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Dear Ms Coldwell

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI 1083942

Thank you for your request dated 26 April 2017 in which you asked the Department of Health (DH):

"Freedom of Information request - Minutes of meetings between MHRA and Roche regarding Lariam (Mefloquine)

Dear Department of Health,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would be grateful if you could send me minutes or transcripts of any meetings or communications between Roche and MHRA where Lariam (Mefloquine) was discussed, from 1990 to date."

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

DH does not hold the information you requested. To establish that this information is not held, I contacted the relevant policy officials. We suggest that you direct your request to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) at MHRACustomerServices@mhra.gov.uk as they may be able to provide the information you requested.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal by asking for an internal review. This should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the address at the top of this letter, or the email address at the end of this letter.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) who may decide to investigate your concerns. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response, and received our internal review response. The ICO will not usually investigate

concerns where there has been an undue delay in bringing it to their attention. You should raise your concerns with them within three months of your last meaningful contact with us.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

https://ico.org.uk/concerns/

Yours sincerely,

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