory committee meetings that have
- 25 been open to the public, correct?

- 1 A. I have, yes.
- 2 | Q. And you know that with respect to this analysis, the FDA
- 3 publicly stated, while its analysis showed an increased risk
- 4 | of suicidal thinking in behavior, suicidality in young adults
- 5 | age 16 to 24 --
- 7 MR. BAYMAN: That's what the FDA said at the meeting,
- 8 your Honor.
- 9 THE COURT: Where are you reading? Tell me what
- 10 | you're reading.
- 11 MR. BAYMAN: Tab 18 in the notebook. It's the FDA
- 12 news release, Defendant's Exhibit 468.
- 13 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 14 | Q. Do you want to turn to that, Doctor?
- 15 | A. Yes. I think I'm here.
- 16 | Q. You're familiar with that news release, correct?
- 17 | A. This is, FDA proposes new warnings about suicidal linking
- 18 behavior in young adults who take antidepressant medications.
- 19 I'm sure I've seen this. I'm not sure, if you'd ask me about
- 20 | it, that I would have been able to date it but...
- 21 | Q. You've been actually asked questions about this in some of
- 22 | your depositions, correct?
- 23 A. I may well have been, yes.
- 24 | Q. Okay. And this was an announcement that the FDA put out
- 25 | to doctors and to the public following the adult analysis,

- 1 | correct?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. And the FDA said that while its analysis showed an
- 4 | increase or risk of suicidal thinking and behavior,
- 5 | suicidality in young adults age 16 to 24, the scientific data
- 6 did not show the increased risk older -- in adults older than
- 7 | 24?
- 8 MR. WISNER: Objection, your Honor. Hearsay.
- 9 THE COURT: Your objection comes a little late.
- THE WITNESS: Can you point me to just the spot
- 11 | you're reading from?
- 12 THE COURT: Just a minute, sir.
- 13 MR. WISNER: I didn't want to interrupt. I'm sorry,
- 14 | your Honor.
- 15 THE COURT: This document is in evidence?
- 16 MR. WISNER: No.
- 17 MR. BAYMAN: No, sir. It's an exhibit, but it's not
- 18 ∥ a joint exhibit.
- 19 THE COURT: Have you offered it in evidence? Have
- 20 | you offered it?
- 21 MR. BAYMAN: I have not yet, your Honor, no.
- 22 THE COURT: Well, you can't read from a document
- 23 | that's not in evidence, sir.
- 24 MR. BAYMAN: I would --
- 25 THE COURT: It will be stricken.

MR. BAYMAN: Well, your Honor, then I'll move for admission of the document -
THE COURT: All right.

MR. BAYMAN: -- and its indicated exception to the hearsay rule because it relays the results of a government investigation under Rule 803.

MR. WISNER: I object. This is hearsay. They have not laid sufficient foundation for that exception. This is a press release. This is not the actual analysis which we were looking at. This is the definition of an out-of-court statement being offered for the truth of the matter asserted.

MR. BAYMAN: He can rely on hearsay. He's an expert, your Honor. He said he was familiar with it, and he was at the meetings.

THE COURT: You could have brought this to my attention earlier. The objection at this point is sustained.

MR. BAYMAN: Okay. I'll move on.

## 18 ∥ BY MR. BAYMAN:

- Q. In 2006, GSK also did an analysis of adult suicidality that you told the jury about last week, right?
- 21 A. Yes. That was brought into the frame.
- Q. And you told the jury about the 6.7 odds ratio on the secondary end point in the subset of MDD patients, correct?
- A. Yes. I hope I've conveyed that while it's a high odds
  ratio, I don't place all the weight on just that. The simple

- 1 | fact that there's such a clear signal, whatever you -- you
- 2 know, you call the odds ratio isn't a thing that I would be
- 3 concerned about.
- $4 \mid Q$ . There were also results for other groups of patients
- 5 | besides those with MDD in that analysis, correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 | Q. You didn't tell the jury about those other analyses, did
- 8 | you?
- 9 **I** A. No.
- 10 Q. And Mr. Wisner didn't ask you about any of the other
- 11 | results, correct?
- 12 A. He didn't. I mean, I was following what I was asked. I
- 13 didn't go out of my way to tell the jury things that I wasn't
- 14 | being asked about.
- 15 MR. BAYMAN: I'm going to have you look at Tab 11-C
- 16 | which is the GSK 2006 submission. It's Defendant's Exhibit
- 17 | 103.
- And it is, I think, a more complete version of what
- 19 was, your Honor, admitted as Plaintiff's Exhibit 9.
- 20 THE COURT: Okay. We're at Tab 11, did you say?
- 21 MR. BAYMAN: Yes, sir. 11-C.
- 22 THE COURT: 11-C?
- MR. BAYMAN: Yes.
- 24 THE COURT: All right. You may proceed.
- 25 MR. BAYMAN: And your Honor, at this point, I would

- 1 move for admission of Defendant's Exhibit 103 which, as I say,
- 2 is -- it's the same document as Plaintiff's Exhibit 9. It's
- 3 | just a more complete copy.
- 4 THE COURT: All right. You may proceed.
- 5 MR. WISNER: No objection.
- 7 ∥ BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 8 Q. Let's look at the cover letter on April -- April 5, 2006.
- 9 This is from GSK's senior director of regulatory affairs,
- 10 Barbara Arning, to Dr. Laughren at the FDA, correct?
- 11 A. It's certainly from her. Is it to Dr. Laughren?
- 12 | "Dear" --
- 13 | Q. "Dear Dr. Laughren."
- 14 ▮ A. "Remy" is what I'm looking at. The covering letter.
- 15 Okay. You should have directed me to Page 2.
- 16 | Q. Excuse me.
- 17 **A.** 0kay. Fine. 0kay.
- 18 | Q. The very first paragraph, it says:
- 19 Reference is also made to our submission of March 8,
- 20 2006, which presided -- provided results from the first
- 21 portion of a comprehensive meta-analysis to evaluate the
- 22 risk of suicidality in placebo-controlled paroxetine
- 23 trial in adults with major depressive disorders."
- 24 Do you see that?
- 25 ▮ A. Correct, yes.

- 1  $\blacksquare$  Q. What happened was that GSK did the MDD analysis first and
- 2 | then submitted it to the FDA in March of 2006, correct?
- 3 A. In or around this time, GSK had analyzed more than MDD,
- 4 | but that's what I think you're going on to tell me or to tell
- 5 | the jury, isn't it?
- 6  $\parallel$  Q. Well, but it did MDD first and it submitted first, then it
- 7 | ran the analyses of the other disorders, correct?
- 8 A. I'm not absolutely clear about this. I think GSK were
- 9 | trying for a good deal of time during 2005 to submit both MDD
- 10 and IBDD together, for instance.
- 11 | Q. The jury will hear from a GSK witness about the sequence,
- 12 ▮ but we do know that the result you discussed with the jury,
- 13 | the 6.7, was actually presented in this March --
- 14 **A**. Yes.
- 15  $\mathbb{Q}$ . -- submission.
- 16 | A. Yes.
- 17 | Q. And, in fact, to my earlier point, as of April 5, GSK says
- 18 | it is submitting the results on MDD and now is submitting the
- 19 results on the other indications because it had already
- 20 submitted on MDD. If you look at -- let's pull up that in the
- 21 | submission.
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 | Q. Do you see that in the submission, "we are providing
- 24 | updated results?"
- 25 A. Yes. Okay. Yes.

- 1 Q. On the screen.
- 2 **A**. Yes.
- 3 Q. So they're submitting a new analysis from the non-MDD
- 4 paroxetine trials?
- 5 A. Correct.
- $6 \mid Q$ . And then you mentioned intermittent brief depression a
- 7 | minute ago and some other disorders. They're presenting the
- 8 data for paroxetine being studied for these disorders, correct?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. Okay. And it lists there about ten different illnesses
- 11 | for which paroxetine has been studied including anxiety
- 12 conditions, correct, if we scroll down further?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 | Q. Okay. And, in fact, if we -- if we go to the next
- 15 paragraph, we see that not only is GSK providing data but it's
- 16 submitting new warnings to go into the label reflecting this
- 17 data, correct?
- 18  $\blacksquare$  A. That's what they appear to be saying, yes.
- 19 Q. And it's -- it also says that they're going -- they're
- 20 submitting a draft Dear Healthcare Professional letter for
- 21 | review by the FDA --
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. -- that it's considering sending to doctors to inform them
- 24 of the data?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1  $\mathbb{Q}$ . And it asked in the letter for a teleconference with the
- 2 | FDA to discuss these items, correct?
- 3 ▮ A. They may well have done so, yes.
- 4 Q. Okay. Let's turn now to -- you're aware that GSK
- 5 | submitted what's called a briefing document along with this
- 6 submission, if you turn to Page 811?
- 7 **A**. Yes.
- 8 | Q. That is the --
- 9 A. I'm sorry. 811 is what you want me to turn to?
- 10 Q. Yes. PAR811, I'm sorry --
- 11 A. Okay.
- 12 | Q. -- in the lower right corner.
- 13 **A**. Yep.
- 14 Q. Okay. Can we blow that up?
- 15 That's the first page of the briefing document
- 16 | correct?
- 17 **A**. Yes.
- 18  $\parallel$  Q. And it's titled, "Paroxetine adult suicidality analysis:
- 19 Major depressive disorder and non-major depressive disorder"?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 | Q. Look, if you will, at the clinical summary section which
- 22 | is on Page 6, Page 6 of this document, which corresponds with
- 23 | PAR9816. Do you see that?
- 24 | A. I do, yes.
- 25 | Q. Okay. The first bullet point under "Clinical summary,"

- 1 | this is under "Major depressive disorder," correct?
- 2 A. Correct.
- $3 \mid Q$ . And it says, "On the primary end point of definitive
- 4 | suicidal behavior or ideation, there was no statistically
- 5 | significant difference between adults with MDD treated with
- 6 paroxetine compared to placebo, correct?
- 7 | A. Well, I just repeat, first of all, there's no good grounds
- 8 for saying this is the primary end point and, secondly, no
- 9 statistically significant end stage, as the jury should be
- 10 | able to guess at this state, is not important to me, and the
- 11 | third thing I would throw in is that this is not necessarily
- 12 all of GSK's trials.
- 13 Q. GSK's analysis, just like the FDA, did have a primary end
- 14 | point, though, correct?
- 15  $\mid$  A. This is an arbitrary thing, and it could have been the
- 16 other way around. They could have decided to put suicidal
- 17 behavior as the primary end point.
- 18 Q. But what -- the primary end point was suicides, suicide
- 19 ■ attempts, and suicidal ideation?
- 20 A. Yes, but there's no good grounds for that. If I'm trying
- 21 | to persuade the jury to accept, you know, my view about a
- 22 particular thing, it will be useful for me to provide criteria
- 23 | for why I'm picking one option rather than the other rather
- 24 | than to have an arbitrary decision. This is an arbitrary
- 25 decision.

- 1  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Was it an arbitrary decision by the FDA to pick the end
- 2 point that they picked?
- 3 A. Yes, I think it was. It may have just been following the
- 4 | lead they got from companies which FDA has often done but
- 5 without -- they haven't provided good criteria for saying this
- 6 should be the primary end point rather than that.
- 7 | Q. But suicides, suicide attempts and suicidal ideation,
- 8 | that's all suicide-related events, is it not?
- 9 A. Yes, but I think it's designed to hide the problem, as
- 10 I've indicated earlier. Completed suicides and suicidal
- 11 | behavior are much firmer end points.
- 12 Q. On --
- 13 THE COURT: Excuse me, Doctor. Is it your
- 14 understanding that the data related only to behavior -- or
- 15 | ideation and not to actual suicide?
- 16 THE WITNESS: Well, no. Your Honor, in the case of a
- 17 person who commits suicide, there will be a suicidal act
- 18 | that's lethal --
- 19 THE COURT: Right.
- 20 THE WITNESS: -- and there would be suicidal ideation
- 21 beforehand.
- 22 THE COURT: But what does this include?
- 23 THE WITNESS: Well, this includes ideation plus acts
- 24 plus completed suicides, but as I've spent some time trying to
- 25 | explain on Thursday, acts and completed suicides are a much

- 1 | firmer end point than ideation. And there's much more
- 2 | ideation. So when you throw ideation in, it's rather like
- 3 | adding Study 057 into the MDD studies, which is one of the
- 4 maneuvers GSK adopted.
- 5 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, I move to strike that. We
- 6 didn't -- we never talked about 057.
- 7 THE COURT: Yes. That will go out.
- 8 MR. BAYMAN: Thank you.
- 9 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 10 Q. And on this primary end point, in MDD patients, GSK
- 11 reported no statistically significant difference between
- 12 paroxetine and placebo patients, correct?
- 13 A. As I've indicated, GSK did say it was not statistically
- 14 significant. And if they're pleased with that, I'm happy for
- 15 | them, but I wouldn't have used those terms.
- 16 | Q. The confidence interval goes below 1, does it not?
- 17 **| A**. It does.
- 18  $\mathbb{Q}$ . And then in the next bullet under the -- looking there,
- 19 | the next bullet down below, it identifies the outcome you told
- 20 | the jury about, which was an odds ratio for suicide attempts,
- 21 | correct?
- 22 A. Correct, yes.
- 23  $\parallel$  Q. That -- and that's the 6.7 that the jury has heard about?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. That 6.7 didn't include suicidal thoughts, correct?

- 1 A. That's correct -- well, it would have included some
- 2 | suicidal ideation. There's very few suicide attempts that
- 3 won't be accompanied by suicidal ideation, also. There's
- 4 many, many, many suicidal ideations, four or five times the
- 5 | number of ideations that don't go on to attempts as there are
- 6 attempts with ideation.
  - **Q.** Suicidal ideation led to an attempt, correct?
- 8 A. In these instances, correct.
- 9 | Q. Okay. GSK in that same section wrote, "However, as the
- 10 | absolute number and incidence of events are very small, and
- 11 | it gives the numbers for paroxetine, 11/3455, .32 percent,
- 12 | versus 1/978, .05 percent for placebo, odds ratio equals 6.7,
- 13 | 95 percent confidence interval, 1.1, 149.4, p equals .058,
- 14 these data should be interpreted with caution. Is that what
- 15 | it says?

- 16 A. That's what it says. Lots of people struggle over the
- 17 difference between confidence interval and the p value here,
- 18 but leaving that aside, I'd agree with GSK that these data
- 19 | should be interpreted with caution primarily because these
- 20 | trials were not designed to look at the problem. And if the
- 21 | trials had been designed to look at the problem, the
- 22 confidence interval would have been much, much tighter and the
- 23 | odds ratio might have been a lot larger.
- 24 | Q. Let's look at the patients in the trials involving the
- 25 conditions other than MDD which starts on the bottom of Page

- 1  $\mid$  7, the next page. Do you see -- are you there?
- 2 A. I do, yes.
- 3 Q. I want to ask you about the relative size of the groups.
- 4 | We saw that the MDD-only group was a population of --
- 5 **| A**. 3,000, roughly.
- 6  $\mathbb{Q}$ . -- 3,455 on paroxetine and 1978 on placebo?
- 7 **A**. Yes.
- 8 Q. Does that sound right?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10  $\mathbb{Q}$ . But on the trials involving conditions other than MDD,
- 11 | there were a total of 8,958 paroxetine patients and 5,953
- 12 placebo patients in the data set, correct?
- 13 A. I'm not exactly --
- 14 | Q. I'll pull that up.
- 15 A. I think the entire data set was that, so I think you have
- 16  $\mid$  to subtract the 3,4, or whatever from the 8,5.
- 17 | Q. Well --
- 18 A. I could be wrong.
- 19 Q. -- that's right. You're right. So if we subtract the MDD
- 20 | from the total --
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. -- the 8958, we know that there were 5,503 paroxetine
- 23 | patients?
- 24 A. Possibly.
- 25 Q. And 39 -- 3,975 placebo patients in the non-MDD trials.

- 1 **| A**. Uh-huh.
- 2 Q. So that's about 2,000 more paroxetine patients and about
- 3 2,000 more placebo patients than were in the MDD data set,
- 4 | correct?
- 5 A. Sure, but as I've indicated to you before, this doesn't
- 6  $\parallel$  make the finding more robust. It points to the fact that
- 7 | these were even less well-designed trials.
- 8 Q. And you've made that clear this morning. And then GSK
- 9 presented the results for the non-MDD conditions on Page 8, if
- 10 | you'll turn to that.
- 11 MR. BAYMAN: Can you blow that up, please?
- 12 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 13  $\mathbf{Q}$ . The first set of the results that are up there on the
- 14 screen is for the primary end point of all suicidal ideation
- 15 | and behavior, correct?
- 16 A. Correct, yes.
- 17 | Q. And then GSK wrote:
- 18 "In placebo-controlled clinical trials in psychiatric
- disorders other than MDD, there was no evidence of an
- 20 increased risk of suicidal behavior or ideation, primary
- 21 end point, in patients treated with paroxetine."
- 22 A. And just below it, they show an odds ratio for behavior
- 23 alone without ideation, but the odds ratio is greater in
- 24 non-depression than for depression, 1.5 versus 1.2.
- 25 Q. My question was: GSK found there was no evidence in

- 1 psychiatric disorders other than MDD, there was no evidence of
- 2 ■ an increased risk of suicidal behavior ideation which is the
- 3 primary end point in patients treated with paroxetine,
- 4 | correct?
- 5 A. GSK found an increased odds ratio compared with -- for
- 6 non-depressed indications versus depressed indications.
- 7 | Q. Well, let's look at the specific results. For all
- 8 | indications which includes MDD, the odds ratio is .9, correct?
- 9 A. And I'm looking at the one below, 1.2, which I've
- 10 | indicated the behavior is much more robust than ideation and
- 11 | behavior.
- 12 Q. Stick with me on this one.
- 13 A. I hope the jury is looking at both.
- 14 | Q. The confidence interval is .7 to 1.3, again, that's
- 15 | narrow, correct?
- 16 ▮ A. That's relatively narrow, but in the case of trials that
- 17 ■ are not designed to look at the problem, it's relatively
- 18 | meaningless, also.
- 19  $\mathbf{Q}$ . And it's -- that finding is not statistically significant,
- 20 | correct?
- 21 A. In trials that are not designed to look at the problem, I
- 22 | think you will never hear me say the findings are
- 23 | statistically significant or not.
- 24 Q. For all depression which includes MDD, the odds ratio is a
- 25 I non-significant 1.1?

- 1 | A. That's correct. For behavior, it's a little higher.
- 2 Q. And for non-depression which excludes MDD, the odds ratio
- 3 | is .7?
- 4 | A. And for non-depression behavior, it's double that.
- $5 \mid Q$ . The .7 odds ratio that includes all trials for anxiety
- 6 disorders and other illnesses excludes MDD, correct?
- 7 **A**. Yes.
- 8 Q. And we saw that in these trials, that's 2,000 more
- 9 patients in paroxetine and placebo than in the MDD group,
- 10 | correct?
- 11 A. Yes, but it doesn't make the finding more robust just
- 12 | because it's 2,000 more patients. And when we stick with the
- 13 more robust end point of behavior as I say, the odds ratio --
- 14 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, I move to strike that. That
- 15 | was not my question.
- 16 THE COURT: Well, you know, it's pretty complicated,
- 17 | so I'm going to let him explain his answer.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Yes, I think from my point of view that
- 19 the jury will have guessed that the more informative piece is
- 20 | the lower half of the page there.
- 21 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 22 | Q. But you didn't show the jury any of this data on Thursday,
- 23 | did you?
- 24 A. I think the jury had probably a lot of me. I'm not sure
- 25 | they could have put up with hours and hours more of me. I

- 1 would have been happy to keep talking for hours and shown the
- 2 | jury a lot more material.
- $3 \mid Q$ . You showed the jury the secondary end point but not the
- 4 | primary end point?
- 5 A. But there's no basis -- if you are able to offer the jury
- 6 a good reason for saying one is primary and the other is
- 7 | secondary, that's fine, we could argue about that and the jury
- 8 could make up their own mind. I'm saying to the jury that the
- 9 choice is arbitrary, and you haven't argued with me about that
- 10 | one.
- 11 | Q. We'll have witnesses who will do that, Doctor.
- 12 **A**. Okay.
- 13 Q. GSK also reported the results for the secondary end point,
- 14 | but you want to talk about suicidal behavior --
- 15 A. Let's just call it behavior.
- 16 | Q. -- which include suicides and suicide attempts, right?
- 17 **A**. Yes.
- 18  $\mathbf{Q}$ . Okay. Let's pull that up, right there. And GSK again, as
- 19 with the primary end point, there was no statistically
- 20 significant increased risk on either the all indications group
- 21 or the all depression group or the all non-depression group,
- 22 | right?
- 23 A. You will never hear me talk about statistical significance
- 24 about trials that are not designed to look at the end point in
- 25 | question.

- 1 | Q. And you didn't show the jury this data either, correct?
- 2 A. No, I didn't show the jury this data either, but it was
- 3 implicit in some of the earlier data that they were shown.
- 4 | Table 16, if they look at the odds ratio for overall behavior
- 5 | and for any of the jurors that are up with data and
- 6 statistics, which gave an overall odds ratio for MDD and
- 7 | non-depression studies of 2.76 with a confidence interval that
- 8 was relatively tight, the jurors would have been able to work
- 9 │ out that that was a significant problem from the
- 10 I non-depression trials, also.
- 11 | Q. And the jury will make up its own mind, Doctor. On direct
- 12 | examination, you talked about mechanisms by which you believe
- 13 | that paroxetine causes suicide. Isn't it true, you haven't
- 14 | identified any biological mechanism that would cause you to
- 15 believe that any antidepressants in general or Paxil in
- 16 | particular increases the risks of suicidal behavior in MDD
- 17 patients but not in patients taking it for other indications?
- 18 A. Let me be absolutely clear what you're asking me. You're
- 19 asking me, is there a difference between the suicides that
- 20 | happen in people who are depressed versus the -- who are also
- 21 | taking Paxil versus the suicides happening in people who are
- 22 | anxious who may be taking Paxil? Is that what you're asking?
- 23 | Q. No, no. I'm saying that you've not identified a
- 24 | biological mechanism that would cause you to believe that
- 25 | antidepressants in general or Paxil in particular increase the

1 | risk of suicidal behavior in MDD but not in patients taking it 2 | for some other indication?

A. Let me be absolutely clear here. I'm saying the risk comes from the drug. It's a bit like alcohol. I would expect alcohol to make some people who are depressed become suicidal and perhaps try to harm themselves and people who aren't depressed become suicidal and try to harm themselves.

Paxil behaves the same way. There's nothing particular about its action when we are talking about people who are depressed, who for the most part people getting Paxil would have been labeled as being anxious 20, 30 years ago but they're not melancholic, for instance.

- Q. But there's no mechanism that -- there's no biological mechanism for why Paxil would increase suicidality in MDD patients but not increase it in a patient with some other anxiety disorder, correct?
- A. No, I would expect Paxil to be a risk for particular people -- as I've indicated before, we've all got different serotonin systems. We can still become anxious or become depressed or whatever. It's the nature of our individual serotonin systems that seems to shape the risk. Some people are at risk.

There's some depress -- some of us when we're depressed can take Paxil without great risk. Some of us who are anxious can take Paxil without great risk. Some of us who

- 1 | have got a different serotonin system are at risk whether
- 2 anxious or depressed or have BMDD. Actually, the highest
- 3 rates, it seems, at which people become suicidal taking SSRIs
- 4 ∥ who have PMDD, and I'm not sure whether there's a biological
- 5 reason for that.
- $6 \parallel Q$ . But you would expect that the propensity for the drug to
- 7 cause problems will be found in anyone --
- 8 A. Not anyone --
- 9 | Q. -- healthy --
- 10 A. Not anyone, not anyone, no, no. Some of us are at risk
- 11 from these drugs. Some of us are at more risk than others
- 12 | from these drugs.
- 13 | Q. But you can't identify a biological mechanism why certain
- 14 people would be more at risk -- certain major depressed
- 15 patients would be more at risk than someone taking it for
- 16 social anxiety, for example?
- 17 A. No, but I've kept saying to you that I think it's the
- 18 nature of our serotonin systems. I can identify -- well, I
- 19 think we're very close to being able to identify some people
- 20 who are at risk of going on to commit suicide when they take
- 21 an SSRI because there are people who seem to have a different
- 22 serotonin system to rest with so that when they take an SSRI,
- 23 they become alcoholic, and that greatly increases their risk.
- 24 Q. But you haven't identified a mechanism, not even
- 25 akathisia, that would cause suicide in patients with MDD but

- 1 | not in OCD or GAD, correct?
- 2 A. No -- well -- sure, sure. I think there's -- I mean,
- 3 | just -- I'm happy to keep talking about this, but I'm not
- 4 | quite sure where you're going --
- 5 THE COURT: Doctor, slow down. You went in two
- 6 different directions at once there.
  - THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I'm happy to keep talking about this. For instance, in our personalities, people with OCD when they become agitated in this way seem more likely from GSK's clinical trial data to become violent rather than to become suicidal. So there definitely are differences there.
- And the people who should have been exploring these differences for all of our sakes are a company like GSK who have been making so much money out of this drug.
- MR. BAYMAN: I move to strike that, your Honor.
- 16 THE COURT: That may go out.
- 17 MR. BAYMAN: That's inflammatory.
- 18 THE COURT: The jury will disregard it.
- 19 ∥ BY MR. BAYMAN:

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- 20 Q. Back to my question, which was, you haven't identified any
- 21 mechanism that would cause suicide in patients with MDD but
- 22 | not in OCD or GAD?
- 23 THE COURT: What is OCD again, Doctor?
- 24 | THE WITNESS: That's obsessive-compulsive disorder,
- 25 | your Honor.

- 1 ∥ BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 2 | Q. And GAD is generalized anxiety disorder.
- 3 A. Correct, yes. No, I've indicated all the way through that
- 4 | it's not a function of the disorder. It's a function of the
- 5 serotonin systems that all of us have. Some of us are at
- 6 risk. Whether we superficially get GAD or major depressive
- 7 disorder or whatever, it's not the condition that determines
- 8 our risk. It's the nature of our biology before we have the
- 9 condition that determines the risk.
- 10 Q. Okay. And you -- when you discussed the 2006 analysis,
- 11 | the only -- with the jury last week, the only finding you
- 12 | pointed out was the finding in patients taking paroxetine for
- 13 | major depressive disorder, correct?
- 14 lacksquare A. No. I think the findings I pointed out included the, all
- 15  $\parallel$  indications other than the IBD ones. That was the 2.76
- 16 | figure. That wasn't just confined to major depressive disorder.
- 17 | Q. You didn't point out to the jury that in every other
- 18 I indication whether it's SAD or OCD, PMDD which we've talked
- 19 ▮ about, there was no statistically significant increased risk
- 20 of suicidality, did you?
- 21 A. Well, there was an increased risk, and again -- you're
- 22 | just not going to get me saying "statistically significant."
- 23 | There's an increased risk for most conditions you mentioned
- 24 except panic disorder. PMDD had a greatly increased risk.
- 25 Q. Okay. Doctor, you also -- you talked about some -- you

- 1 | told the jury that we need to take all the data into account,
- 2 | correct?
- 3 A. Yes, and that's still my position.
- 4 | Q. And look at every -- we should look at every kind of data.
- 5 And you presented some articles, do you recall that? One is
- 6 yours, it's what we call the Healy Fergusson article?
- 7 **A**. Yes.
- MR. BAYMAN: And that's in evidence, your Honor. It was published to the jury. It's Plaintiff's Exhibit 165, Tab
- 10 | 22.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 12 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 13 Q. I don't intend to go into depth. I just want to kind of
- 14 | briefly review these. You're an author on that paper, right?
- 15 **| A**. I am, yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. And this study doesn't have any results that are
- 17 | specific to paroxetine, correct?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. You looked at all the SSRIs lumped together, correct?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. You talked to Mr. Wisner about the results for suicide
- 22 | attempts, but I want to ask you about the results for
- 23 completed suicides because this is a completed suicide case.
- 24 | 0kay?
- 25 A. Okay.

- 1 Q. Look at Page 397, which I think is probably the fourth
- 2 page in your collection. I think it says at the bottom "Page
- 3 | 4 of 7," Doctor.
- 4 A. Yes, it does.
- 5 | Q. You got it?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 THE COURT: Excuse me. You're not on Exhibit 165?
- 8 MR. BAYMAN: I am on -- yes, your Honor, on
- 9 Plaintiff's Exhibit 165 which Dr. Healy presented to the jury
- 10 | last week.
- 11 THE COURT: Yes. What page?
- 12 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, if you look at the lower
- 13 | left corner, it will say "Page 4 of 7."
- 14 THE COURT: Yes. Okay.
- 15 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 16 | Q. Are you with me, Doctor?
- 17 **| A**. I am, yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. It says in the right-hand column, the end of the
- 19 | first paragraph, "In comparing fatal suicide attempts, we did
- 20 | not detect any differences between SSRI and placebo." And
- 21 | then you give some numbers, correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 | Q. A fatal suicide attempt is a completed suicide?
- 24 A. Completed suicide, correct.
- 25 Q. And the odds ratio is less than 1, correct?

- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 | Q. So for all of the SSRIs combined including paroxetine, you
- 3 didn't detect any difference in the rate of completed
- 4 | suicides, correct?
- 5 A. Well, let's be clear. This is on the basis of published
- 6 | articles. It's not access to the data. And for the most
- 7 | part, these articles will have been ghost written, and it was
- 8 difficult to get access to the data from many of the authors.
- 9 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, I move to strike this.
- 10 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 11 Q. This is your own article.
- 12 A. Oh, yes. No, right, but this is based -- this is looking
- 13 | at the publications that are out there. We don't have access
- 14 | to the data. We've got access to publications and what the
- 15 publications say the figures are. And in a number of cases,
- 16 ∥ when the publications haven't mentioned figures, we make it
- 17 | clear that we contacted the authors to try and get the figures
- 18 | but haven't always been successful.
- 19 | Q. On Page 398 which is Page 5 of 7 --
- 20 **| A**. Yes.
- 21 | Q. -- if you look in the second column under "Possible
- 22 explanations for our findings."
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 | Q. You and your colleagues wrote:
- 25 "Estimates for patients with major depression favored

1 a decrease in suicide with SSRIs whereas patients with

2 depression and other clinical indications may have as

3 much as an eight-fold increase in the rates of suicide,

4 thus resulting in an overall null effect."

Did I read that correctly?

- 6 | A. Yes, you did.
- 7  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Okay. So in this study -- and you told the jury this was
- 8 about the same size as the FDA study, correct?
- 9 ∥A. Yes.

- 10 Q. You found that for patients with major depression, there
- 11 was a decrease in suicide in patients taking SSRIs compared to
- 12 patients taking placebo, correct?
- 13 A. We -- yes.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 | Q. And you didn't tell the jury about that finding last week,
- 17 | did you?
- 18 A. I didn't conceal it from the jury. We've indicated that
- 19 overall when we take everything into account, we believe
- 20 there's a risk from SSRIs for people becoming suicide -- well,
- 21 going on to suicidal behavior.
- 22 | Q. You agree with me, Doctor, that the FDA specifically knew
- 23 of and reviewed this article prior to announcing its findings
- 24 of the 2006 adult suicidality analysis of the 11
- 25 antidepressants, correct?

- 1 A. That's correct. They both refer to that when they
- 2 | introduce the Stone and Jones article and refer to some
- 3 comparability between their figures and ours later at the end.
- 4 | Q. And, in fact, the FDA commented on your study, did it not?
- 5 A. Yes, it probably did.
- 6 | Q. You're familiar with the memorandum from Dr. Laughren
- 7 | that it -- to the members of the advisory committee?
- 8 A. Sure. This is Dr. Laughren's view, yes.
- 9 | Q. Dr. Laughren of the FDA?
- 10 A. Dr. Laughren of FDA. There's probably a lot of other
- 11 people like David Gray at FDA who would have had a very
- 12 different view.
- 13 Q. The -- he wrote a memorandum to the members of the --
- 14 what's an advisory committee?
- 15 A. It's where there's an issue -- when a drug is going to be
- 16 approved, for instance, FDA will convene an advisory committee
- 17 of experts to look at the data that's the basis for the
- 18 approval of the drug. They don't always pay heed to what the
- 19 experts say. The experts may say, "You shouldn't approve this
- 20 drug," and FDA may go ahead and approve it, for instance.
- 21 | Q. And your -- Dr. Laughren then prepared a memorandum for
- 22 the memo -- for the members of the committee --
- 23 A. He did, yes.
- 24 Q. -- the advisory committee as part of his work in
- 25 investigating whether there was any link between SSRIs and

- 1 | suicide in adults, correct?
- 2 A. He prepared a memorandum to open the day, yes. And he
- 3 | gave a talk to open the day.
- 4 | Q. And you were there?
- 5 A. I was there.

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- MR. BAYMAN: Yes. Okay. Your Honor, I would at this
  point move for admission of Defendant's Exhibit 435, the
  memorandum for the FDA advisory committee.
  - MR. WISNER: Your Honor, objection, hearsay, to the extent that the exhibit itself is being offered for the truth of the matter. I don't believe any foundation has been laid that he relied upon any of those statements in forming his opinion, and so it doesn't constitute expert testimony either.
  - MR. BAYMAN: I think, your Honor, it -- again, it is part of the FDA's investigation which is a specific exception to the hearsay rule.
    - THE COURT: Well, he was present.
- 18 MR. BAYMAN: He was present, yes.
  - THE COURT: He heard the speech, and he can tell us what he thinks about it after you've called it to his attention.
- 22 MR. BAYMAN: Thank you, your Honor.
- 23 THE COURT: Thank you.
- MR. BAYMAN: Go ahead and -- I just want to call to your attention --

- Healy cross by Bayman 812 1 THE COURT: Where are we now? What exhibit are we? 2 MR. BAYMAN: We're at Exhibit 435, your Honor. Ι 3 moved it into admission. THE WITNESS: Where would I find it in the binder? 4 THE COURT: What tab is it? 5 MR. BAYMAN: 23, Tab 23. 6 7 THE COURT: I have it. Thank you. 8 MR. BAYMAN: Are you there? 9 THE WITNESS: I am, yes. 10 MR. BAYMAN: They, if you look in -- let's go to Page 11 4, and highlight, Roger, with Fergusson. BY MR. BAYMAN: 12 Q. Fergusson, that's your paper, right? A. Yes, it is, yes. 15
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- You see that the FDA stated in that paragraph in the last 16 sentence, "There were serious limitations to this review, most 17 important being a lack of any information on adverse events 18 for 58 percent of the patients eligible for the analysis."

19 Did I read that correctly?

- 20 Correct, you did. Α.
- 21 Okay. And you didn't mention that the FDA said there were 22 serious limitations to your study when you talked about it
- 23 last week, did you?
- 24 A. Oh, I'm happy -- I mean, any study in this area and ours
- 25 and FDA -- I mean, I indicated, I've indicated serious

- 1 | limitations to the jury just a few minutes ago. We were
- 2 | relying on published papers.
- 3 | Q. I --
- 4 | A. In the same way, FDA has serious limitations to their
- 5 study. Everyone has.
- 6 MR. BAYMAN: I move to strike that, your Honor. My
- 7 | question was, "You didn't tell the jury that?"
- 8 MR. WISNER: Objection, your Honor.
- 9 THE COURT: It may stand. Proceed.
- 10 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 11 | Q. And then if we go back, can we go back now to your
- 12 paper --
- 13 **A**. We can.
- 14 | Q. -- with Fergusson. Do you have that handy?
- 15 A. I have, yes.
- 16 MR. BAYMAN: And that's Plaintiff's Exhibit 165, your
- 17 | Honor.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Tab 22, your Honor, just the previous
- 19 | tab.
- 20 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 21 | Q. Are you with me, Doctor?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 | Q. Okay. I want to show you the box on Page 7 that you
- 24 | showed the jury last week.
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Do you remember?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 | Q. Okay. And it says, "What is already known on this topic,"
- 4 | and it says, "divergent studies exist on whether SSRIs are
- 5 associated with an increase in suicidal events."
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 **A**. Yes.
- 8 | Q. And I read that correctly?
- 9 A. You did, yes.
- 10 Q. Divergent means they show opposite results, correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 | Q. So you agree that not -- that there are studies that show
- 13 that SSRIs are not associated with an increased risk in
- 14 | suicidal behavior?
- 15  $\mid$  A. GSK has authored lots of them, yes.
- 16 | Q. And you said, I think, last week, people are on different
- 17 | sides of this debate, correct?
- 18  $\blacksquare$  A. GSK has been on the opposite side to me, definitely.
- 19 | Q. And but you did not show the jury any of these divergent
- 20 | studies that show no increased risk, correct?
- 21 A. I think some of them have come up. The Dunner and Dunbar,
- 22 the Montgomery and Dunbar. Certainly, studies like this, I've
- 23 | been more than happy -- they represented in article form the
- 24 data that GSK submitted to FDA complete with placebo run-ins
- 25 without any asterisks.

- 1 \ Q. They don't conclude that SSRIs cause suicidality?
- $2 \mid A$ . Exactly, they don't. They hide the problem and I think in
- 3 | ways that are very unfortunate.
- 4 | Q. But you agree with me that there are studies that show
- 5 SSRIs are not associated with an increased risk of
- 6 suicidality?
- 7 A. I think there's very few that show that they're not
- 8 associated with an increased risk but having trying to hide
- 9 the problems. The ones that have been more genuine at least
- 10 | that haven't been trying to hide the problems show an
- 11 increased risk.
- 12 You may say that the risk is not statistically
- 13 | significant, but there is a consistent increase in risk that
- 14 most of these studies point to.
- 15 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, I'm getting ready to turn to
- 16 something else. Do you want me --
- 17 THE COURT: Do you want to take a break?
- MR. BAYMAN: Yes. I just thought it might be a good
- 19 time to take a break.
- 20 THE COURT: All right. We'll take a break. Ladies
- 21 and gentlemen, we'll take 10 to 15. Let's see how close we
- 22 | can come to 10.
- 23 (Recess from 2:58 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.)

1 (Change of reporters, Volume 4-C.) 2 3 (Jury enters courtroom.) THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much, ladies 4 5 and gentlemen. Please be seated and we'll resume. 6 You may proceed, sir. 7 MR. BAYMAN: Thank you, your Honor. BY MR. BAYMAN: 8 9 Dr. Healy, I realized there's something I wanted to ask 10 you and failed to ask you about your article with Fergusson, 11 Tab 22. Could you pull that back up? 12 Α. Yes, I'm there, yeah. 13 And specifically, it's page 4 of 7. Q. MR. BAYMAN: And, your Honor, that's, for the 14 15 record, Plaintiff's Exhibit 165 again. 16 THE COURT: Yes. 17 MR. BAYMAN: Thank you. 18 BY MR. BAYMAN: 19 Q. You're with me? 20 A. Yes, um-hum. 21 Okay. Look, if you would, in -- below the table in the 22 second column, the last full paragraph on the right. 23 MR. BAYMAN: Roger, why don't you blow that up. Got 24 it? 25 BY MR. BAYMAN:

- 1 | Q. Your article states that, "We found a significant increase
- 2 in the odds of suicide attempts (odds ratio 2.28, 1.14 to
- 3 | 4.55, number needed to treat to harm 684, P 0.02) for patients
- 4 | receiving SSRIs compared to placebo."
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 | Q. So, you do use statistical significance, correct?
- 7 | A. Well, it says significant rather than statistical
- 8 significance, but I agree there's a P value there. My
- 9 coauthors used it in this case. I wouldn't have used it.
- 10 **Q**. But your --
- 11 THE COURT: What wouldn't you have used? The P?
- 12 THE WITNESS: I wouldn't have used the P value, your
- 13 | Honor.
- 14 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 15 | Q. But your name is on the paper, right?
- 16 | A. It is, yes.
- 17 | Q. And you had the opportunity to make edits?
- 18 A. Yes. And editors like Kenneth Rothman from Harvard, the
- 19 professor of epidemiology in Harvard, has said for his
- 20 | journal, he doesn't want anyone to use P values, but he
- 21 recognizes that some other journal editors feel more
- 22  $\parallel$  comfortable with them. And it just so happens that the BMJ at
- 23 | this point in time was one of those journals.
- 24 | Q. You would agree with me that an odds ratio of 0.95 is not
- 25 positive evidence of an association, correct, Doctor?

- 1 | A. That's right. I would agree with you on that.
- 2 Just repeating on the BMJ, my recent article in the
- 3 | BMJ doesn't use statistical significance; and that's one
- 4 where, as one of the senior authors, I tried to ensure that it
- 5 | didn't get used.
- 6 | Q. Okay. I'd like you to turn back, based on my previous
- 7 | question, to Joint Exhibit 13.
- 8 A. At which tab?
- $9 \mid Q$ . D -- it is 11-D, and specifically call your attention to
- 10 | Joint Exhibit --
- 11 **A**. 13 --
- 12 Q. It's 13-024, Table 15 that we've seen before.
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. So, you would -- based on your last answer, you would also
- 15 agree that an odds ratio of 0.93 is not positive evidence of
- 16 ∥ an association, correct?
- 17 A. Yes, I would agree with you on that, but that doesn't mean
- 18 that there isn't one. In this case, as I've indicated to you,
- 19 many of these -- these trials were not designed to explore
- 20 | ideation and to detect it reliably. So, the fact that the
- 21 | odds ratio doesn't indicate that there was ideation on the
- 22 drug versus placebo doesn't really mean a heck of a lot.
- 23 | Q. But it's not positive evidence of an association, correct?
- 24 | A. That's correct. I agree with that.
- 25 | Q. Thank you.

- 1 Now, we talked about -- you talked about in your
- 2 direct examination last week about some other papers. I'm not
- 3 going to get into those in any detail; but one of those that
- 4 you mentioned was the Juurlink study involving patients 66 and
- 5 | older, correct?
- 6 A. Correct, yes.
- 7 Q. And the FDA also knew about the Juurlink article and
- 8 specifically discussed it in its November 16th, 2006,
- 9 memorandum that we saw right before we took a break, correct?
- 10 **A.** They certainly mention it, yes.
- 12 A. They were aware of it, yes.
- 13 Q. Now, there was some discussion on Friday, a little bit
- 14 | this morning --
- 15 **A**. Thursday.
- 16 | Q. I'm sorry. Thursday. Thank you. A little bit this
- 17 | morning about you said that you had access to one clinical --
- 18 paroxetine or Paxil clinical trial for which you reviewed the
- 19 ∥ raw data.
- 20 **| A**. Yes.
- 21 | Q. Without getting into that, into the specifics, isn't it
- 22 | true that that clinical trial for which you reviewed the raw
- 23 | data was not a clinical trial involving Paxil in adult
- 24 | patients, correct?
- 25 A. That's correct.

- 1  $\blacksquare$  Q. Thank you. Now, you would agree with me, Doctor, that it
- 2 can be extraordinarily difficult to determine if a person has
- 3 | akathisia, correct?
- 4 A. When you say, "You would agree with me," I'm usually
- 5 | primed not to agree with you; but, no, it can be very, very
- 6 obvious that a person has akathisia, particularly if you're
- 7 | not unduly suspicious of the kinds of things that people tell
- 8 you, if you take at face value what they say.
- 9 Then if they say to you, "Look, I'm having thoughts I
- 10 didn't have two or three days before when I began this pill,"
- 11 I then it can be very easy to decide that the person has
- 12 | akathisia.
- 13 | Q. Doctor, turn, if you would, in your deposition notebook to
- 14 | Tab I, and I would ask you to turn in that deposition to
- 15 | page 115, lines 1 through 8.
- 16 THE COURT: 115, did you say, sir?
- 17 MR. BAYMAN: Yes, your Honor.
- 18 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 19 | Q. Are you there?
- 20 **A**. I am.
- 21 | Q. You were asked, "How do you determine if a person has
- 22 | akathisia?"
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 | Q. And your answer was, "It can be extraordinarily difficult
- 25 to do so. Akathisia is an unfortunate word. It would have

- 1 probably been better had the field never adopted it. It's a
- 2 | largely internal state; and like pain, you can never be sure
- 3 ∥ how much pain the person is in, you can never be sure how much
- 4 | akathisia they have. It refers to a state of mental turmoil
- 5 and agitation, and it's one of those things where you're
- 6 ∥ asking me, 'Well, how agitated is this person,' and it can be
- 7 | very difficult to say."
- 9 | A. You did, and it is consistent with what I've just told you
- 10 before. For instance, when I told you about our healthy
- 11 | volunteer who didn't tell us about the state that she was in
- 12 because she was concerned that we might lock her up in
- 13 | hospital, they're the kinds of things that can make it
- 14 extraordinarily difficult. But in the ordinary course of
- 15 | events, it's not terribly difficult.
- 16 | Q. There's a great deal of overlap between agitation and
- 17 | akathisia, such that you've previously said the two things can
- 18 be virtually the same, correct?
- 19 A. Well, they can be coded the same way, and they can
- 20 certainly look the same from the outside. One of the key ways
- 21 to determine the difference is to know whether the person was
- 22 | in the state before they went on treatment and to ask them,
- 23 | "Is this different to the agitation you've had before?"
- 24 | Q. Look, if you would, at Tab D in your notebook.
- 25 A. Yep.

- 1  $\blacksquare$  Q. And I would direct you to page 410 of the transcript and
- 2 ask you to look at lines 8 through 13. Are you with me?
- 3 **| A**. I am, yes.
- 4 | Q. You were asked, "Now, you've testified in the past that
- 5 | akathisia can be very difficult to tease apart from agitation,
- 6 | true?"
- 7 **A**. Yes.
- 8 Q. Your answer was, "The two things can be virtually the
- 9 same, and you could reasonably use both words to describe the
- 10 same thing."
- 11 Did I read that correctly?
- 12 A. You did, yes.
- 13 Q. Thank you.
- 14  $\blacksquare$  A. This was in response to an answer that I said before, that
- 15 ■ the great misfortune in this area is we've had this problem
- 16 | for 50-odd years, and no companies or others have seen fit to
- 17 | try to explore the issue and make it easier for doctors and
- 18 patients to distinguish a treatment-induced problem from a
- 19 | non-treatment-induced problem.
- 20 | Q. We'll get to that, Doctor.
- 21 You've told the jury last week that akathisia is a
- 22 | term that covers a wide range of effects that different drugs
- 23 | can cause, correct?
- 24 A. No, that's not quite what I said. I said there's a lot of
- 25 different drugs that can cause dysphoria of various sorts,

like there's a bunch of skin drugs recently that come with a black box warning in adults, they can cause adults to commit suicide; and you have to sign a consent form before you can get them that you've been told this.

Now, whether or not that's the same thing as akathisia or not, I'm not sure. There's a dysphoria. And not all drugs are the same.

In the case of the SSRIs, you've got a classic kind of dysphoria that's not quite the same as the kinds of problems that happen on other antidepressants that can also lead to suicide, for instance. That's what I thought I was saying last --

- Q. That's what you meant by saying it covers a wide range of effects that different drugs can have?
  - A. Well, the context that I was saying was that there's a dysphoria that happens. Akathisia is a term that gets restricted to some extent to some of the dysphorias in this area.

And the point I was making more broadly was the point I just made before, which is that we've had these problems for over 50 years, and nobody has had the kind of support needed to try and research them and find out what the difference between the different states is, for instance.

Q. If someone is described as nervous or said, "I feel nervous," that's not necessarily akathisia, is it?

- 1 A. Well, with all of these things, Mr. Bayman, you're looking
- 2  $\parallel$  at a situation -- someone might say something like that to me.
- 3 For me to work out whether this is likely to be akathisia or
- 4 | not would require, ideally, knowing the person beforehand and
- 5 | being able to explore with them the possibility that this is a
- 6 different kind of nervousness to the kinds that they've
- 7 | experienced before.
- 8 | Q. So, you're saying it could be; it might not be, right?
- 9 A. No, I'm not saying it could be or it might not be. No.
- 10 I'm saying that objectivity -- this isn't vague at all. It
- 11 ∥ may sound a little bit vague.
- 12 What I'm saying is that if we're trying to find out
- 13 what's objectively happening, ideally, the best way to do that
- 14 is to have a person come in and say to me what they feel is
- 15 | happening to them, and me with some experience of things that
- 16 may be new to them, I may be able to ask them questions to try
- 17 and tease out whether this is a different kind of state than
- 18 | they've experienced before.
- 19 It's questioning like that that can take quite a
- 20 time. It may not take long, because it may be obvious that
- 21 this should be called akathisia; but it may also take us a
- 22 | little bit of time to work out whether this should be called
- 23 | akathisia or not.
- 24 But objectivity comes from both the patient and me or
- 25 the healthy volunteer and me sharing our experience and

- 1 looking at it in terms of better explaining this from the 2 effects of the drug.
- Q. So, back to the question, which was, if someone says, "I feel nervous," you said that might be akathisia or it might not be akathisia?

A. I'm saying that in a clinical context, I would want to explore these things with a person, and ideally without them being too worried that I'm going to lock them up if they actually say things to me that are happening to them.

You can't just go -- if I was being asked just from a simple transcript, where there was just one question, "Are you nervous," the patient answers, "Yes, I am," I can't say to you that that's akathisia; but if I have a chance to interview the person or if I have a much more detailed transcript of someone else's interview, I may be able to say this looks like akathisia. But the ideal situation would be where it was in conversation with the patient.

- Q. And if someone was described as twitchy, that's not necessarily akathisia that they're experiencing, correct?
- A. Not necessarily, but these are the kinds of words people have applied to it in the past, particularly if this -- let's say you were moving around the place there, as opposed to the fact that you've been here all day reasonably constantly in the one spot. If you were moving across the room a bit more, your colleagues might say, "There's something different about

- 1 | him today. He's looking twitchier, "and it may be that it's
- 2 akathisia in this case.
- 3 Q. Or it may not be?
- 4 A. Or it may not be, sure, of course.
- 5 | Q. And akathisia is a subset of agitation, correct?
- 6 | A. No, not necessarily. Agitation is a term that's sometimes
- 7 | applied to it. Akathisia is more described as a sort of
- 8 dysphoria.
- 9 | Q. Turn, if you would, in your notebook to Tab J, and I'm
- 10 going to refer you to page 296. Look at line 4. Are you
- 11 | there?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 | Q | The question was: "Is agitation something clinically
- 14 distinct from turmoil, or did you use them somewhat
- 15 | synonymously?"
- 16 And your answer was, "Well, clearly, no, I don't.
- 17 | What we said earlier is agitation is a large group, of which
- 18 | akathisia is a subset. Akathisia is a particular kind of
- 19 agitation that's more likely to be characterized by turmoil."
- 20 Did I read that correctly?
- 21 A. Yes, you did. But this is part of a larger conversation
- 22 | we had, and it's a distinctive form of agitation that only
- 23 comes into play once we get the psychotropic drugs. Before
- 24 | that, nobody was agitated to the level of akathisia.
- 25 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, this is way beyond my

question. I'm trying to get this wrapped up, and this continues to go on.

THE COURT: What page of the transcript are you at?

MR. BAYMAN: I was at the transcript at page 296,

your Honor, lines 4 through 10, and I just asked him a

simple -- the question and answer, and then he went well

beyond what the answer was.

MR. WISNER: Your Honor, Mr. Bayman is suggesting that Dr. Healy is somehow contradicting himself, and he's explaining how taking one line out of a several-hundred-page transcript is taking something out of context.

I think he's allowed to explain himself. If Andy Bayman is going to read Dr. Healy's prior testimony, he can explain what the context of that testimony was.

MR. BAYMAN: And, your Honor, I'm just trying to wrap this up, and we're getting long answers that go well beyond what the question and answer were.

THE COURT: All right. Let's proceed.

## BY MR. BAYMAN:

- Q. Akathisia is agitation, but some agitation is not akathisia; would you agree with that?
- A. There's a distinctive form of agitation that comes into play only with the drugs. Before 1955, we didn't have akathisia. People have been agitated for thousands of years prior to that, no hint of akathisia around the place.

- The jury are probably in a better place than I or even you to decide whether it's a good idea to refer to akathisia as agitation or not. I suspect it's not a great idea; and I'm being pushed into a corner here after lots of pages, and I'm saying it's a distinctive form of agitation.
- 6 Q. My question was: Some agitation is not akathisia,
- 7 | correct?
- 8 A. A lot of agitation has nothing to do with akathisia,9 correct.
- 10 Q. And some agitation is akathisia, correct?
- 11 A. And some states that we would refer to as akathisia, some
- 12 people will describe, looking at the person from the outside,
- 13 | that, "They look agitated to me," yes.
- 14 | Q. To your point, some people can be very agitated, but not
- 15 have akathisia, correct?
- 16 A. But the distinctive thing is when you ask patients --
- 17 Q. Just yes or no, Doctor.
- 18 A. If you ask patients --
- THE COURT: All right. Doctor, just answer the last question. I think we'll move on. Read it back, sir.
- 21 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 22 | Q. Some people can be very agitated and not be --
- THE COURT: No, no, the court reporter reads it back.
- 24 MR. BAYMAN: I'm sorry. Excuse me, your Honor.
- 25 (Record read.)

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BY THE WITNESS:
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    A. Some people can be very agitated and not have akathisia,
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    correct.
             THE COURT: Okay. Now go on from there, sir.
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              MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, may we approach at sidebar?
              THE COURT: All right.
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          (Proceedings heard at sidebar:)
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              THE COURT: It does help to move.
             THE WITNESS: Oh, it does. It's the akathisia, your
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    Honor.
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              THE COURT: All right. Proceed, sir.
    BY MR. BAYMAN:
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    Q. You would agree that agitated depression can be very
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- 1 difficult to distinguish from drug-induced agitation?
- 2 A. Yes, I would.
- 3 Q. Can we agree that some people when they get depressed
- 4 | become more anxious, more worked up, and that may show itself
- 5 as being physically restless or unable to relax?
- 6 | A. I think we can agree on that. It was -- melancholia was a
- 7 condition that typically led to a very marked agitation. And
- 8 clearly if you're an anxious depressive, you're going to be
- 9 | anxious. That's just built in to the name of the condition.
- 10 Q. So, some -- but some people with depression become more
- 11 anxious or worked up than they were before?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 | Q. You would agree with me that people who are about to kill
- 14 themselves in the half hour or so beforehand may be anxious?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 | Q. People who are anxious may also pace, correct?
- 17 A. It's not as much associated with just being anxious. Once
- 18 | you begin to pace, people will talk about you being agitated,
- 19 | for the most part.
- 20 | Q. But people can pace and not be akathisic, correct?
- 21 A. Absolutely, yes.
- 22 | Q. And that might be that they're just -- they're just
- 23 | anxious, correct?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 | Q. You would agree that people who are not on any medications

- 1 | but are suffering from a stress reaction can experience
- 2 physical symptoms due to the stress, such as agitation and
- 3 insomnia?
- 4 | A. Yes.
- 5 | Q. And akathisia?
- 6 A. If it's a stress reaction and they aren't on pills, they
- 7 | almost by definition can't have akathisia. They can certainly
- 8 be agitated, and they can certainly be insomniac.
- 9 Q. Now, akathisia is a word -- you said it's been around for
- 10 | a long time, correct?
- 11 A. It was named by a person in Napoleon's court, Louis
- 12 | Napoleon's court, a guy called Trousseau in 1854, but got
- 13 completely dropped and vanished until about 1955, when it got
- 14 applied to drug-induced states.
- 15 Q. So, the word has been around since before SRRIs came on
- 16 the market, correct?
- 17 **A**. Yes.
- 18 | Q. Agitation can occur in patients who are not being treated
- 19 with any medication at all, and that agitation can cause some
- 20 of them to become suicidal, correct?
- 21 A. If they're agitated, they're probably also going to be
- 22 | suicidal, correct. I mean, some people who are agitated will
- 23 | be suicidal.
- 24 | Q. With no medicine at all, correct?
- 25 A. Yes, correct.

- 1  $\parallel$  Q. Significant work-related stress is a risk factor for
- 2 | suicide, correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- $4 \parallel Q$ . And you would agree that a stress reaction all by itself
- 5 with no medicine could drive a person to commit suicide?
- 6 | A. Yes, I think I would agree with that.
- 7 | Q. And, Doctor, it's the person's perception of how severe
- 8 | the stress is, rather than the actual extent of the stress,
- 9 | that may be more important, correct?
- 10 A. It may be, yes.
- 11 | Q. When you talked about akathisia last week, you said one of
- 12 | the key things is letting the person know that this is a risk,
- 13 | correct?
- 14 A. One of the key things, yes, is that the person going on
- 15 treatment knows that the treatment may make them worse, yeah.
- 16  $\mathbf{Q}$ . And you told the jury that a lot of general practitioners
- 17 don't know enough about akathisia to warn their patients,
- 18 | correct?
- 19 A. Well, no. I think -- let's be awfully clear. General
- 20 practitioners can be excellent doctors, better than
- 21 | specialists can. All doctors, to some extent, look at the
- 22 | label of a drug and what they've been told and figure that
- 23 | this is a good insight on the data behind the drug; and, in
- 24 | fact, one of the worrying things is it's not a good insight.
- 25 The label is not a good reflection of what the data shows.

- 1  $\blacksquare$  Q. But you're not claiming that all primary care doctors in
- 2 the United States don't know what akathisia is, are you?
- 3 A. I said quite the opposite. Primary care doctors may be
- 4 better doctors than specialists.
- $5 \mid Q$ . No, but my question was with respect to akathisia.
- 6 | A. Yes, with respect to akathisia, primary care doctors can
- 7 | be good. They can miss the problem. Specialists can miss it
- 8 | as well.
- 9 Q. Primary care doctors can also identify the problem, too,
- 10 **|** right?
- 11 A. Yes, they can.
- 12 | Q. And when it comes to finding out if a primary care doctor
- 13 here in the United States who's prescribed Paxil or paroxetine
- 14 knows about akathisia, you would agree that we need to ask the
- 15 | specific doctor, correct?
- 16 A. Yes, I'm not arguing with that.
- 17 | Q. You told the jury that articles about SSRIs and akathisia
- 18 | aren't written in journals for general practitioners, correct?
- 19 A. I have -- I was asked have I written articles for general
- 20 practitioners, and I haven't. I haven't said that there
- 21 | aren't articles there. There may well be lots of articles,
- 22 | for all I know. I mean, I don't read primary care journals
- 23 | for the most part, because I have loads of other journals to
- 24 | read.
- 25 | Q. So, there may be articles about akathisia in primary care

- 1 | journals, correct?
- 2 A. I don't know just how many articles there are and how
- 3 likely a doctor is to be briefed in that way.
- 4 | Q. But we can agree one place general practitioners get
- 5 | information is from the FDA-approved label for a medicine
- 6 | that's been provided to them, correct?
- 7 A. And that's what I said, a lot of the doctors will depend
- 8 on the label because they figure it's a good insight into what
- 9 the data shows; and as I think hopefully the question is
- 10 | brought out, the label may not be a good insight on what the
- 11 data shows.
- 12  $\mathbf{Q}$ . You indicated that -- is the data sheet the same thing as
- 13 | the label?
- 14 **| A**. Yes.
- 15 | Q. You said in your report that current data sheets for
- 16 | antidepressants specify that these drugs can cause akathisia
- 17 | and agitation, correct?
- 18 A. Yes, I believe I did.
- 19 **Q**. And the --
- 20 A. Can I just expand on that?
- 21 **Q**. Sure.
- 22 A. The way these things are framed is tremendously clever, in
- 23 one sense, and the data sheets for some of the SSRIs, for
- 24 | instance, concede that they can cause psychosis; but most
- 25 doctors looking at the label wouldn't understand that.

1 All right. But with respect to akathisia, it's your 2 testimony that the label for SSRIs specified that the drugs 3 can cause akathisia and agitation? 4 A. Well, yes. I'm saying when I look at the label and read 5 it, that I can see that it's stated there. But when most 6 doctors read these labels, they may not see it that way. And 7 when the company is defending -- when our company is defending our product, they'll often say, "Well, it's not stated in the 9 label that our drug can cause this." 10 Q. The 2010, the FDA-mandated label for Paxil and paroxetine 11 does not say that paroxetine causes akathisia, does it? 12 A. Well, we might have to have a look at it and -- we might 13 have to have a look at it. 14 MR. BAYMAN: Sure. 15 MR. WINSER: Objection, your Honor. Sidebar. THE COURT: All right. 16 (Proceedings heard at sidebar:) 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (Proceedings heard in open court, jury present:) 11 THE COURT: The objection is sustained. We will not 12 go into the label with this witness. 13 You may proceed, sir. 14 MR. BAYMAN: Thank you, your Honor. 15 BY MR. BAYMAN: 16 Q. You said that with respect to akathisia, I think you said 17 it's the inner restlessness that is, to use your word, the 18 really pernicious thing, is that right? 19 A. Yes. 20 And you also described akathisia as an inability to sit 21 still or stand still, correct? 22 A. Yes. The outer aspects of it may be reflected in an 23 inability to sit still. It's the inner aspects of it -- there 24 will usually be some inner restlessness with the outer 25 restlessness. The most pernicious form is where you've got

- 1 | inner restlessness without very obvious outer restlessness, so
- 2 | that I may not know, for instance, that the patient's
- 3 suffering quite as much as would be obvious if they were
- 4 obviously restless from the outside.
- 5 | Q. Will you turn to your report.
- 6 A. Yep.
- 7 | Q. It's Tab A-1.
- 8 A. Yeah, I've got it. What page?
- 9 | Q. The first page, actually.
- 10 MR. BAYMAN: Can we put that up.
- 11 | BY THE WITNESS:
- 12 A. Okay.
- 13 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 14 | Q. At the end of the first paragraph, when you're talking
- 15 about akathisia and psychotic decompensation and emotional
- 16 | blunting, you say, "The symptoms experienced by those
- 17 | adversely affected prior to suicide include worsening
- 18 depression and unusual changes in behavior, severe agitation,
- 19 anxiety, irritability, disinhibition, emotional lability,
- 20 depersonalization, panic attacks, and impulsivity."
- 21 Did I read that correctly?
- 22 A. You did, yes.
- 23 MR. BAYMAN: You can take that down. Thank you.
- 24 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 25 | Q. Now, Dr. Healy, isn't it true that you claim that the FDA

- 1 | had all the data it needed to add a suicide warning in 1989
- 2 and that the FDA breached its own regulations and opted not to
- 3 | require a warning?
- 4 MR. WISNER: Objection, beyond the scope. He's not
- 5 an FDA regulations expert.
- 6 MR. BAYMAN: He testified to it earlier this morning.
- 7 | BY THE WITNESS:
- 8 A. I testified to two different things. One was a possible
- 9 | breach of regulations about placebo washouts, and the other
- 10 was that they altered the company's classified warnings in
- 11 | 1990 or thereabouts.
- 12 MR. BAYMAN: So, I think he can answer that question.
- 13 THE COURT: All right.
- 14 BY MR. BAYMAN:
- 15 Q. Okay. Question: Isn't it your claim that the FDA had all
- 16 | the data it needed to add a suicide warning in 1989 and that
- 17 | the FDA breached its own regulations and opted not to require
- 18 **∥** a warning?
- 19 ▮ A. Well, I didn't say 1989. I said it was in or around 1990.
- 20 I can find the date when Dr. Lieber made this offer, if you
- 21 | wish.
- 22 In terms of breaching regulations, the person who
- 23 seemed to breach the regulation in this case may be
- 24 | Dr. Brecher.
- 25 Q. Dr. Brecher when he was with the FDA?

- 1  $\blacksquare$  A. Yes, when he was with the FDA. That's slightly different
- 2 to saying the FDA breached their regulations. It's not clear
- 3 that anyone else at the FDA will have known that Dr. Brecher
- 4 | was breaching a regulation.
- 5 | Q. Turn, if you would, to Tab F in your notebook.
- 6 **A.** Tab F where?
- 7 | Q. Depositions. I'm sorry.
- 8 A. Oh, depositions. Okay.
- 10 | going to take you down to 358, line 11.
- 11 Are you with me?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. "Question: So, you are claiming, yes or no, that FDA from
- 14 | 1991 or 1990 through 2006 considered the issue of suicidality
- 15 with antidepressants to be a public relations issue and not a
- 16 | legitimate scientific issue that they repeatedly
- 17 | investigated?"
- 18 And your answer was, "I'm claiming the FDA had data
- 19 | from 1989 onwards that showed a consistent increase in the
- 20 | risk of these drugs; and for whatever reasons, in breach of
- 21 | their own regulations which state if there's a reasonable risk
- 22 the drug may be linked to a serious problem, there ought to be
- 23 warnings, and the FDA opted not to require the companies to
- 24 | warn."
- 25 Did I read that correctly?

- 1 A. You did, yes.
- 2 Q. Thank you.
- 3 MR. BAYMAN: One minute.
- 4 Your Honor, I have no further questions.
- 5 THE COURT: Okay. Redirect?
- 6 MR. WISNER: Yes, your Honor.

## REDIRECT EXAMINATION

- 8 BY MR. WISNER:
- 9 Q. Good afternoon, Dr. Healy. How are you?
- 10 A. Good afternoon, Mr. Wisner. I'm tired. How are you?
- 11 | Q. It's been a long couple of days. I appreciate your
- 12 patience. We'll get you out of here soon, and the jury as
- 13 | well.

- There's a couple of things I want to talk about that
- 15 Mr. Bayman addressed on cross-examination.
- 16 MR. WINSER: Before I do that, is there the mobile
- 17 | mic that I can use?
- 18 BY MR. WISNER:
- 19 Q. All right. Doctor, let's start off at the beginning.
- 20 You just got cross-examined for nearly six hours. Is there
- 21 anything that Mr. Bayman showed you or that GSK showed you
- 22 | that in any way changes the opinions that you gave to this
- 23 | jury about whether Paxil induces adult suicidal behavior?
- 24 A. No. I thought a lot they showed reinforces my view. They
- 25 didn't show me anything new, and I thought they brought out

- 1 some of the points that I was making to the jury beforehand.
- 2 | I was pleasantly surprised.
- 3 | Q. Now, Dr. Healy, I have this binder here filled with
- 4 deposition transcripts. Can you tell this jury how many times
- 5 GSK has deposed you?
- 6 | A. I don't know. You may be better placed than I. Certainly
- 7 | GSK are the people that can answer that question. It may be
- 8 10 to 15 times. I'm not sure.
- $9 \mid Q$ . And how long have you been offering testimony about this
- 10 issue, about suicidality and SSRIs?
- 11 A. For approximately 20 years, but let's be clear. At times
- 12 | that testimony has been that although the drugs can cause a
- 13 problem, that in this case, they haven't -- not in this case,
- 14 | but, yes, in a case.
- 15  $| Q \rangle$  In your expert report, which is Exhibit 252 and can be
- 16 found in the first A-1 section -- do you have that in front of
- 17 | you, Dr. Healy?
- 18 **A**. Yes, I do.
- 19 Q. There's a section in the back of your report, I'll get you
- 20 | the page, starting -- can you direct us where in your report
- 21 | you reference your -- the medical literature that you're
- 22 | citing in this report?
- 23 A. Oh, now that has moved around the place.
- 24 Q. It's on page 23, I think. Wait. 23 of appendix -- of the
- 25 | appendix, so it's midway through the document.

- 1  $\blacksquare$  A. Appendix 1 is the healthy volunteer material, so it's
- 2 | after that.
- 3 And Appendix 3 may be what you're referring to.
- 4 | That's on page 122, is it? Are we on the same page?
- 5 Q. No, keep going to the next appendix. I know there's a lot
- 6 | of pages here. Here, I can just pop it up.
- 7 | A. And it's easier if I let you find it.
- $8 \mid Q$ . Okay. I'll find it.
- 9 Well, I think I'm just trying to make a point here.
- 10 Do you cite numerous journal articles in your report?
- 11 | A. Yes, I do.
- 12 MR. BAYMAN: Objection, your Honor. He's trying to
- 13 | improperly bolster the witness.
- 14 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 15 BY MR. WISNER:
- 16 Q. Is it fair to say well over 50 different journal articles
- 17 | cited?
- 18 | A. I imagine so, yes, sir.
- 19 | Q. And why didn't we discuss every single one of them cited
- 20 | during your direct?
- 21 A. Why did we or didn't we?
- 22 | Q. Did we not?
- 23 A. Did not? First of all, there's a bunch of articles that I
- 24 | actually cite which make the opposite point of view. It's
- 25 | other people's views that these drugs don't cause problems.

So, they're also in there to indicate that I've taken them into account.

But I expect that you picked the articles out that we discussed partly because I've had input into quite a few of them, and partly because the fact that the articles are particularly strong.

- Q. I want to go back to the washout suicide issue that was discussed on cross-examination. I want to give the jury an understanding of the background behind which that 1991 suicide report was submitted. Can you explain to the jury what that background was?
- A. The background was that there had been a concern in the public domain at least since the Teischer article. There may have been a concern in the public domain on the regulatory domain for many years before that. In Europe, we had a number of SSRIs, and regulators were concerned about the risks of suicides from those drugs.

MR. BAYMAN: Objection, your Honor. We're now getting into European, and the objection was sustained this morning --

THE COURT: I sustained an objection to material submitted to the European authorities, so do not go into that --

MR. WISNER: I will not.

THE COURT: -- what was given to the European

- 1 | authorities. We're not dealing with what Europe thought.
- 2 We're only dealing with the FDA and the SSRIs involved in this
- 3 case. I think counsel understands that. The jury should
- 4 understand that as well.
- 5 MR. BAYMAN: I'd ask the jury to disregard his
- 6 | comment, your Honor.
- 7 THE COURT: Well, I don't know that I heard that
- 8 precise question; but I'm giving the caution to counsel, and I
- 9 think he understands the ruling. Proceed.
- 10 MR. WISNER: Yes, your Honor.
- 11 BY MR. WISNER:
- 12 Q. So, Doctor, I just want to get a sense of the '91
- 13 submission. What's happening -- let's focus on the U.S.
- 14 | What's happening in the U.S.?
- 15  $\blacksquare$  A. There is a concern in the United States at that time that
- 16 ■ the SSRI group drugs, which are new, of which at that point
- 17 | Prozac is the only one that's actually on the market; but it
- 18 appears that it poses risks, and there's a concern that the
- 19 risk may extend to other drugs in the group that are on their
- 20 ∥ way onto the market.
- 21 | Q. Now, that suicide report was submitted to who within the
- 22 | FDA?
- 23 A. I'm not exactly sure who it went to precisely as I sit
- 24 | here now. I'm a bit dazed after all the questioning.
- 25 | Q. Sure. The 1991 suicide report, was that sent to

- 1 Dr. Martin Brecher?
- 2 A. Yes, he was the point person through whom most of these
- 3 | reports went, yes.
- 4 | Q. In your preparation for this case and your general
- 5 | understanding of the risks, you've reviewed the deposition of
- 6 | Dr. Brecher, is that right?
- 7 **A**. Yes.
- 8 | Q. And do you agree with Dr. Brecher's characterization that
- 9 counting the washings was scientifically illegitimate?
- 10 A. Well, I think Dr. Brecher disagrees with his --
- 11 MR. BAYMAN: Objection, your Honor. We're going to
- 12 hear from Dr. Brecher.
- 13 THE COURT: Yeah, sustained as to whether he agrees
- 14 or doesn't agree.
- 15 BY MR. WISNER:
- 16  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Now, after the suicidality submission was sent in 1991,
- 17 | when did Paxil get approved?
- 18 ▮ A. Paxil was approved, I believe, in 1992. I may that have
- 19 wrong. 1992 in the U.S., 1991 in the UK, I believe.
- 20 | Q. And are you aware whether or not GSK began distributing or
- 21 promoting the washout data to physicians?
- 22 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, we've been over this, and I
- 23 didn't cover this in cross. It's outside the scope, and he's
- 24 | talked about it in direct.
- 25 THE COURT: Is that --

- MR. WISNER: It's going to come back. It's relevant to the setup to what he did get into, which was the 2002
- THE COURT: We've heard a great deal about this. He may answer, but please stay with the redirect on the cross.

  Don't open new topics.
- 7 MR. WISNER: Yes, your Honor.
- 8 BY MR. WISNER:

analysis.

- 9 Q. Are you aware if they promoted that data?
- 10 **A**. Yes.

- 11 Q. Okay. And then you're aware that in 1999, GSK, a
  12 researcher, Mr. Burnham, realized that that was a mistake, is
- 13 | that right?
- MR. BAYMAN: Objection, your Honor. That's leading, and again, we went over this during the direct examination.
- 16 THE COURT: I think that was already covered, sir.
- 17 MR. WISNER: Yeah, I -- okay.
- 18 BY MR. WISNER:
- 19 Q. Following the Burnham situation, okay, did GSK approach
- 20 the FDA about the washout issue?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. And earlier, there was a lot of questions about whether or
- 23 | not the FDA thought it was appropriate or not appropriate to
- 24 | include washout. Did GSK specifically ask this question to
- 25 | the FDA at that time?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 | Q. Would you recognize a copy of that document if you saw it
- 3 | today?
- 4 **A**. I probably would.
- 5 Q. All right. Let's just continue.
- 6 And what did that conversation entail, Doctor?
- 7 MR. BAYMAN: Objection, your Honor. This is now
- 8 | hearsay and speculation. What did the conversation entail?
- 9 He wasn't part of the conversation.
- 10 MR. WISNER: Indulgence, your Honor. One second.
- 11 Permission to approach, your Honor. I only have one
- 12 copy, but it's Plaintiff's Exhibit 115.
- 13 THE COURT: All right.
- 14 MR. BAYMAN: I don't have a copy, either.
- 15 THE COURT: Show it to counsel.
- 16 MR. WISNER: May I approach, your Honor?
- 17 THE COURT: Yes.
- 18 BY MR. WISNER:
- 19 Q. Doctor, I've handed you what's been marked as Exhibit --
- 20 | Plaintiff's Exhibit 115. Do you recognize this document?
- 21 | A. Yes, I do.
- 22 Q. What is this document, Doctor?
- 23 **A**. This --
- 24 MR. BAYMAN: Objection, your Honor. That document is
- 25 dated May of 1999. He asked him about 2002, the analysis.

- MR. WISNER: No, I asked him whether the FDA reached
- 2 out following Mr. Burnham's e-mail in 1999, so this is the
- 3 document.
- 4 MR. BAYMAN: Objection. Mischaracterizes the
- 5 | evidence.
- 6 THE COURT: Overruled. He may answer.
- 7 | BY THE WITNESS:
- 8 A. Yes. This is a conversation between Michael Seika and
- 9 Thomas Kline. It's a -- notes from a conversation.
- 10 BY MR. WISNER:
- 11 \ Q. And is this a document that you relied upon in rendering
- 12 | your expert testimony?
- 13 **| A**. Yes.
- 14 | Q. And would discussing this document aid you in explaining
- 15 the circumstances of the FDA's understanding of the situation?
- 16 A. Yes, I believe it would.
- 17 MR. BAYMAN: I'm going to object to hearsay, your
- 18 | Honor.
- 19 THE COURT: Overruled. Proceed.
- 20 MR. WINSER: Permission to publish?
- 21 THE COURT: Yes.
- 22 MR. WISNER: Thank you, your Honor. I apologize for
- 23 | not having a copy for the Court.
- 24 THE COURT: That's all right.
- 25 BY MR. WISNER

- 1 Q. All right, Doctor. We're looking at the same memo now.
- 2 ■ And in the top part here, we have a couple of individuals.
- 3 | You see we have Michael -- who is the conversation between?
- 4 A. This is between FDA, Mr. Seika, and Mr. Kline from GSK.
- 5 | Q. It says here, "Topic: FDA request for deaths and suicide
- 6 | rates." Do you see that?
- 7 **A**. Yes, I do.
- 8 Q. Now, this is dated December 8th of 1999. Do you see that?
- 9 **| A**. I do.
- 10  $\blacksquare$  Q. Now, if we go down to the summary of the conversation, I
- 11 want to draw your attention and the jury's to this paragraph
- 12 | here.
- 13 THE COURT: Wait. Whose memo is this?
- 14 MR. WINSER: Sorry.
- 15 BY MR. WINSER:
- 16 Q. Whose memo is this, Doctor?
- 17 | A. This is an FDA telephone conversation. It's a
- 18 conversation between Mr. Seika and Mr. Kline.
- 19 THE COURT: But who's writing the memo?
- 20 THE WITNESS: Mr. Kline, GSK's.
- 21 | BY MR. WISNER:
- 22 | Q. Of what company?
- 23 A. GSK -- well, at that time, SmithKline Beecham.
- 24 | Q. So, this is one of the defendant's documents, Doctor?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1  $\parallel$  Q. Okay. I'll draw your attention to this paragraph at the
- 2 | bottom here. It says, "In addition." Do you see that,
- 3 Doctor?
- 4 | A. Yes.
- $5 \mid Q$ . It goes, "In addition, I raised a hypothetical example for
- 6 | his consideration. I inquired about his interpretation of
- 7 | classifying placebo-run deaths. Specifically, I asked if a
- 8 patient were to die during placebo run-in, i.e., prior to
- 9 randomization, should that patient be included in the
- 10 calculation for placebo deaths?"
- 11 I'll stop right there. What is that question,
- 12 Doctor, for the rest of us?
- 13 A. Yes, well --
- 14 MR. BAYMAN: I don't know how he knows now. This is
- 15 now asking him to speculate.
- 16 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 17 BY THE WITNESS:
- 18 A. That's what we've covered before, and what SmithKline
- 19 | Beecham are asking about is how would FDA -- well, how would
- 20 this particular person, Dr. Seika, read the situation, I
- 21 guess, in the light of FDA regulations; and he -- and -- well,
- 22 | I'll let you go on with what comes up next.
- 23 BY MR. WISNER:
- 24 | Q. Was this a hypothetical issue at this time?
- 25 A. No, this was a real issue, but it was being asked

- 1 hypothetically. He assumed that FDA would not be aware -- he
- 2 | appears to be assuming FDA --
- 3 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, what he's assuming that the
- 4 | FDA would not be aware --
- 5 THE COURT: Yeah, right. Just what is he saying
- 6 here, sir?
- 7 | BY THE WITNESS:
- $8 \mid A$ . He's saying, "I raised the hypothetical example for his
- 9 | consideration "
- 10 BY MR. WISNER:
- 11 | Q. And, Doctor, this wasn't a hypothetical because they had
- 12 | already done this, right?
- 13 **A**. Correct.
- 14 | Q. The response here says, "He clearly stated that such a
- 15 patient should not be counted in our analyses since such a
- 16 patient would not compromise the controlled portion of a
- 17 | trial." Do you see that?
- 18 **A**. I do, yes.
- 19 | Q. What does that mean?
- 20 THE COURT: It's "comprise," sir. The word is
- 21 | "comprise," not "compromised."
- 22 BY MR. WISNER:
- 23 | Q. I'm sorry.
- 24 | A. Comprise, yes.
- 25 Q. I'll start it over. Let me read it again so it's clearly

- 1 | in the record.
- 2 "He stated that such a patient should not be counted
- 3 | in our analyses since such a patient would not comprise the
- 4 | 'controlled' portion of a trial."
- 5 Do you see that, Doctor?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. What does that mean?
- 8 A. Well, that's saying, as has been indicated before, that
- 9 patients like that should not be counted in the placebo group.
- 10 | Q. What date was this memo?
- 11 A. This is December 8, 1999.
- 12 Q. And then you recall on cross-examination, GSK showed you
- 13 an analysis that was done of the early data. Do you remember
- 14 | that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And we looked at the tables. Do you recall that, Doctor?
- 17 A. This is back from 1991 into 1989?
- 18 Q. Strike that. You recall that GSK showed you a report
- 19 authored by John Davies?
- 20 | A. That's 2002, yes.
- 21 | Q. And that's my point. It was what year?
- 22 **A**. 2002.
- 23 | Q. So, between 1999 and 2002, after GSK had learned about the
- 24 | FDA's position, do you have any evidence that GSK went out of
- 25 its way to tell the FDA what it had done 10 years prior?

- 1  $\blacksquare$  A. I have no evidence that they told FDA what they had done
- 2 | 10 years prior.
- 3 Q. Let's be clear. Between 1989, when that data was
- 4 originally submitted, up until 2002, when this issue was
- 5 disclosed to the FDA, did GSK tell physicians that its suicide
- 6 data was based on scientifically-illegitimate run-ins?
- 7 MR. BAYMAN: Objection, your Honor. That's
- 8 | argumentative and calls for speculation.
- 9 THE COURT: You may answer.
- 10 BY THE WITNESS:
- 11  $\blacksquare$  A. They did not inform physicians of this. To the contrary,
- 12 they indicated that Paxil was protective against suicide.
- 13 ▮ BY MR. WISNER:
- 14 | Q. So, for 10 years, while this drug was on the market and
- 15 | being marketed, did GSK tell people this drug had a problem
- 16 | with suicides?
- 17 **A**. No.
- 18 Q. All right. I want to talk about a few things that came up
- 19 on cross as well. There were some questions to you about the
- 20 | issue of emotional lability and whether or not that was
- 21 properly coded. Do you recall?
- 22  $\blacksquare$  A. Well, the issue was it was coded in an unusual way, and I
- 23 | indicated --
- 24 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, that's not even the
- 25 question. He asked, "Do you recall," and Dr. Healy is

- 1 | launching into another speech.
- THE COURT: Yes. And you can take this exhibit off
- 3 | the screen now.
- 4 MR. WISNER: Oh, yes, your Honor.
- 5 | BY MR. WISNER:
- 6 | Q. Doctor, do you recall the discussion about emotional
- 7 | lability?
- 8 A. I certainly do recall it, yes.
- 9 Q. And on direct examination, we discussed coding maneuvers
- 10 I that could obscure the risk. Do you recall that?
- 11 A. I do, and they work, because FDA --
- 12 THE COURT: Now, sir, it just calls for a yes or no
- 13 answer. We've got to move along here. Otherwise, we'll
- 14 | never --
- 15 MR. WISNER: Yeah, I'll get it.
- 16 BY MR. WISNER:
- 17 | Q. Based on your review of the data and the way the risk was
- 18 disclosed to physicians starting in 1992 on, did GSK warn
- 19 | about emotional lability?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 | Q. I'm sorry, Doctor. Did they warn about emotional
- 22 | lability?
- 23 A. The words are mentioned in the label. There's no warning
- 24 | that this could be a pernicious effect.
- 25 MR. BAYMAN: Now he's getting into the label, and I

- 1 | wasn't allowed to get into it.
- THE COURT: That's right. I didn't allow you to get
- 3 into it. The objection is sustained.
- 4 MR. BAYMAN: Thank you, your Honor.
- 5 BY MR. WISNER:
- 6  $\parallel$  Q. Now, on cross-examination, there was a discussion about
- 7 primary and secondary inputs. Do you recall that; yes or no?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And you wanted to explain that primary and secondary as it
- 10 | related to the Stone-Jones report didn't make sense to you.
- 11 Can you explain to the jury what you meant?
- 12 A. Yes. In terms of -- if you're going to use terms which
- 13 | ideally you want to produce criteria which says, "We're
- 14 calling this primary because of X, Y, and zed, in which case
- 15 | we could have had a debate about whether that was reasonable
- 16 I or not. These terms were just used arbitrarily without any
- 17 **|** anchor points.
- 18  $| Q \rangle$  And when you discussed the issue of suicidal ideation or
- 19 worse, how does that affect the analysis of the underlying
- 20 | risk that we're talking about?
- 21 A. It drowns the signal out in the way that including
- 22 patients who have a high rate of suicidal acts, for instance,
- 23 | would drown out the signal from major depressive disorder
- 24 patients, as we discussed before.
- 25 ┃Q. Now, how would a clinical trial -- how would it be

- 1 properly designed so that it could look at an issue like
- 2 | ideation?
- A. Well, you'd have a suicidal ideation scale so that
- 4 patients going on the drug would be asked a set of questions,
- 5 | it could be 20 or more questions, by the investigator in order
- 6 to tease out what was actually happening on the drug or not.
- 7 Just having an adverse event scale included in the
- 8 | trial doesn't mean the investigators will fill it in if the
- 9 company, for instance, tells them not to.
- 10 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, it's calling for speculation
- 11 again.
- 12 THE COURT: Yes, I think that is speculative.
- 13 MR. BAYMAN: Move to strike that.
- 14 | THE COURT: It may go out, yes.
- 15 BY MR. WISNER:
- 16 | Q. Do you believe that the data that was submitted to the
- 17 | FDA consisting of placebo-controlled clinical trials could
- 18 | adequately assess whether or not SSRIs induce ideation?
- 19 A. These trials were not designed to look at whether SSRIs
- 20 | induce ideation or not; and because they weren't designed,
- 21 | the signal will get lost. It could have been designed to
- 22 | look at it, but they weren't.
- 23 | Q. Now, you mentioned that there was -- you remember
- 24 discussing Dr. Laughlin for a minute?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1  $\parallel$  Q. And he played a central role in the suicide analysis in
- 2 | 2007?
- 3 ▮ A. Well, he played a role, certainly. He was the person who
- 4 chaired the meeting -- well, perhaps not the only chair, there
- 5 were a few chairs, but one of the senior figures from FDA
- 6 | there at the meeting.
- 7 | Q. Does Dr. Laughlin currently work at the FDA?
- 8 MR. BAYMAN: Objection. Relevance, your Honor. We
- 9 got into this. You excluded anything that happened post 2010.
- 10 THE COURT: No, overruled. He may testify if he
- 11 knows.
- 12 BY THE WITNESS:
- 13 A. He does not work at the FDA at the moment.
- 14 BY MR. WISNER:
- 15 Q. What did he do within two months after leaving the FDA?
- 16 A. He became an expert witness for SSRI companies.
- 17 | Q. About the issue of suicide?
- 18 A. I'm not sure. There's a range of different issues that he
- 19 | was an expert witness on.
- 20  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Does it concern you as an academic that the man who was
- 21 overseeing the suicide analysis started working for drug
- 22 companies immediately after leaving the FDA?
- 23 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, objection.
- 24 THE COURT: Sustained as to whether it concerns him
- 25 | or not.

- 1 BY MR. WISNER:
- 2 \ Q. Is there a conflict of interest there, Doctor?
- 3 MR. BAYMAN: Objection, your Honor. The events we're
- 4 | talking about happened in 2006. Your Honor cut it off in
- 5 | 2010, and now we're really getting far afield here.
- 6 THE COURT: He's an expert. He may testify.
- 7 | BY THE WITNESS:
- 8 A. Every expert, me included, has conflicts of interest. My
- 9 point is: The jury needs access to the raw data to work out
- 10 whether in this case an expert's conflicts are biasing their
- 11 | views.
- 12 BY MR. WINSER:
- 13 | Q. Are you familiar --
- 14 A. And if you don't have access to data --
- 15 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, Dr. Laughlin is not an
- 16 | expert in this case, and he's leaving that impression with the
- 17 | jury. That's improper.
- 18 THE COURT: Overruled. His material is in evidence.
- 19 BY MR. WISNER:
- 20 | Q. Are you familiar with someone by the name of Daniel Troy?
- 21 **A**. I am, yes.
- 22 | Q. Isn't he the general counsel for the defendant?
- 23 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, objection, getting into --
- 24 THE COURT: Sustained as to whether he's the general
- 25 counsel for the defendant.

- 1 BY MR. WISNER:
- 2 | Q. Fair enough. He was general counsel at the FDA, right?
- MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, same objection. This is now
- 4 | getting into argument --
- THE COURT: Well, we had some latitude this morning
- 6 on other aspects.
- 7 MR. BAYMAN: I think we should have a sidebar on 8 this, your Honor.
- 9 THE COURT: No. You may answer just that narrow
- 10 | question.
- 11 BY THE WITNESS:
- 12 A. Yes, he was at one point, around this time.
- 13 BY MR. WISNER:
- 14 | Q. And by this time, you mean in the 2000 time period?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Now, Doctor, there were some questions about akathisia and
- 17 how it relates to suicide and whether or not it's similar to
- 18 agitation. If a man was pacing around like a caged animal, is
- 19 that indicative to you of an akathisia-type reaction?
- 20 A. Unless I knew the person had melancholia, for instance,
- 21 I'd be inclined -- or I would worry that this might be
- 22 akathisia, yes.
- 23 Q. And if you had learned that this manifested six days after
- 24 starting --
- 25 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, we're now getting into

- 1 | specific causation opinions, and I object to that.
- 2 THE COURT: I think we are beyond the scope of the
- 3 direct examination, and on that basis I'll sustain the
- 4 | objection.
- 5 MR. BAYMAN: And I move to strike his prior answer.
- 7 BY MR. WINSER:
- 8 | Q. Are people who are depressed or anxious both likely to
- 9 commit suicide after starting an SSRI?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 | Q. And by likely, I mean is it something that can happen?
- 12 **A**. There's a risk from the treatment which would be greatly
- 13 reduced, the risk would be reduced, if everybody was warned
- 14 | appropriately.
- 15 | Q. And you keep bringing this up, if everybody was warned.
- 16 | What do you mean by that? How do you talk to your patients
- 17 | about this risk when you prescribe an SSRI?
- 18 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, I couldn't get into the
- 19 | label and the warnings, and now he's going to elicit that
- 20 | from Dr. Healy.
- 21 MR. WISNER: I'm not talking about a label, your
- 22 | Honor. I'm talking about what he does in his clinical
- 23 practice.
- 24 THE COURT: All right. Limited to what he does in
- 25 | his clinical practice, he may testify.

## BY THE WITNESS:

- 2 A. I would love if every doctor in this country had had a
- 3 chance to see the data and read the documents --
- 4 MR. BAYMAN: Objection, your Honor. That's not the 5 question --
- 6 ∥ BY THE WITNESS:
- 7 A. -- that I have read, because I think it would inform the 8 way they talk to their patients.
- 9 MR. BAYMAN: He's still answering. Move to strike.
- 10 MR. WISNER: I'll ask the next question, your Honor.
- 11 THE COURT: Next question.
- 12 BY MR. WISNER:
- 13 Q. How do you talk to your patients about this issue when
- 14 | you're putting them on an SSRI?
- 15 A. I say, "This can be a very helpful drug. I'm putting you
- 16 on it in order to help. But it may not suit you. It doesn't
- 17 suit everyone. And if there's any hint that you're not
- 18 feeling well, I want you to let me know. And if you can't get
- 19 ahold of me, it might be best to just stop the treatment, and
- 20 we can discuss it at our next meeting. It's not a worry that
- 21 this drug doesn't suit you. We have lots of other drugs that
- 22 work in a completely different way that may well suit you."
- MR. WISNER: Thank you, Doctor. No further
- 24 questions. If this witness may be excused.
- 25 THE COURT: Any recross? Limited entirely to what

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    you've heard.
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              MR. BAYMAN: I don't have any questions, your Honor.
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              THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much, Doctor.
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    You are excused.
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              THE WITNESS: Thank you very much, your Honor.
              THE COURT: You may leave the papers there.
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              THE WITNESS: Thank you.
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              THE COURT: All right.
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          (Witness excused.)
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              THE WITNESS: Do I just leave the court, your Honor?
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              THE COURT: You will, please.
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             And, ladies and gentlemen, it is 4:25. I'm sorry to
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    send you home early, but we will recess until tomorrow morning
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    at 9:30.
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6	(Court adjourned, to reconvene 3/21/17 at 9:30 a.m.)	
7	(Which were all the proceedings heard.)	
8	CERTIFICATE	
9	we certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript	
10	from the record of proceedings in the above-entitled matter.	
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12	/s/Judith A. Walsh March 20, 2017	
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16	/s/Charles R. Zandi March 20, 2017	
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