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PROCEEDINGS

THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Good morning. I'm Don Berger, the videographer, and I represent Accurate Vision in Granada Hills, California. I'm not financially interested in this action, and I'm not related to any employee of any attorney or of any of the companies.

Today's date is December 7, 2004. The time is approximately 10:16 a.m. The location is 1250 24th Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. There is -- this case is entitled In Re Paxil Products Liability Litigation. The deponent today is Dr. Robert Temple. Our court reporter is Tristan-Joseph.

Will counsel please introduce themselves for the record.

MR. MURGATROYD, III: My name is Skip Murgatroyd and I represent the Plaintiffs in this action.

MR. FARBER: Don Farber. And I'm also representing the Plaintiffs.

MR. BROWN: This is Mark Brown. I'm

1 with King & Spaulding here on behalf of Glaxo
2 SmithKline. And with me are Andy Bayman and Nikki
3 Reeves also from King & Spaulding, and Bob
4 Glanville from Phillips Lytle, also here on behalf
5 of Glaxo SmithKlein.

6 MR. KELL: Geral Kell from the
7 Department of Justice representing Dr. Temple. And
8 accompanying me is Marci Norton from the FDA'
9 Office of Chief Counsel.

10 MR. MURGATROYD, III: You get a special
11 instruction.

12 MR. KELL: Oh, good.

13 (Witness sworn.)

14 MR. BROWN: I'd like to get a couple of
15 things on the record before we begin if that's okay
16 with you, Skip.

17 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Go ahead.

18 MR. BROWN: I'd just like to note that
19 Dr. Temple's deposition has been requested by the
20 Plaintiffs because Dr. Temple submitted a
21 declaration concerning the GSK promotional
22 statement that Paxil is nonhabit forming. GSK

1 objects to questions about on drug or dose increase
2 adverse events such as suicidality. These events
3 are not the basis of Plaintiffs' claims, have
4 nothing to do with Dr. Temple's declaration and are
5 irrelevant to the issues and the allegations made
6 by the Plaintiffs.

7 Because of this, GSK is not prepared to
8 address these issues. If you grant me a standing
9 objection on this so that I don't have to make it
10 every time the issue is raised, it will speed up
11 the questioning.

12 MR. MURGATROYD, III: That's fine. We
13 will be going into those issues, so your standing
14 objection will be noted.

15 MR. BROWN: Okay, I appreciate that.

16 The second thing I'd like to note for
17 the record is that prior to the time deposition
18 Plaintiffs' counsel has represented to us that they
19 intend to use seven hours of their time for Dr.
20 Temple's questioning.

21 We believe that we have a right to also
22 ask Dr. Temple questions with respect to issues

1 associated with his declaration directly or
2 indirectly. We've asked for time to provide us
3 with an opportunity to ask those questions. It's
4 unclear to us exactly how long your questioning
5 will go. We do know that the scope of the
6 deposition has been defined with respect to
7 Dr. Tempel's deposition according to the
8 stipulation entered into between the government and
9 the Plaintiffs' counsel as limited to the scope of
10 Dr. Temple's declaration given in this case.

11 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Well, let me stop
12 you right there. There was not stipulation. It's
13 a court-ordered deposition.

14 MR. BROWN: The order was entered
15 pursuant to the joint stipulation. I'll let
16 Mr. Kell raise objections to the extent that he has
17 questions as to scope.

18 But the point I want to make is that if
19 the deposition questioning is limited to the scope
20 of his declaration, we think -- feel that that
21 questioning both the plaintiffs and the questions
22 that we would like to ask Dr. Temple should take

1 substantially less than seven hours.

2 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Well, I --

3 MR. BROWN: So I just want to note that
4 for the record.

5 MR. MURGATROYD, III: That's fine. And
6 I think -- I'll let you know right now that the --
7 we're here as a matter of a court-ordered
8 deposition. It was not -- there was no
9 stipulation. That was a joint motion that's
10 required by Federal Rules to be filed when there's
11 a discovery dispute.

12 The issue -- the issue that's before the
13 court is how much weight, if any, to give the brief
14 that was submitted by the United States Government
15 in this case, which was wholly supported by Dr.
16 Temple's declaration. So we have in our moving
17 papers and in conversations we've had with the
18 court, alleged FDA bias which we intend to explore
19 and another -- another of other issues, which we
20 think is perfectly relevant to whether or not the
21 intervention by the U.S. is proper and whether or
22 not the court, either a judge or a jury, should pay

1 any attention to either the moving papers of the
2 United States Government or Dr. Temple's
3 declaration.

4 So we have a lot to cover today. I have
5 no doubt that we will be here for the seven hours
6 that we're entitled to under the law. I have over
7 23 pages of questions that I intend to ask. I
8 understand, the court understands, that -- and I
9 don't know if you were at the last status
10 conference -- but the court acknowledges that there
11 are going to be disputes on what's going to happen
12 today. We have the magistrate standing by,
13 obviously on L.A. time. So we can only use her
14 when that's appropriate.

15 So we expect there will be disputes.
16 That's fine. The magistrate judge is ready to
17 handle them as they come up, and we'll take breaks
18 as necessary. I probably won't break every time
19 Gerald instructs Dr. Temple not to answer a
20 question. I'll probably have the court reporter
21 mark those. And we'll do them in blocks. We'll
22 have to decide on how big the blocks will be and

1 how much we want to hit the magistrate with at one
2 time. But I have the magistrate's number. She's
3 already been informed by my office to be on
4 standby, which was with the approval of --
5 MR. FARBER: Judge Fowser.
6 MR. MURGATROYD, III: -- Judge Foswer.
7 So with that in mind, I'd like to
8 proceed. In terms of your questioning, when we're
9 finished, I think you are entitled to ask the
10 number of questions you want. And I don't have any
11 objection to that whatsoever. When you ask them, I
12 may object to the questions. But the
13 ^,)in fact, you want to ask questions, fine.
14 In terms of our questioning, I intend to
15 go probably six to six and a half hours and reserve
16 the last half an hour for Mr. Farber. And, um, if
17 we finish in five hours or four hours or five and
18 half hours, and Mr. Farber finishes his half an
19 hour, which is what he expects, then you will
20 certainly have the floor.
21 MR. BROWN: We appreciate your
22 recognition of our right to ask Dr. Temple

1 questions in connection with this deposition. I
2 don't intend to speak for the government. They
3 have company counsel here to represent their views.

4 Based on the order that Judge Fowser er
5 entered authorizing this deposition, though, it's
6 clear that that order was entered pursuant to the
7 joint stipulation of the parties, and I'll let that
8 stipulation speak for itself.

9 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Ready to go?

10 Great.

11 Whereupon,

12 ROBERT TEMPLE, M.D.

13 was called as a witness and, having first been duly
14 sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

15 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE PLAINTIFFS

16 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

17 Q. All right. Doctor, can you please state
18 your full name and spell it for the record.

19 A. My name is Robert Temple. Robert, as
20 usual; Temple, T-E-M-P-L-E.

21 Q. Okay. And what is your current address?

22 A. 3325 Rowand, R-O-W-A-N-D, Place,

1 Northwest. That's in Washington --
2 Q. Okay.
3 A. -- 20008.
4 Q. And have you ever had your deposition
5 taken before?
6 A. I've given depositions.
7 Q. Okay. How many times.
8 A. I don't remember. Several.
9 Q. Okay. More than 10.
10 A. No, not more than 10.
11 Q. Okay. More than five?
12 A. Several.
13 Q. Okay.
14 A. I don't think so.
15 Q. All right. So you're familiar --
16 somewhat familiar with the process. Correct?
17 A. Yes.
18 Q. Okay. You understand you're under oath?
19 A. Yes.
20 Q. Okay. And that's the same oath as if
21 you were sitting in a court before a judge and
22 jury?

1 A. Right.

2 Q. Okay. Now is there any reason why you
3 can't give your best testimony today?

4 A. My best testimony?

5 Q. Are you under the influence of any drugs
6 or anything like that?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Okay. So are you prepared to testify
9 today?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. One of the things that's going to
12 be important for the court reporter during the
13 course of this deposition is that you wait for me
14 to completely ask the question before you answer
15 it, and I in kind, will wait for you to completely
16 answer the question before I ask the next question.
17 Is that okay?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. And then the last thing is it's
20 important that your answers are spoken, because the
21 court reporter can't take down nods or shrugs. It
22 would make the record confusing. Okay?

1 A. Okay.
2 Q. And if during the course of the
3 deposition you have any questions, you obviously
4 are free to consult with your counsel. Okay?
5 A. Yes.
6 Q. Great. Now, I've already stated on the
7 record that this court-ordered deposition and it's
8 regarding the In Re Paxil Litigation. And I take
9 it you are familiar with that litigation to some
10 degree.
11 A. Only to a small degree.
12 Q. Okay.
13 A. I'm mostly familiar with the depo -- the
14 statement I provided.
15 Q. Okay. Have you read the complaint in
16 that action?
17 A. No.
18 Q. Okay. Are you aware of the allegations?
19 A. Not in -- not in a way I'd care to
20 characterize it. I don't really know what they
21 are.
22 Q. Okay. Do you know how many people are

1 involved in the litigation?
2 A. No.
3 Q. Okay. You haven't heard that it's
4 thousands of people?
5 A. I probably heard that, but I don't know
6 that.
7 Q. Okay.
8 A. I don't know the details of the case,
9 no. I've read the complaint or anything like that.
10 Q. Okay.
11 THE COURT REPORTER: I need you to speak
12 up.
13 THE WITNESS: Sorry.
14 Yeah, I haven't read the complaint. I
15 don't really know the details of what's being
16 asked.
17 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
18 Q. Okay. Did you review any documents in
19 preparing for this deposition today?
20 A. I read the two letters approving changes
21 in labeling in 2001.
22 Q. Okay. There was a reference in your

1 declaration. Correct?
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. Okay. Any other documents?
4 A. No. Although, I found a couple of news
5 reports on the British action on antidepressants
6 yesterday of some interest.
7 Q. Okay.
8 A. So I looked at those.
9 Q. Okay. That's the NHRA?
10 A. Yes.
11 Q. Okay. Anything else?
12 A. I just recently glanced at my original
13 statement.
14 Q. Okay.
15 A. That's it.
16 Q. All right, fine. Now, I guess I'd like
17 to start with your -- your background. You are a
18 doctor. Correct?
19 A. Yes.
20 Q. And where did you go to medical school?
21 A. Uh, New York University.
22 Q. Okay. When did you graduate?

1 A. 1967.

2 Q. Okay. And did you have any specialty?

3 A. I had training in internal medicine at
4 Columbia. And I have boards in clinical
5 pharmacology, which was sort of unofficial boards
6 that clinical pharmacologists believed that no one
7 else pays attention to.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. All right.

10 Q. Did you go into private practice after
11 graduating from or after completing your medical
12 training?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Okay. Did you -- what did you do after
15 you finished your medical training?

16 A. Uh, my -- I went to Columbia for two
17 years to do training in internal medicine, and I
18 went to NIH to the clinical endocrinology branch it
19 was then called the National Institute of
20 Metabolism and Digestive Diseases, or something
21 like that. Uh, I did that until 1972 and then I
22 went to the Food and Drug Administration.

1 Q. Okay. So you have been with the Food
2 and Drug Administration now for 32 years. Correct?
3 A. Correct.
4 Q. Okay. Now, I looked at some charts that
5 I pulled off the Internet to try to understand the
6 structure of the FDA.
7 A. Okay.
8 Q. And I'm not real interested in what you
9 did in the past. I'm more interested in what your
10 current position is. And it's my understanding
11 that you hold two distinct positions; is that
12 correct?
13 A. Yes. One of them as acting because
14 you're not allowed to hold two positions.
15 Q. Okay, great. Let me just --
16 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Can I have some
17 stickers to mark exhibits with, please. I need the
18 court reporter --
19 MR. BROWN: Do you have copies for us?
20 MR. MURGATROYD, III: You know, you
21 know, I came all the way and I don't. You're going
22 to have to kind of stand behind the deponent or --

1 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
2 Q. Let me show you what I'm going to mark
3 as --
4 MR. FARBER: I have two, two.
5 (Temple Deposition
6 Exhibit No. 1 was marked for
7 Identification.)
8 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
9 Q. This is a chart that I retrieved from
10 the Internet that has a title The Department of
11 Health and Human Services. And if you would, could
12 you take a look at that, please.
13 (Witness reviewed document.)
14 A. Okay. I'm in the Center For drug
15 Evaluation and Research.
16 Q. Okay. And that's at the bottom left.
17 Correct?
18 A. Yes.
19 Q. The second -- second from the left?
20 A. That's right.
21 Q. Okay. And that -- the director is
22 Dr. Galson who is acting --

1 A. Yes.
2 Q. -- acting director?
3 A. Yes.
4 Q. Okay. Then let me show you the next
5 chart that I found.
6 A. Do you want it back?
7 Q. Just put it -- we'll put it here on the
8 table.
9 (Temple Deposition Exhibit
10 No. 2 was marked for
11 Identification.)
12 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
13 Q. The next chart is entitled the Center
14 For Drug Evaluation And Research which is where you
15 work. Correct?
16 A. Yes.
17 Q. Okay. Take a look at that.
18 A. Sure.
19 Q. Am I correct in stating that this is --
20 this shows you holding two different positions?
21 A. Uh, should I circle one or something?
22 Q. Yeah, that would be great.

1 A. Okay. Yes, I'm Acting Director of the
2 Office of Drug Evaluation 1. And -- sorry. Let me
3 find it. Oh.
4 Q. I think it's the upper left.
5 A. And I'm Director of the Office of
6 Medical Policy, which has sort of general
7 responsibilities but also contains the division of
8 Scientific Investigations and the Division of Drug
9 Marketing, Advertising and Communication.
10 Q. Okay. And the Division of Drug
11 Marketing, Advertising, and Communications known as
12 DDMAC; is that correct?
13 A. That's correct.
14 Q. So if I use that term today, you'll
15 understand what I'm talking about.
16 A. Yeah, I can understand that.
17 Q. Okay. Because we're going to have some
18 questions regarding that.
19 Now -- now taking the Office of Drug
20 Evaluation, is that Roman numeral one? Is that --
21 or just one is that what you call it?
22 A. Either is fine.

1 Q. Okay. What are your responsibilities as
2 acting director of that office?

3 A. The office contains three review
4 division. The review divisions are the basic way
5 FDA deals with both the development of drugs under
6 an IND and the approval of drugs from marketing in
7 response to a new drug application or marketing
8 application.

9 So the three divisions that are in there
10 are Division of Oncology Drug Products, the
11 Division of Neuropharmacologic (sic) Drugs
12 Products, which also includes psychiatric type
13 drugs, and the Division of Cardio-Renal Drug
14 Products.

15 They have considerable independence and
16 operate, but certain major actions come to the
17 office for -- for -- for -- to be dealt with. For
18 example, any new molecular entity. Do you know
19 what that is?

20 Q. Uh-hmm.

21 A. Okay. Any new molecular entity has to
22 be signed off as a yes or no at the office level.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. Other kinds of actions can be signed off
3 legally at the division level and only if there's a
4 problem or something of particular interest where
5 it would come to the office.

6 I attend large numbers of *ENDO *Phase
7 *II meetings, along with the division itself. My
8 own personal interest are study design and how to
9 approve things, so I find the development process
10 particularly interesting.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. And any controversies are likely to come
13 to the office level and perhaps higher.

14 Q. Okay. And of those three, they're
15 considered three divisions, the three drug
16 divisions?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. How many drugs are you
19 responsible for?

20 A. Um, I don't know how to answer that
21 question. Um, the number of say new drugs that
22 would get -- pulling new drugs, new molecular

1 entities that would be approved in any given year
2 might be something in the neighborhood of six.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. And they'll be a few that don't get
5 approved, so the actions related to those. Then
6 the divisions themselves have responsibilities and
7 take care of them mostly without direct office
8 input, although that varies for new dosage forms,
9 like control of release product and new claims.

10 Just as an illustration, the two
11 documents referred to in my, uh, in my statement
12 refer to two new uses Paxil. Those typically are
13 done at the division level, sometimes with
14 discussions, sometimes without, on how novel they
15 are and how difficult they are.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. The total number of drugs that are
18 approved and that we help monitor are certainly in
19 the many hundreds, probably in the thousands.

20 Q. Okay. And that was my next question.

21 You do monitor -- after the drugs has been
22 approved, that, um -- well, is it, I guess,

1 offices, that's the word that you used, that office
2 is responsible for monitoring safety?

3 A. Well, there's a joint responsibility.

4 This has been --

5 Q. Right.

6 A. -- very much in the news, so you've
7 probably been reading about it. We have an Office
8 of Drug Safety --

9 Q. Right.

10 A. -- that is responsible for looking at
11 the adverse reaction reports that come in. They
12 actually also come to the -- to the offices --
13 within the Office of New Drugs. And together we
14 look to see how the labeling needs to be modified
15 to account for new information. And that's a
16 continuing responsibility and it's to some extent
17 shared, although the review divisions and the
18 offices have responsibility for maintaining the
19 labeling and being sure it's accurate and so on.

20 Q. Okay. So that's not the drug --
21 that's -- you're not the Office of Drug Safety.
22 That's your -- that's your office that's

1 responsible --
2 A. Well --
3 Q. -- for drug --
4 A. -- yeah --
5 Q. -- labeling?
6 A. -- one -- we -- we negotiate when
7 there's a disagreement. But one of the things
8 being discussed is who should have more
9 responsibility and so on. But at the present time
10 responsibility for the labeling --
11 Q. Right.
12 A. -- is -- belongs in the three divisions.
13 Q. Okay. So if there's a labeling change,
14 that goes to your division?
15 A. Right.
16 Q. Okay. But, again, so it's clear, and I
17 think you know this. I just want to make it clear
18 for the record. The only division obviously is the
19 Neuropharmacologi?
20 A. Yes.
21 Q. Okay. And Paxil falls within that.
22 Correct?

1 A. It does.
2 Q. Okay, good. So the other two divisions
3 I have not interest in.
4 So when it comes to the labeling of
5 Paxil, that's something that would go through your
6 office. Correct?
7 A. Yes.
8 Q. Okay, great. Now, in terms of -- well,
9 let me -- I'll come back to that in a minute.
10 Let's move to -- well, before I got too
11 much further, in your Office of Drug Evaluation I,
12 you have two subordinates by the name of Dr.
13 *Laughren and Dr. Katz; is that correct?
14 A. Well, they -- Dr. Katz is the director
15 of the division of Neuropharmacologic drug
16 products.
17 Q. Okay.
18 A. Okay. And Dr. Laughren is a team leader
19 within that division --
20 Q. Okay.
21 A. -- for psychiatric drugs. There are
22 actually now two team leaders for psychiatric

1 drugs.
2 Q. Okay. But they are subject to your
3 orders? They --
4 A. Yes.
5 Q. -- report to you. Correct?
6 A. Yes.
7 Q. Okay, good. And that's true also for
8 Drs. *Leber and *Brecker, who are no longer with
9 the FDA?
10 A. Leber was the former director of that
11 division.
12 Q. Okay.
13 A. And Brecker was a reviewing medical
14 officer --
15 Q. Okay.
16 A. A reviewer.
17 Q. I've had the opportunity to meet a
18 reviewing medical officer recently by the name of
19 Richard *Cappett. Do you recall who he is?
20 A. I do.
21 Q. Okay. And did he and Dr. Brecker, would
22 that be considered on the same -- have the same job

1 responsibilities?
2 A. They would have when they were in those
3 positions, yeah.
4 Q. Okay. And they would have reported to
5 Dr. Leber when he was there?
6 A. Yes.
7 Q. Okay. Now, do the PDACs, the
8 PsychOpharmacological Drug Advisory Committees, do
9 they fall within that division?
10 A. Well, normally the advisory committees
11 all work for the commissioner, but their day-to-day
12 interactions are with the division -- with the
13 review division.
14 Q. And who has final authority in selecting
15 committee numbers?
16 A. Ooh. It's beyond us. It's the
17 Commissioner's Office that does.
18 Q. Okay. It's not something you
19 participate in?
20 A. No, I wouldn't say that. I might
21 participate it. But, in.
22 ^,)in fact,, the choice of these people is much

1 more -- is much better known to the people within
2 the division, doctors, for example, Laughren and
3 Kats would know those people better than I do.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. I mean they're in the neurologic and
6 psychiatric business. I'm not.

7 Q. Okay. Well, maybe -- maybe I can get --
8 maybe if I -- there was a PDAC recently on
9 suicidality in February and September --

10 A. Sure.

11 Q. -- of this year. Correct?

12 A. Right.

13 Q. Who was responsible for putting that
14 panel together?

15 A. Well, one of the panels, maybe both, but
16 I don't remember, had representatives from the
17 pediatrics community also. And I don't remember or
18 know how the members from the pediatric committee
19 that joined in were chosen, but the members of the
20 committee were the standing members of the
21 committee.

22 Q. Okay.

1 A. Those were the regular members. They're
2 chosen for four-year terms.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. And unless they're barred from a
5 meeting, for one reason or another, those are the
6 people who come unless they are unavailable.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. And we have fairly rigorous conflict of
9 interest rules so that it's not uncommon for
10 someone who is on the committee not to be able to
11 participate, or not to be able to vote in a
12 particular action if they've been involved with
13 the -- with the drug.

14 At the February meeting and the
15 subsequent meeting in September, um, a couple of --
16 a couple of people who were on the committee were
17 not allowed to participate because they joined in
18 the statement from the American College of
19 Neuropharmacology, uh, serving -- the drugs were
20 free of problems, and that seemed, uh,
21 inappropriate for someone who was about to consider
22 that question. So they weren't allowed to

1 participate or some of them were.

2 Q. Okay. And that included Dr. Andrew
3 Leon?

4 A. I think he actually participated in the
5 first meeting because it wasn't a decisional
6 meeting and not in the second.

7 Q. Okay. And his --

8 A. But I'm not positive of that.

9 Q. Okay. And his participation would have
10 been precluded because he was part of the ANCP --
11 AN -- ANCP?

12 A. Yeah, yeah. My -- my recollection --
13 I'm not certain of this -- is that he was the only
14 available person with the relevant skills. I guess
15 he's a viro -- he's a viro statistician.

16 Q. Right.

17 A. And he was, uh, allowed to participate
18 in the first meeting, which was not a decisional
19 meeting, but not the second. He was thought to --
20 there was no -- no substitute thought to be
21 available for the first. So I think he
22 participated in the first.

1 Q. Okay. And you recall that -- what was
2 it? Twelve days before the February 2nd hearing --
3 the ANCP submitted a position paper saying there
4 was not an issue regarding a suicide link between
5 antidepressants and the pediatric population?

6 MR. BROWN: I'll object to the form of
7 the question.

8 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

9 Q. You can answer.

10 A. Um, yes, I remember that.

11 Q. Okay. And it turns out they were not
12 right. Correct?

13 MR. BROWN: I'll object again.

14 THE WITNESS: We're eventually concluded
15 that was not correct.

16 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. Did you say suicide?

19 Q. Yes.

20 A. We've never concluded there's a
21 relationship to suicide --

22 Q. Suicidality.

1 A. -- suicide thinking.
2 Q. Correct.
3 A. Or suicidality, if you like.
4 Q. Okay.
5 A. Right.
6 Q. And I think that's now in -- I saw a,
7 um, letter on websites.
8 A. It will -- it will be in all labeling.
9 We're still negotiating the exact language but it
10 will be an all labeling for essentially all
11 antidepressants.
12 Q. Okay. Now when you say you're
13 negotiating the labeling, that's part of your job
14 responsibility. Right?
15 A. Yeah. We sent them what we thought it
16 should say and they're allowed to say we prefer
17 this or that.
18 Q. Okay.
19 A. And we -- we read it and make a
20 decision.
21 Q. Okay.
22 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Let me mark that

1 as as the next exhibit, if I can find the exhibit
2 tabs.

3 (Temple Deposition Exhibit
4 No. 3 was marked for
5 Identification.)

6 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

7 Q. What I'm going to show you is the letter
8 from the department of the Health and Human
9 Services that were sent out to the various
10 antidepressant manufacturers in, I believe, October
11 of this year. October 15th is the date the letter
12 was created. And it's entitled Labeling Change
13 Request Letter for Antidepressant Medications.

14 Let me show that to you.

15 (Witness reviewed document.)

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. Did, um -- did you help participate in
18 drafting that letter?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. And --

21 A. Although most of it was drafted by
22 Dr. Laughren and his colleagues.

1 Q. Okay. But you approved it. Correct?

2 A. Yeah. I should note that the really new
3 part of it is the box, is the parts related to
4 pediatrics.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. The other material had been sent out in,
7 I think, March of that year to reflect the need,
8 the importance of watching patients but did not
9 reflect the conclusion that there was an increased
10 risk of suicidality, which we still don't believe
11 is documented for adults.

12 Q. Okay. I think you're looking into it
13 for adults; is that correct?

14 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
15 question.

16 THE WITNESS: Well, we've done a --
17 we've done a study that is almost complete of
18 actual suicides in adults based on the control
19 trials. And there's clearly no increase in
20 suicides within the limits of the study to be able
21 to show that.

22 We have been watching for suicidality in

1 each application as it comes by and have not seen
2 anything. But the way suicidality is accessed, um,
3 we think is not optimal. And we believe we found
4 an optimal way to do that by having experts, in
5 this case, at Columbia review each of those
6 reports. The reports really weren't designed to
7 assess suicidality, but they were -- they've been
8 used that way. And we think they need to be read.

9 So we are -- we are in -- still in the
10 absence of any evidence of a problem in adults, we
11 are going to have those reports looked at by the
12 same experts, at least for sampling of drugs to see
13 whether there's anything there.

14 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

15 Q. Okay. And which drugs did you select
16 for sampling?

17 A. I don't think we've picked them yet.
18 Um, at the Advisory Committee meeting in September
19 actually there were data presented on Paxil in
20 adults that clearly at that level with that amount
21 of evaluation showed no suggestion of increased
22 suicidality in adults.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. Well, that was presented by Dr.
3 *Mosholder and was in striking contrast to the data
4 in children where the very same analysis did show,
5 as you know, roughly a doubling of the risk of
6 suicidality.

7 Q. Right. Okay.

8 A. So we were -- we were deciding how to go
9 about looking at that.

10 Q. I saw that, um, I think Janet *Woodcox,
11 she's with your CDR. Correct? Or she's with --

12 A. She's our actual director. She's now in
13 the Commissioner's office as an Acting Deputy
14 Director.

15 Q. Okay. I saw that she said something in
16 the newspaper. Again, I don't claim that
17 newspapers are that reliable. But said that you
18 were going to review -- "you," meaning the FDA --
19 was going to review -- what was it called? Tens of
20 thousands of experience reports --

21 MR. BROWN: I'll object to the form of
22 the question.

1 Q. -- to look into the issue.
2 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
3 question.
4 THE WITNESS: Okay. Well, to some
5 extent, that's what I've been describing. Let
6 me -- let me be sure you know there are two
7 different things. One is we have control trials
8 involving tens of thousands of people in adults --
9 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Right.
10 THE WITNESS: -- in placebo-controlled
11 trials of antidepressants. We have looked at those
12 data and there is clearly no increase in suicides.
13 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
14 Q. Let me stop you right.
15 A. Not a --
16 Q. No --
17 A. Now the other question was suicidality,
18 okay.
19 Q. Let me just stop. When you say you
20 looked at those reports, what exactly -- did you
21 look at summaries? Did you look at the raw data?
22 A. Oh, no, no. We always looked at the

1 actual cases.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. Yeah. And we've put that as an
4 abstract. It's not final yet so -- but that's
5 what -- that's what it shows. I've seen preliminary
6 reports, but we really need to finish that up. We
7 all agree with that.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. The other question is suicidality,
10 suicidal thinking, preparation for, you know, maybe
11 committing suicide. Those are the things that were
12 reviewed in the pediatric data.

13 Q. Right.

14 A. And while we have been looking at that
15 sort of thing with each application and having seen
16 anything, that's not the same as doing an overall
17 review with a rigorous attempt to look at the cases
18 and see what they mean, such as what we did -- such
19 as we did with the pediatric cases --

20 Q. Right.

21 A. -- and where you think there's reason to
22 do that because it's not always easy to tell

1 whether someone was preparing for suicide or just
2 fooling around, you know. One is much more serious
3 than the other.

4 The only publicly available data on that
5 was the data on Paxil presented by Dr. Mosholder at
6 the -- I think it was in September Advisory
7 Committee meeting, which showed bar graphs that
8 showed absolutely no difference in suicidality in
9 the -- between adults -- in adults, between the
10 treated and the untreated patients. Why children
11 and adults should be different, is sort of
12 mysterious.

13 Um, but anyway, we are planning to look
14 or have the companies look more closely at those
15 data, including a careful review of the cases, such
16 as was done for the pediatric data.

17 Q. And --

18 A. And Dr. *Woodcock referred to that
19 review.

20 Q. Okay. The review of the actual cases?

21 A. Yes. It -- that's what's crucial, to
22 look at the actual reports to see what they were.

1 Q. Right. Because --
2 A. Because that's what we found with
3 the Columbia. Some things that were called
4 suicidality didn't look persuasive. Some things
5 that weren't called suicidality did look like
6 suicidality. That's why we need to look at them.
7 Q. Okay. And I think you said you were
8 doing sampling of those reports or are you going to
9 look at all of those reports?
10 A. We're not fully decided yet.
11 Q. And, um, how long do you think something
12 like that process is going to take?
13 A. Hmm, too soon to say.
14 Q. Okay.
15 A. I don't know.
16 Q. Not months. I think it would be longer
17 than months.
18 A. Not months.
19 Q. Right.
20 A. And, again, that's in a context where
21 we're quite comfortable with the idea that in those
22 trials there's no increase in actual suicides. So

1 it's an interesting question to see if we'll see an
2 increase in suicidality. We don't know.

3 Q. Okay. You understand, though, that drug
4 manufacturers, particularly in the SSRI business,
5 have been known to miscode suicide events?

6 MR. BROWN: I'll object to the form of
7 the question.

8 THE WITNESS: No, I don't know that.

9 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

10 Q. Okay. Do you know what the --

11 A. I don't know what --

12 Q. -- code --

13 A. I don't know what miscode means.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. What we know is that the -- well,
16 whenever you report adverse reactions, you have to
17 group them otherwise it doesn't make any sense.

18 Q. Right.

19 A. So you take the individual reports of
20 physicians and you call them something else in --
21 as everybody by now knows, suicidality was
22 incorporated into something called a emotional

1 lability, although it was very clear from reading
2 the reports that some of them were suicidality.
3 That's why we were able to where -- where attempted
4 suicides or thinking about suicides. That's why we
5 were able to, um, to detect it. I wouldn't
6 characterized it as miscoding. I think it's a
7 consequence of having a coding dictionary.
8 Q. Well, does -- let's say, does Pfizer use
9 emotional lability to keep track of the suicides
10 and suicide attempts that occur during a clinical
11 trials for Zoloft?
12 A. Do they -- do they --
13 Q. Yeah, that's the question. Do they?
14 A. I don't know. I don't know that.
15 Q. Okay. So -- well, is there a -- if
16 Pfizer is using the word "suicide" --
17 A. Well, there are --
18 Q. -- and GSK is using emotional lability,
19 how do you --
20 MR. BROWN: I'll object to the --
21 Q. -- smoke that out --
22 MR. BROWN: -- form of the question and

1 on the basis of relevance. And it's clearly not
2 admissible in this action.

3 THE WITNESS: There are multiple coding
4 dictionaries. The one that's currently coming into
5 vogue is called *Medra. It's better than the
6 previous ones. But one of the reasons we, uh, get
7 both the actual physician report and the coded
8 report is that you need to look in any coded
9 report, uh, at the actual cases. There are many
10 examples of this.

11 I don't have any basis for believing
12 that anybody is manipulating it. It -- you have
13 to -- you have to combine events into a single
14 code, otherwise what you have is a thousand
15 individual reports, which isn't helpful. So you
16 have to group them somehow.

17 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.

18 THE WITNESS: Whether they were
19 optimally grouped or not, youknow, could be
20 debated.

21 Now I think now that we're aware of the
22 suicidality issue, if they now appeared under the

1 heading of emotion *liability, that would be
2 unsatisfactory.

3 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

4 Q. Okay. What -- what is a term that they
5 should be coded under now?

6 A. Well, you know, I'm -- I'm not -- it may
7 have been on this, but I would think something that
8 had SUI word in it.

9 Q. Okay. So the emotional liability term is
10 not -- no longer acceptable to --

11 A. That would not be appropriate anymore.

12 Q. Okay. Now I take it that if a drug
13 company says that the average reaction is nausea,
14 but if you go into the internal documents and see
15 that the reason the person discontinued from the
16 trial was because they wanted to kill themselves
17 and other people, that would be a miscoding --

18 MR. BROWN: I'll --

19 Q. -- miscoding.

20 MR. BROWN: I'll object to the form of
21 the question.

22 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

1 Q. Would you agree that's miscoding?
2 A. Well, you're asking two different
3 things. The person may have been nauseated and may
4 have been suicidal.
5 Q. Right. But the report to the FDA was
6 strictly nausea. But if you looked at the --
7 A. And the other was left out.
8 Q. Yes, yes.
9 A. No, it shouldn't be left out.
10 Q. Okay. They would be -- so that's what
11 I'm talking about, a miscoding, have an example of
12 miscoding. Correct?
13 A. Right.
14 Q. But it --
15 A. No. That all depends on what the people
16 knew. If they knew that the person tried to kill
17 themselves and didn't tell us, that would be not
18 miscoding. That would be omitting something that's
19 critical.
20 Q. Okay.
21 A. But, you know, I -- I don't -- you
22 haven't defined the circumstance well enough.

1 Q. No, I haven't shown you the documents
2 either but --

3 A. Right.

4 Q. -- maybe if somebody --

5 A. If somebody missed something, we -- we
6 are realist. We know people miss something
7 sometimes.

8 Q. Okay. What is a penalty for reporting a
9 incident where somebody wants to kill other people
10 on an SSRI, but it gets reported to the FDA as
11 nausea?

12 MR. KELL: Objection.

13 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

14 Q. Is there a --

15 MR. KELL: Objection.

16 Mr. Murgatroyd, I'm trying to let the
17 witness be as forthcoming as possible so you can
18 get a general background since, but I think we're
19 going pretty far field.

20 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Gerald, I agree.

21 Let me just finish that one question and --

22 MR. KELL: I will allow you --

1 MR. MURGATROYD, III: -- I'll be done in
2 that category. How about that?

3 MR. KELL: I will let the witness answer
4 that question.

5 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.

6 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

7 Q. Do you remember the question?

8 A. Well, there are penalties for lying to
9 the government. I'm not an expert and knows there
10 are other people here that know better. So if one
11 concludes that there's a deliberate
12 misrepresentation, there are variously -- and those
13 are -- those are what I've learned to call Title 18
14 violations. So that's no good.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. Being poorly competent could also raised
17 questions whether they are doing it right. And
18 there's a variety of threats, like, we're not going
19 to listen to your data and things like that. But
20 there's not a lot of experience with those things.
21 We haven't caught too many people lying.

22 Q. Okay.

1 A. So I can't tell you any more than that.
2 Q. Okay. Now going to your other -- I
3 think we've covered Office of Drug Evaluation.
4 Correct? Your responsibilities there, which are
5 basically, if I had to summarize them, it would
6 be -- well, for my purposes -- with two key would
7 be labeling and safety.
8 A. Oh, no. Efficacy is very important.
9 Q. No, I understand but okay. Okay, great.
10 A. Yeah.
11 Q. Labeling --
12 A. Right.
13 Q. -- efficacy?
14 A. Right. One of the things we worry about
15 is whether the drug has been shown to work. We
16 spend a lot of time worry about that. And then we
17 spend a lot of time worrying about whether safety
18 has been appropriately characterized, enough people
19 you can study, what the data show, all of that.
20 Q. Okay, great --
21 A. And --
22 Q. Now --

1 A. Right. And then getting into labeling.
2 Q. Great. Let's go to your other job or
3 your other position and that is where you are
4 Director of the Office of Medical Policy. Correct?
5 A. Yes.
6 Q. And I take -- it is that considered a
7 more senior position, if that's --
8 A. It -- it --
9 Q. -- a appropriate?
10 A. Sort of. It reports more directly to
11 the, uh, to the center director. That's why that's
12 my permanent job.
13 Q. Okay.
14 A. Because it's normally higher.
15 Q. And in that -- in that position --
16 A. You can debate -- you can debat that,
17 but --
18 Q. Oay.
19 A. -- anyway, that's right.
20 Q. Okay. But in that position you -- your
21 report directly to Dr. Galson. Correct?
22 A. Yes.

1 Q. Okay. Where in your other position --
2 A. I report to Dr. Jenkins.
3 Q. Dr. Jenkins, Office of New Drugs?
4 A. That's right.
5 Q. Okay. Who then reports to Dr. Glason?
6 A. Right.
7 Q. Okay. Now, as director of the office of
8 medical policy, what are your responsibilities
9 there?
10 A. Well, they're both specific and general.
11 The division of scientific investigations are the
12 people who go out and see how studies are carried
13 out. And the division -- and DDMAC, which
14 we've agreed to call it, is responsible for our
15 monitoring of advertising and sending letters when
16 we don't think they're doing it correct, writing
17 guidance on how to do a properly balanced ad, and
18 all of those things.
19 So a lot of what they do is send, um,
20 letters to people whose promotion they consider
21 violative.
22 Q. Okay.

1 A. And, um, although this didn't -- it used
2 to be true. They used to send the letters out.
3 Starting about three or four years ago, all of
4 these letters now are seen by the Office of Chief
5 Counsel, so, naturally, we, and my office, have to
6 look at them first.

7 So we've, uh, have a new policy. So I
8 now see all the letters before they go out --

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. -- or my -- or my deputy does it.

11 Q. And how do you divide up which you see
12 in which --

13 A. Whichever around.

14 Q. Okay. And so it'd go from the person in
15 your division in the Office of Medical Policy a
16 drafted letter. Does it have --

17 A. The draft letter is seen by their boss,
18 Tom Abrams, and then either Rachel Berman or I look
19 at them. And then they're all seen by the Office
20 of Chief Counsel and eventually by the Director of
21 Chief Counsel, whatever the right title is.

22 Q. Okay. And that's -- that -- Dan Troy

1 introduced that. Right?
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. Okay. Now he's gone. Correct?
4 A. Yes.
5 Q. Okay.
6 A. We're still doing it.
7 Q. You're still doing it, okay. Is his
8 predecessor is required to, to your knowledge?
9 A. No, they did not.
10 Q. Okay. You're just doing it as a matter
11 of habit?
12 A. Sorry.
13 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
14 question.
15 THE WITNESS: You mean is successor?
16 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
17 Q. Successor. I'm sorry. Successor.
18 A. I don't know the details. We haven't
19 changed the process.
20 Q. Okay. There's some criticism about that
21 process. Correct?
22 MR. BROWN: I'll object to the form of

1 the question.

2 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

3 Q. The fact that by the time the letters
4 get out, the ads have stopped running. You've
5 heard that, I take it.

6 A. I have.

7 (Temple Deposition Exhibit
8 No. 4 was marked for
9 Identification.)

10 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

11 Q. Okay. Now, in looking at the charts for
12 the FDA, I came across, um, another document that I
13 want to show you. I think this is Exhibit 4. And
14 it's entitled Improving Public Health: Promoting
15 Safe and Effective Drug Use.

16 MR. BROWN: Can I see that as well?

17 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yeah.

18 (Witness reviewed document.)

19 MR. BROWN: Do you have a lot of
20 questions around this particular document?

21 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yes, I do.

22 MR. BROWN: Well, I don't have a copy.

1 MR. MURGATROYD, III: I know. You don't
2 have a copy of any of them. I may have one for you
3 in this instance.
4 THE WITNESS: Okay.
5 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
6 Q. Okay. Do you remember that document?
7 A. No.
8 Q. Okay. Do you see that it lists five
9 strategic areas for the -- for CDER. Right?
10 A. Yes.
11 Q. Okay. And do you -- can you tell me
12 what those five strategic areas are?
13 MR. KELL: Are you just asking him to
14 read what's on the document?
15 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yeah. I'm going
16 to ask him --
17 MR. KELL: He said he's not familiar
18 with it.
19 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yeah, I just want
20 to see if he's familiar with them.
21 THE WITNESS: Well, the first one is
22 strong FDA that the people, efficient risk

1 management which goes to, uh -- it's always easy to
2 tell what these are saying. The efficient risk
3 management points out that, um, uh, there have been
4 very few truly new drugs recent. So we're
5 interested in, um, removing barriers to innovation.
6 That probably is a foreshadowing that's been called
7 the critical path initiative.

8 Um, and also reflected a desire to
9 modernize manufacturing. We're working on making
10 the drug safety program, um, as good as possible,
11 including watching over them after they're approved
12 to see how they're being used. Um, took note of
13 the possibility of special safety restrictions on
14 certain drugs. And we -- this isn't the first time
15 we were trying to communicate better with, um, with
16 consumers. We tend to talk mostly to other
17 physicians.

18 Q. Okay. That was -- that was one of my
19 questions.

20 A. When there's a counter-terrorism thing,
21 too.

22 Q. Okay. The -- the one I was more

1 concerned is talking with consumers. Is that --
2 does -- does the consumer have access to FDA
3 personnel to talk to if they have a concern about a
4 drug they're taking?
5 A. Oh, you mean like call up and say,
6 Should I be on this drug?
7 Q. Well, no. Just say I'm on this drug and
8 I'm having this problem. Is that -- is that a line
9 that exists within the --
10 A. We have --
11 Q. -- organization?
12 A. We have an Office of, uh, Consumer
13 Affairs in the Commissioner's office, which tends
14 to fill those questions, and we'll get help as
15 appropriate. There's a limit to -- you know, we
16 can't be the local physician.
17 Q. Okay.
18 A. So we don't try to do that.
19 Q. Okay.
20 A. But they -- they answer lots of
21 questions. Um --
22 Q. Okay.

1 A. -- and that's where they mostly go.
2 Q. Would a citizen, such as myself, if I
3 had a concern about a drug that I had quite a bit
4 of experience with, would I have access to anybody
5 in your office?
6 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
7 question.
8 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I'm not sure what
9 you mean. You mean to report it? To send us a --
10 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yeah.
11 THE WITNESS: -- a letter or --
12 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
13 Q. No. To come in and discuss it.
14 A. Conceivably but not as an ordinary
15 routine matter. There's just not enough of us to
16 do that. But this Office of Consumers Affairs, I
17 probably have the title slightly wrong. Um,
18 receives a lot of -- a lot of comments of that
19 kind. And if there's detailed information, um,
20 they might facilitate getting it. And, of course
21 people, do petition us --
22 Q. Okay.

1 A. -- sometimes with information. And then
2 we have to respond to the petition.
3 Q. And I think that happens, doesn't it,
4 with --
5 A. It does happen.
6 Q. With Prozac it happened. There was a
7 petition. Do you remember that back in --
8 A. I don't remember. There are petitions.
9 There are a lots --
10 Q. Okay.
11 A. -- of petitions.
12 Q. Okay. And just so I understand the
13 process. When the petition is denied, then, if you
14 want to -- if the consumer or whoever filed the
15 petition is unhappy, they then take that into a
16 court of law. Is the procedure?
17 A. You're -- you're past what I know.
18 Q. Okay, that's fine. In terms of that
19 document in front of you, there's nothing in there
20 that talks about CDER's role in protective drug
21 companies. Right? That's not a role --
22 A. Protecting drug companies?

1 Q. Yeah, protecting drug companies'
2 interest?

3 A. Like from what.

4 Q. From lawsuits.

5 A. Oh, no. Nothing in there about that.

6 Q. Do you feel that that's any part of your
7 responsibilities as, uh, as an employee of the FDA,
8 Doctor?

9 A. Project drug companies against lawsuits?

10 Q. Yeah.

11 A. No.

12 Q. Okay. Now, um, you -- I take it you
13 realized that there are allegations currently that,
14 um, there -- it is perceived that the FDA has what
15 I can quote it, Far too cozy of a relationship with
16 drug companies. You're aware of that. Right?

17 MR. BROWN: I'll object to the form of
18 the question, Jim.

19 MR. KELL: Objection. What are you
20 quoting if you're going to read a quote to the
21 witness?

22 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Well, I'll showed

1 him the documents. It's Senator Grasswood
2 before --
3 MR. FARBER: Grassley.
4 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Grassley in front
5 of Jim Lehrer's news hour.
6 THE WITNESS: Yeah, you can't print and
7 I can't say what I think of those allegations. I
8 think they're wrong, misunderstand the situation.
9 And I totally disagree with them.
10 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
11 Q. Okay. But you're aware that there are
12 at least one continuing congressional investigation
13 and I think Representative Hinchey Adam earlier
14 congressional investigation into the allegations
15 that the FDA is too cozy with the drug companies.
16 MR. BROWN: Again, object --
17 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yeah.
18 MR. BROWN: -- to the form of the
19 question.
20 THE WITNESS: Right.
21 MR. BROWN: Dr. Temple, if I may just
22 git my objection --

1 THE WITNESS: Please, go ahead. Go
2 ahead.
3 MR. BROWN: -- on the record before you
4 answer.
5 THE WITNESS: That's fine.
6 MR. BROWN: I'll just object to the form
7 of the question.
8 I'm sorry. You may -- you may answer.
9 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay. Well, the
10 reason I'm asking him why it's relevant to why
11 we're sitting here today is that representative
12 *Hinch's investigation encompassed this case,
13 discussed this case.
14 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
15 Q. Do you -- are you aware of that?
16 MR. BROWN: Objection.
17 MR. KELL: Objection.
18 THE WITNESS: I don't know anything
19 about that.
20 MR. KELL: Objection. No foundation.
21 MR. BROWN: I'll object --
22 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.

1 MR. BROWN: -- to the form --
2 MR. MURGATROYD, III: All right, that's
3 fine.
4 MR. BROWN: -- of the question as well.
5 MR. MURGATROYD, III: I'll put the
6 foundation in there.
7 THE COURT REPORTER: Excuse me one
8 moment. When you guys are objecting, he's mumbling
9 and it's not going to be on the record. So he
10 needs to wait for the objections, so that the
11 record is clear.
12 THE WITNESS: Fine. I'll wait. Okay.
13 MR. MURGATROYD, III: And we'll all
14 agree they're the same. Right?
15 MR. BROWN: Correct.
16 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Good.
17 MR. BROWN: And you'll allow him to
18 finish the answer to his questions. Right?
19 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Absolutely.
20 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
21 Q. I think the last exhibit in front of you
22 is No. 4; is that correct?

1 A. How would I know that?

2 Q. It would at the bottom -- a little
3 sticker.

4 MR. KELL: It's No. 4.

5 THE WITNESS: Oh, yeah. It is No. 4.

6 (Temple Deposition Exhibit

7 No 5 was marked for

8 Identification.)

9 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

10 Q. Okay. Let me show you what I've marked
11 as Exhibit 5. And it is a document entitled FDA
12 Misleads House Subcommittee that was prepared by the
13 office of Representative Maurice D. Hincey. And
14 your absolutely free to look through the whole
15 document, but the part of the document that
16 references the case that we're here today for is on
17 the second page.

18 MR. BROWN: Do you have another copy of
19 that one?

20 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Mark, you know I
21 do.

22 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

1 MR. MURGATROYD, III: I need that back,
2 though, so I can ask questions.
3 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I have --
4 MR. KELL: No.
5 THE WITNESS: Oh, no. Okay, fine.
6 MR. KELL: There's no question pending,
7 Doctor.
8 THE WITNESS: Okay, fine.
9 MR. KELL: Wait for a question
10 THE WITNESS: Good.
11 MR. KELL: And wait for any objections.
12 THE WITNESS: Fine.
13 MR. BROWN: Let me just get an objection
14 on the record, because based on the copy that I'm
15 reviewing, it's not clear whose document this was.
16 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Well, I think it
17 says it on the front. It's the title.
18 MR. BROWN: Prepared by the office of
19 Representative Maurice D. Hinchey.
20 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Right. You can
21 take it right off his website. It's sitting right
22 there. That's where I got it.

1 MR. BROWN: Okay.
2 MR. MURGATROYD, III: All right.
3 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
4 Q. And, Doctor, I just want to reference
5 the paragraph 5 of this document. First -- first
6 of all, um, the brief that was submitted, to which
7 your declaration was attached, which you said
8 you -- you reviewed today. Correct?
9 A. Just my attachment. Yeah, okay.
10 Q. You didn't look at the brief itself?
11 A. Nope.
12 Q. Okay. Are you aware that that brief was
13 unsolicited by any court?
14 MR. BROWN: I'll object to the form of
15 the question.
16 THE WITNESS: Am I supposed to answer?
17 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
18 Q. Yes.
19 MR. KELL: You can answer.
20 THE WITNESS: Okay.
21 Um --
22 MR. KELL: The question is --

1 THE WITNESS: I would --
2 MR. KELL: -- are you aware?
3 THE WITNESS: I would not have been
4 aware of those circumstances particularly.
5 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
6 Q. What are you aware of?
7 A. I don't know that.
8 Q. Okay. Do you know that a court didn't
9 ask for that brief?
10 A. No, I don't.
11 Q. Okay. I'm the first one to tell you
12 that?
13 A. Yeah, I -- I -- I don't know what I knew
14 about it. I don't remember the circumstances of
15 the case at all. I wasn't particularly part of it.
16 Q. Okay.
17 A. I just responded to a request for a
18 particular matter.
19 Q. Okay.
20 Q. Well, are you aware that your
21 participation in the In Re Paxil case resulted in
22 this investigation that was done by Representative

1 Hinchey?

2 MR. KELL: I object. Leading.

3 THE WITNESS: I'm not aware that my
4 participation did. I think -- I mean, I can see
5 where our participation did. My -- my memo was on
6 a very small point I thought. But, no, I was not
7 aware of it.

8 (Temple Deposition Exhibit
9 No. 6 was marked for
10 Identification.)

11 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

12 Q. Okay. Well, let me -- let me just --
13 hold on for a second. I'm going to mark the next
14 exhibit just so I can follow-up on this with, um --
15 these should be read so I can see them. They blend
16 in with the documents. We're at 7? Can you turn
17 that page over and tell me what exhibit number that
18 is.

19 A. This is five.

20 Q. That's 5, okay.

21 A. This is No. 5.

22 Q. Okay. Let me show you another document

1 which is entitled Representative Maurice D. Hinchey
2 Press Conference on FDA Failures. It's Prepared
3 Remarks July 30 (sic) 2004. And, again, the case
4 for which we're sitting here today is mentioned on
5 page 6.

6 Let me just show that to you. Ask
7 you're perfectly free to read the entire document,
8 but that -- that one page is the one I want to
9 refer to.

10 (Witness reviewed document.)

11 A. Okay, I've read that part.

12 Q. Okay. You seen that it says the "In re
13 Paxil is a fourth case." Right.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. And you see the next sentence
16 where it says, "What these few cases describe are
17 massive conflicts of interest and a pattern of
18 collusion between the federal agency and the
19 industry it is supposed to regulate."

20 Do you see that?

21 A. I see it.

22 * Q. Do you have any reason to believe that

1 that statement is incorrect?

2 MR. KELL: Objection.

3 Don't answer the question, Doctor.

4 MR. MURGATROYD, III: So you're
5 instructing him not to answer the question?

6 MR. KELL: I'm instructing him not to
7 get into this whole issue of bias. It is not --

8 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Well, that's why
9 we're here.

10 MR. KELL: It is not -- well, that may
11 be why you're here but it's not the subject of this
12 deposition. You can spend the whole day asking
13 those questions, if you want to. And I will spend
14 the whole day instructing the witness not to
15 answer. He may well have opinions on that. That
16 is not the purpose of this deposition.

17 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay. Well, we'll
18 disagree on that.

19 Let's mark that as the first question to
20 take before the magistrate.

21 And, again, we'll continue and let these
22 build as they may and address the court when we

1 need to.

2 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

3 Q. Now, um, did you see the, uh, the, uh,
4 recent ABC news local affiliate did a little piece
5 on, uh, this topic, the conflict of interest
6 between the FDA and, uh, and drug companies? The
7 conflict of interest representing or helping drug
8 companies in civil litigation?

9 MR. BROWN: I'll object to the form of
10 the question.

11 THE WITNESS: Okay. I did not see it,
12 no.

13 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

14 Q. Okay. Um, were you aware that
15 Representative Hinche was on TV and -- and said
16 that, uh, um, the FDA coming in on behalf of drug
17 companies in civil litigation, uh -- here's his
18 quote:

19 The health and safety of the American
20 people has been put in jeopardy as the result of
21 the corrupt practices within the Food and Drug
22 Administration.

1 Have you ever heard that quote before?
2 A. No.
3 Q. Okay. Um, are you -- have you heard
4 those allegations being made about the former chief
5 counsel DAn Trowy?
6 MR. KELL: You're simply asking if he's
7 heard --
8 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yes.
9 MR. KELL: -- such allegation?
10 THE WITNESS: There -- there have --
11 MR. KELL: You can answer yes or no --
12 THE WITNESS: Yeah --
13 MR. KELL: -- Doctor.
14 THE WITNESS: -- yeah.
15 I've -- I've heard criticism of our
16 participation in the -- in these matters. Or I --
17 I don't know that I've heard the corruption
18 allegation or the conflict of interest or any of
19 those things. There's been some question about
20 whether we should be doing that. That's -- that's
21 all I know about it.
22 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. I don't know any more -- more details.

3 Q. Well, let me ask you this: Have you
4 ever personally submitted a declaration on behalf
5 of a drug company in a civil case?

6 A. Other than the one --

7 Q. Yeah, other than that one.

8 A. -- here now?

9 Q. Yes.

10 A. No.

11 Q. Okay. Have you ever been asked to
12 do something like that before?

13 A. There are request periodically, yes. We
14 generally are asked not -- we would be -- we would
15 spend all of our days doing them if we joined in,
16 so we generally don't.

17 Q. Okay. And -- well, we're going to get
18 into the -- why you didn't in this specific case in
19 a few minutes. But, um, were you aware that by
20 entering into this case, In Re Paxil -- or actually
21 are you aware that the FDA has entered into in
22 the -- into four cases in the last few years?

1 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
2 question.
3 MR. KELL: Object. The question is to
4 form. And the question is so vague it can't
5 possibly be answers.
6 MR. MURGATROYD, III: All right.
7 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
8 Q. Well, let's go back to the exhibit
9 that's in front of you. And it discusses, um, four
10 cases in which the FDA has intervened.
11 A. Can --
12 Q. And I'm just going to ask --
13 A. Can I just tell you what I do know?
14 MR. KELL: Doctor, there's no question
15 pending. No, you may not.
16 THE WITNESS: Okay, okay.
17 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
18 Q. We're going to find out what you know.
19 Don't worry.
20 MR. KELL: You're going to find out what
21 the doctor knows on matters relevant --
22 THE WITNESS: That's fine.

1 MR. KELL: -- to the subject of this --
2 THE WITNESS: Okay.
3 MR. KELL: -- deposition.
4 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Correct.
5 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
6 Q. Okay. I just want to know whether or
7 not -- when you were asked to participate in, uh,
8 the *Motis case in which the government intervened.
9 MR. KELL: Objection.
10 Don't answer the question, Doctor.
11 Let's talk about this case
12 Mr. Murgatroyd.
13 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay. I -- I --
14 MR. KELL: Or let's go home.
15 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
16 Q. No. I just want to understand the
17 extent of the FDA involvement in the four cases
18 that are represented in this document --
19 MR. KELL: Well, your --
20 Q. -- one of which is In Re Paxil.
21 MR. KELL: We -- we needn't argue or
22 brief this, but you see what my instructions are

1 going to be when we get beyond this case.
2 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay. And, again,
3 what I'm trying to show, so the record is clear, is
4 that there was a pattern of collusion, a pattern of
5 corruption, as it's been described, within the FDA
6 to improperly intervene into civil litigation, in
7 which the FDA did it on multiple occasions under
8 the auspices of a gentleman by the name of Dan Troy
9 who fortunately I believe for the consumers in this
10 country is no longer in his office.
11 MR. KELL: Thanks --
12 MR. MURGATROYD, III: I want to --
13 MR. KELL: -- for the speech, Mr.
14 Murgatroyd.
15 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yeah. I will --
16 MR. KELL: But if that -- if that's the
17 purpose of the deposition, then we needn't stay
18 here.
19 MR. BROWN: I'll put an objection on the
20 record too as to the speech.
21 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay. Duly noted.
22 Let's go off the record just for a

1 minute.

2 MR. KELL: No, let's stay on the record.

3 MR. FARBER: No. Let's go off the
4 record.

5 MR. MURGATROYD, III: We'll go off the
6 record.

7 MR. FARBER: He's paying -- he's paying
8 the clerk. We can go off the record.

9 MR. KELL: I am representing the witness
10 and I want everything said in this deposition on
11 the record.

12 MR. FARBER: Fine. May I ask a
13 question, sir, do you have an objection if I ask
14 you a question?

15 MR. KELL: You can ask me whatever you
16 like.

17 MR. FARBER: Have you attended all of
18 the hearings in which Judge Fowser indicated FDA
19 bias may be an issue on this lawsuit, yes or no?

20 MR. KELL: I've said you could ask me a
21 question. If you want to use up the transcript,
22 I'm not answering your questions. I'm not the

1 deponent.

2 MR. FARBER: All right. Well, I'm
3 advising you on the record that FDA bias is an
4 issue. It was in our papers. The judge has
5 acknowledged it. And if you instruct the witness
6 not to answer on FDA bias issues outside of this
7 case, then you're on notice that I'm telling you
8 the court has noted that.

9 MR. KELL: I will instruct --

10 MR. FARBER: And that's the --

11 MR. KELL: -- the witness --

12 MR. FARBER: -- end of my current
13 speech, sir.

14 MR. KELL: I will instruct the witness
15 as to particular questions.

16 MR. FARBER: Thank you.

17 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

18 Q. Okay. Now, so in terms of your
19 participation, the only case that you're aware of
20 that the four that are listed in Exhibit 6 is the
21 In Re Paxil case; is that correct?

22 MR. BROWN: I'll object to the form of

1 the question.
2 MR. KELL: You can answer the question.
3 THE WITNESS: And I'm aware of that case
4 only to the extent that my, um, statement was
5 pertinent to -- I don't know the details of the
6 whole case at all.
7 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
8 Q. Okay. And you're not familiar with the
9 FDA's intervention in the other case that represent
10 that are referenced in Exhibit 6?
11 MR. KELL: Object to the form.
12 You can answer.
13 THE WITNESS: I'm aware there are other
14 cases in which that happened. I don't know any of
15 the details or anything about the, uh, the
16 statements that were made or any of those things.
17 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
18 Q. Okay. You weren't consulted in those
19 cases as you --
20 A. No. As near as I can remember, I was
21 not.
22 Q. Okay. That's all I wanted to know.

1 Thank you.

2 Now, the quote, so the record is clear,
3 the quote that I made earlier that Gerald had asked
4 that I supply the document for -- I hate to keep
5 track of these exhibits. That was six, right, and
6 seven?

7 MR. KELL: This is No. 6 that's before
8 the witness.

9 (Temple Deposition Exhibit
10 No. 7 was marked for
11 Identification.)

12 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

13 Q. Okay. Let me show you seven which is a
14 transcript of a broadcast of the Jim Lehrer news
15 hour dated November 23rd, 2004. If you look at the
16 second sentence, I think you'll see where I got
17 that quote from.

18 A. The second sentence?

19 Q. Yes.

20 MR. KELL: There is not a question
21 pending, Doctor. You needn't say anything.

22 MR. MURGATROYD, III: 2004.

1 THE WITNESS: Okay.
2 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
3 Q. Do you see that sentence where it quotes
4 Senator Grassley?
5 MR. KELL: Object to the form.
6 You can answer whether you see the
7 sentence.
8 THE WITNESS: I do see it.
9 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
10 Q. Okay. And it states, "One of my
11 concerns is that the FDA has a relationship with
12 drug companies that is far too cozy."
13 Do you see that?
14 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
15 question.
16 THE WITNESS: I see it.
17 MR. MURGATROYD, III: I'm just
18 establishing for the record where I got the quote.
19 That's the purpose of that.
20 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
21 Q. Now, this interview also included a, um,
22 a guess by the name of Dr. David Graham. You know

1 Dr. Graham. Correct?
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. Okay. And in this, uh, news hour report
4 he's quoted as saying that the CDER as regards to
5 safety is a broken organization. Did you see that?
6 MR. BROWN: I'll object to the form of
7 the question and the relevance of the question.
8 MR. KELL: I'll join in that objection.
9 And you can answer whether you see such
10 as representation --
11 MR. MURGATROYD, III: It's the --
12 MR. KELL: -- in the transcript.
13 MR. MURGATROYD, III: -- the bottom of
14 the first page, top of the second page.
15 THE WITNESS: I see it.
16 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
17 Q. Okay. Would you agree with his
18 statement?
19 MR. KELL: Objection.
20 Don't answer the question.
21 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.
22 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

1 Q. Well, you -- you testified before one of
2 the, um --
3 A. SSRIs?
4 Q. No. But before -- one of these
5 congressional investigations was Senator Grassley's
6 investigation?
7 A. No, it was not.
8 Q. Which one was that?
9 A. It was Representative Barton.
10 Q. Okay. That was the Barton. The Barton,
11 um, --
12 A. Was the one on SSRISs.
13 Q. Right. And who was the -- who was the
14 representative who was supposed to participate in
15 it originally and then went to work for the drug
16 company?
17 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
18 question.
19 MR. FARBER: Greenwood.
20 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Oh, Greenwood.
21 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
22 Q. Were you aware that Greenwood was going

1 to have the investigation and then went to work for
2 a drug company?
3 MR. BROWN: Object to the form --
4 MR. KELL: Objection.
5 MR. BROWN: -- of the question.
6 MR. KELL: Relevance.
7 I'll let you answer the --
8 THE WITNESS: I was aware of --
9 MR. KELL: -- question if you're
10 THE WITNESS: I was aware of that.
11 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
12 Q. Okay. Um, so -- but you gave a written
13 statement -- you prepared a written statement that
14 was given before that congressional hearing --
15 MR. KELL: Objection.
16 Q. -- correct.
17 MR. KELL: What -- what hearing? What
18 statement?
19 MR. MURGATROYD, III: The one we were
20 just talking about, Barton.
21 MR. KELL: Well, if you'd ask your
22 question so that I can understand it, maybe the

1 witness can understand it as well. I just want a
2 question so we know what we're answering.

3 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.

4 THE WITNESS: I prepared a written
5 statement for the Barton hearing.

6 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

7 Q. Okay. And what was Barton looking into
8 them?

9 A. The suicidality in children's and
10 adolescents' question in whether we handled it
11 correctly.

12 * Q. Okay. And, um, actually I have a copy of
13 that statement. We'll get into that a little bit
14 later.

15 Um, and whether or not you handled that
16 issue of suicidality in kids who take SSRIs on --
17 was it your decision not to let Dr. *Masholder
18 testify --

19 MR. KELL: Objection.

20 Q. -- on February 2nd --

21 MR. KELL: Don't answer the question,
22 Doctor.

1 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
2 question also.
3 MR. MURGATROYD, III: I guess we'll have
4 to mark that one down.
5 Um, is there any reason why you're not
6 letting him answer that? I was just asking: Was
7 it his decision? I'm not asking --
8 MR. KELL: It is beyond --
9 MR. MURGATROYD, III: -- process --
10 MR. KELL: -- the scope of the
11 deposition.
12 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Well, it gets
13 into --
14 MR. KELL: I understand what you want to
15 get into, Mr. Murgatrody. You should understand
16 that we are not going to get into that, absent some
17 court order on specific questions.
18 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay. Would
19 you --
20 MR. KELL: So, I mean, you can put your
21 questions and probably should put your questions on
22 the record.

1 MR. MURGATROYD, III: No, I am --

2 MR. KELL: I will instruct the witness
3 not to answer that I think -- those that I think
4 are inappropriate.

5 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay. Just so --
6 you may be missing something. I'm just going to
7 fill you in and you can either -- you do with it as
8 you please. But the allegations in this lawsuit,
9 um, include suicidality upon withdraw of Paxil.
10 And we have hundreds and hundreds of people who are
11 Plaintiffs in the case who experienced those type
12 of adverse reactions. So that's why. And some of
13 them are children, um, under the age of 20.

14 So that's why these questions I believe
15 are relevant, and I'll present it to the court
16 obviously to get the -- the, uh, the court's ruling
17 on whether or not Dr. Temple should answer the
18 question. I just want to make sure -- I don't know
19 if you knew that that was -- those are allegations
20 made in the lawsuit. Those are existing living
21 Plaintiffs who are making those claims, which I
22 believe is relevant to Dr. Temple's deposition here

1 today. You don't have to respond. I just want to
2 make sure that that's noted.

3 MR. BROWN: Let me -- let me put on the
4 record, then, that, um -- and make clear that
5 Dr. Temple's deposition was provided in connection
6 with the In Re Paxil discontinuation litigation --

7 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Right.

8 MR. BROWN: -- in which there are no
9 suicide-related allegations.

10 MR. MURGATROYD, III: No. That's --

11 MR. BROWN: And that's why we believe
12 that it's beyond the scope of what this deposition
13 ought to extent to. I just want to put that on the
14 record.

15 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay. Well, you
16 know from deposing one of the five exemplar
17 Plaintiffs; that one of them became suicidal upon
18 withdrawing Paxil.

19 MR. BROWN: You've heard my objection.

20 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Right.

21 MR. BROWN: We can move on. Thank you.

22 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

1 Q. Um, okay. Uh, I think we've -- at this
2 point we've established that your responsibilities,
3 including drug labeling, drug advertising, and drug
4 safety. And I know efficacy is a fourth one. I
5 want to take up drug labeling.

6 Um, what is -- what is the purpose of
7 drug labeling?

8 A. It's, uh, to provide adequate directions
9 for the safe and effective use of the drugs.

10 Q. Okay. And --

11 A. So it combines a mixture of information
12 to advise the user on what's known about the drug
13 and a wide range of, uh, questionnaire information
14 about what to watch out for, what not to do,
15 depending on the particular drug.

16 Q. Okay. And is that information that's
17 provided to both the patient who's taking the drug
18 as well as the doctor who's prescribing it?

19 A. Not necessarily. All labeling has a
20 section called "information for patients" which
21 advises the physician on what to tell -- what the
22 physician should notify the patient about and then

1 some labeling but not a -- not all has a section
2 called a "patient package insert" or nowadays
3 Med-Guide, which is intended to go to patients and
4 would tell them what they need to know and what
5 they need to do.
6 Q. Okay.
7 A. But that's a minority of labeling has
8 that.
9 Q. Okay. Well, if I were to go out and get
10 a prescription for Paxil to day and I get a -- I
11 went to my pharmacist, okay.
12 A. I want to add one thing.
13 Q. Okay.
14 A. Some years ago there was, uh, an attempt
15 by us to put patient labeling on all drugs that was
16 stopped. And, instead, private organizations now
17 provided at least some labeling or supposed to
18 provide at least some labeling for almost all drugs
19 that are given to people. They're attached to the
20 package that you get.
21 Q. And --
22 A. But we -- we don't in any -- we don't

1 regulate those. We don't control the content.
2 It's suppose to be derived from the physician
3 labeling.
4 Q. And are those prepared by the drug
5 companies or by somebody else.
6 A. No. There are several third parties who
7 do it.
8 Q. And then is that -- is that authorized
9 by the FDA?
10 A. Yes.
11 Q. Okay. And --
12 A. It's part of an attempt to see if that
13 mechanism would work before we went further and
14 actually wrote them all ourselves. We -- we at one
15 point were proposing to write them all ourselves,
16 which would have been a lot of work --
17 Q. Right.
18 A. -- but we were proposing it.
19 Q. And --
20 A. So -- and we are obliged to evaluate the
21 progress of this periodically. I can't remember
22 when the next evaluation is, uh, coming, but we

1 have done that. We've used outside consultants to
2 assess the quality of the information.
3 Q. And who pays that third party to prepare
4 the package inserts for the patients, if you know?
5 A. I don't know.
6 Q. And --
7 A. They're available at the pharmacy.
8 Sometimes they're printed off, uh, some kind of web
9 based thing.
10 Q. I know that --
11 A. I don't know that -- you get -- you've
12 gotten them undoubtedly.
13 Q. Yeah, I think I had a box of antibiotics
14 once and it had a sheet in it folded up.
15 A. No, that's different. That's probably
16 the actual package insert. Some -- some -- this is
17 variable. But some dosage forms actually contain
18 the physician's package insert.
19 Q. Okay.
20 A. Uh, that's not required to be given out
21 but sometimes they do. How useful patients find
22 those is probably debatable. There are some cases

1 where we require unit of use packaging that will
2 contain the patient package insert. And we think
3 that's a very good way to make sure that it
4 actually is delivered. As you probably know, we've
5 concluded that all antidepressants are going to
6 have both a Med-Guide and unit of use packaging.

7 It takes --

8 Q. Right.

9 A. -- a little while to convert the unit of
10 use packaging. That's so -- it will definitely be
11 given out. If you require the pharmacist to do it,
12 sometimes it's given out, sometimes not, this will
13 assure that everybody will get it.

14 Q. Okay. And, um -- and that's important,
15 I take it, because it's important for both
16 prescribing doctors and consumers to know what side
17 effects to look at when they're taking a drug like
18 an SSRI.

19 MR. BROWN: Object to the form --

20 MR. KELL: Object to the form.

21 MR. BROWN: -- of the question.

22 MR. KELL: Okay. You can answer.

1 THE WITNESS: Especially the important
2 ones, right.

3 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

4 Q. Okay. Now, am I correct in stating --
5 and, again, I'm limiting this to SSRIs and Paxil,
6 in particular, that in the normal course of the
7 approval process the drug company drafts the
8 label -- makes a first draft of the label they
9 submitted to the the FDA and then -- then there's a
10 negotiation process as to what the final label will
11 look like?

12 MR. KELL: Object to the use of the word
13 "negotiation."

14 You can answer the question, Doctor.

15 THE WITNESS: Yeah, that's what I was
16 going to say. We tell them what we think about it.
17 And we have a fair capacity to get our way. We
18 listen to intelligent objections, of course.

19 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. Well, I don't -- I don't actually think
22 of it. I mean, it -- it's a negotiation in the

1 sense that they're allowed to argue for what they
2 want, but we really fell we have control over the
3 contents of the labeling.

4 Q. Okay. But am I correct in saying that
5 normally the drug companies, such as GSK in this
6 case, would prepare the first label?

7 A. That is true.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. That is true.

10 Q. Okay. Now, there's various sections of
11 a label. Correct? There is the --

12 A. Sorry. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. Thank you. Self-correcting, very
14 good.

15 Um, and I have a Paxil label. Let me
16 see me if I have one handy. We can take that as an
17 example. Um, well, let me see. Let me go through
18 without it just one being -- there's a warning
19 section, correct, of a label if warnings are being
20 necessary?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. And is that -- is that considered

1 the important information for a doctor to have
2 who's prescribing the drug?
3 A. Yes, it is.
4 Q. Okay. And then after that I believe
5 there's a caution section.
6 A. Yes, there is. There's some ambiguity
7 between what's a warning and what's a precaution.
8 In a recent proposal, we proposed combining them.
9 Q. I was going to ask you that, what the
10 difference was but --
11 A. The warnings are bigger.
12 Q. Okay. And then the strongest warning
13 that's I've seen --
14 A. I'm sorry. I have to tell you one other
15 thing. Precautions also came -- became the place
16 where you throw everything. So drug-drug
17 interactions got put in precautions. Pediatric use
18 got put into precautions. It became a catch-all
19 place to put everything. So we were hoping to
20 improve that.
21 Q. Okay. By eliminating the precaution
22 section?

1 A. By combining warnings and precautions in
2 one section and having specific sections for
3 drug-drug interactions and so on.

4 Q. Okay. And the strongest warning that a
5 drug company can get that is my understanding is
6 what's called the black box warning?

7 MR. BROWN: Objection. Object to the
8 form the question and use of the term "strongest."

9 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Well, I'm asking
10 him. That's the question.

11 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

12 Q. Is that -- is there a stronger warning
13 than a black box warning in label?

14 A. Well --

15 Q. Just in a label.

16 A. -- ironically there's something called a
17 contraindication.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. Historically, those were not put in
20 boxes necessarily. And a contraindication means un
21 no circumstances should you use it in particular
22 people. We don't think there's ever any reason to

1 use it in particular people. In some ways, that's
2 the strongest. But the most prominent warning you
3 would write we put in the box either because of the
4 extreme severity and actually often because there's
5 something you can do about it by avoiding certain
6 people. Anyway. But, yes, it's -- boxing it is
7 the most prominent way to get people's attention.
8 Q. Okay. Then the next section labeled --
9 and I'm trying to get this from memory -- is
10 usually the adverse event tables and statements
11 about adverse events; is that correct?
12 A. Um, I'm just thinking. I'm sorry. I'm
13 just thinking about official sections. There's a
14 lot of other stuff in precautions.
15 Q. Right.
16 A. I guess the next separate section is
17 adverse reactions.
18 Q. Okay. And that is where -- would --
19 there's guidelines on what goes into that
20 section --
21 A. Yeah.
22 Q. -- in terms of frequency related to

1 placebo. Is it always based on relation to
2 placebo? Is that --

3 A. Well, there's guidance on this. Um,
4 the -- the -- for the more common adverse
5 reactions, the best way to learn what the drug does
6 versus what just happens, uh, without a drug is to
7 compare the rate in the drug and placebo groups.

8 So for drugs that are developed with
9 placebo-controlled trials, you'll see a table
10 showing the rate on drug and the rate on placebo.
11 Sometimes for some drugs you don't have
12 placebo-controlled trials. You don't have
13 placebo-controlled trials with antibiotics, or many
14 cancer drugs.

15 So you put in the comparison with the
16 other drug which is less sure about what the drug
17 did versus what just happened because of the
18 disease, but you do the best you can.

19 Q. Okay. And is there a difference between
20 the adverse events that are contained in the label
21 and what I, as a layperson, would know as a side
22 effect?

1 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
2 question.
3 THE WITNESS: I think they mean the same
4 thing to most people.
5 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
6 Q. Okay. Then going down in terms of
7 moving further down into the label, then you have
8 what are called post-marketing events. Correct?
9 A. Yes. It's also true, though, that if a
10 post-marketing event becomes important, prominent,
11 and believable, it may move to some other part of
12 the label like precautions or warnings or get a
13 prominent part of the adverse reaction section.
14 One -- one of the -- I don't know how much you want
15 to hear about this. But --
16 Q. No. Go ahead on. I'm just --
17 A. -- adverse reactions are presented in
18 this table, but the table just names them.
19 Q. Right.
20 A. And not every adverse reaction is clear
21 from the name. So one of the things we've talked
22 about in our proposed revision is to have a section

1 that make its clear what's going on here.
2 Q. Right.
3 A. So if, you know, if the report is, um,
4 hypotension -- means falling blood pressure -- we
5 provide some details about when it occurs in the
6 course of therapy, how how bad it is. Do people
7 pass out?
8 So they'll be little sections on the
9 more prominent adverse reactions, and that could
10 make you post-marketing data or pre-marketing data,
11 depending on what you have.
12 Q. Okay.
13 A. But there's typically a list of things
14 that have been reported after marketing and usually
15 a statement about how we -- we're not sure whether
16 this is due to the drug or not.
17 Q. Right. I think, uh Dr. Laughren
18 referred that to as the more obscure part of the
19 label. Would that be a correct assessment?
20 A. It's a --
21 MR. BROWN: I'll object to the form of
22 the question.

1 THE WITNESS: It's at the end or it was
2 at the end under the current format, right.

3 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

4 Q. Okay. Now, um, let me see if I actually
5 let me show you -- let me show you what
6 exactly he did say to see if you agree on this or
7 not.

8 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Gerald, are we up
9 to eight?

10 MR. KELL: Seven is the last one I see.

11 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.
12 (Temple Deposition Exhibit
13 No. 8 was marked for
14 Identification.)

15 MR. BROWN: What's that, Skip?

16 MR. MURGATROYD, III: This is a copy of
17 the transcript of a psychopharmacological drug
18 advisory committee dated, uh, September, 20th,
19 1991. And there is a section -- I'm going to
20 highlight Dr. Laughren testifying.

21 And then he goes on to state what I've
22 marked with a box regarding this part of the label.

1 I just want to see if you concur with what he says.
2 MR. BROWN: Can you identify the page
3 number --
4 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yes.
5 MR. BROWN: -- from the transcript,
6 please?
7 MR. MURGATROYD, III: I can indeed. It
8 is --
9 THE WITNESS: Am I supposed to be
10 looking.
11 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Gerald, what page
12 is that?
13 MR. KELL: I see page 137 with a
14 bracket. Is that where you --
15 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yes, that's it,
16 yes.
17 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
18 Q. And I'll just -- all I'm doing is
19 putting your attention what Dr. Laughren testified
20 to and see it that's your understanding also.
21 Can you read that into the record,
22 please, sir.

1 A. The section you asked about says:
2 "Again, to be clear, putting these terms
3 in that somewhat obscure location of labeling
4 reflects our lack of confidence in a causal link
5 between the taking of the drug and those
6 behaviors."

7 Q. Okay. Is that -- would you agree with
8 that statement?

9 A. Yes, I do. And when you become more
10 confident, you move it somewhere else.

11 Q. Right. That's when it starts getting
12 pushed earlier into the label.

13 A. And -- or it becomes a precaution or
14 something like that.

15 Q. Okay. Now, um -- now, would you agree
16 with the fact that the FDA can't or does not catch
17 all the problems with the drug during the NDA
18 process that they can show up later in the
19 postmarketing period?

20 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
21 question and lack of foundation.

22 MR. KELL: You can answer.

1 THE WITNESS: Um, sure. That is
2 well-known. We try to say it as often as possible.

3 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

4 Q. Okay. And would you -- I actually had
5 pulled another document off the web -- a web
6 browser that you can tell. This one I actually
7 took off a while back. I don't know if it's still
8 on there or not.

9 MR. MURGATROYD, III: I'll mark it as
10 exhibit nine.

11 (Temple Deposition Exhibit
12 No. 9 was marked for
13 Identification.)

14 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

15 Q. And, uh, it's just a blowup. And I'll
16 hand to you. But it says, "When a drug goes to
17 market, we know everything about its safety.
18 Wrong."

19 And then it gives the number for the
20 FDA, which, I guess, is that would be a MedWatch
21 number or something.

22 A. Probably for MedWatch encouraging people

1 to repor to us.
2 Q. Right.
3 MR. BROWN: Mr. Murgatoyd?
4 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yeah.
5 MR. BROWN: If I can see that for one
6 second, please.
7 (Counsel reviews document.)
8 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yeah.
9 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
10 Q. Okay. Would you agree that, in fact,
11 the FDA does not know everything about a safety
12 once it's put on the market?
13 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
14 question.
15 MR. KELL: Are you asking -- the
16 question is so broad I'm having trouble figuring --
17 MR. MURGATROYD, III: All right.
18 MR. KELL: -- it out.
19 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Let me narrow it
20 down.
21 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
22 Q. Let's take Paxil for instance. Paxil

1 was approved for the market. Correct?
2 A. Sure, it was. Yes, it was.
3 Q. Do you agree that, um, more information
4 has come out about Paxil and its side effects since
5 it's hit the markets?
6 MR. KELL: Go ahead and --
7 THE WITNESS: Yes.
8 MR. KELL: -- answer.
9 THE WITNESS: Yes.
10 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
11 Q. Okay.
12 A. That -- that is invariably true.
13 Q. Okay. And would you agree that GSK --
14 I'm just going to be specific with regard to
15 Paxil -- knows more about that drug than the FDA
16 does because of its personal experience and
17 clinical trials and everything else it knows about
18 the drug.
19 MR. KELL: Objection.
20 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
21 Q. Would you agree they have more knowledge
22 than the FDA about that drug.

1 MR. KELL: Object to the form.
2 MR. BROWN: Object.
3 MR. KELL: You can answer if you have
4 any notion of what GSK knows or doesn't know.
5 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Well --
6 MR. BROWN: I'll also object on the
7 basis of the form of the question.
8 THE WITNESS: I don't, um -- I don't
9 actually know that that's true. The -- but some
10 aspects of it might be true. Um, they have
11 obligations to report to us any new safety
12 information.
13 So if they are, indeed, reporting all of
14 that, we should know what they know.
15 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
16 Q. Correct.
17 A. Um, there are undoubtedly clinical
18 trials that are ongoing or that haven't been
19 submitted to use on a new use or something that we
20 may not know about yet. It may have been reported
21 in an annual report. We may or may not know much
22 about them.

1 Um, I guess I do want to make the
2 observatoin about post-marketing reports of adverse
3 affects that there is an inherent problem with all
4 of those. They don't arise from a controled trial
5 and it's not easy to tell, and it may be impossible
6 to tell whether something happened because the
7 person took the drug or just happens spontaneously.
8 That's the fundamental difficult with all
9 post-marketing reports.

10 And it's clearly signaled by such things
11 as suicidal thinking. This has been part of all of
12 the discussions. The very first time this arose
13 was, uh -- the most prominent time it arose was in
14 1991 related to Prozac where *Martin Tischer
15 reported a bunch of people who seemed to do much
16 worse when they were put on Prozac. And this went
17 before an advisory committee.

18 The consensus was you couldn't tell
19 whether those poor people who were suicidal because
20 that was the nature of their disease, or whether
21 the drug provoked it even though it happened after
22 they took the drug. That is the hard part of all

1 post-marketing reporting, because it's not from
2 controlled trials. It isn't even usually from an
3 epidemiologic studies, which to a small degree
4 solve that problem, although they're still hard to
5 interpret.

6 So that's -- that -- I just thought it
7 was important to mention that. It's part of the
8 whole deal.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. It's very hard to know.

11 Q. I understand. And the MedWatch program
12 has its -- has a purpose. I mean, I'm going to get
13 into this a little bit later. But it basically
14 looks for signals. So it may be a possible --

15 A. Exactly.

16 Q. -- signal generator?

17 A. That's exactly right. You get a report
18 and you look at other reports. You compare those
19 reports with what you get for other drugs. You do
20 your best to deal with the system that does not
21 represent controlled observations.

22 Q. Correct.

1 A. All kinds --
2 Q. There were --
3 A. -- of problems. The patient is getting
4 one drug may be different from the patients getting
5 another drug. Uh, *post Hace air -- thought
6 *Proptohac is a logical error or not a kind of
7 evidence, you know, things like that.
8 Q. Right. And I think the -- the MedWatch
9 reports are -- will be considered anecdotal?
10 A. Yeah. Anecdotal is an insulting way to
11 describe them. I prefer to think of them as
12 signals.
13 Q. Okay.
14 A. Not really firm evidence. Except in
15 some cases there are certain kinds of adverse
16 events, adverse reactions that simply don't occur
17 in the absence of a drug, massive hepatic injury,
18 liver injury.
19 Q. Right.
20 A. And those frequently are interpreted, if
21 there's a few of them anyway, as being strong
22 evidence that a drug caused thme. But when you're

1 talking about, you know, anxiety after a drug,
2 anxiety is common in the population, very hard to
3 do it. We've been having a lot of talk about Vioxx
4 and heart attacks. Heart attacks are extremely
5 common in the population. So if someone has a
6 heart attack after taking a drug, you don't really
7 know what that means until you do an epidemiologic
8 study, do a controlled trial and so on. It's the
9 nature of the beast.

10 Q. Okay. So I'm clear, information that's
11 gotten from a spontaneous report is different than
12 information the FDA gets from a report of arising
13 from a clinical trial in terms of the quality of
14 the information; is that correct?

15 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
16 question, and it's vague.

17 THE WITNESS: I don't think it's so much
18 the quality. It's the interruptibility. One
19 arises from a controlled comparison where you look
20 at the rate and one group in the rate in another
21 group. The other is the report of what happened.
22 It's not that you doubt that it happened. What you

1 don't know is why it happened, whether it was the
2 person's underlying disease. Sometimes some other
3 drug they were taking or is it really due to the
4 drug.

5 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. And sometimes it's easier to reach a
8 conclusion than other times.

9 Q. Okay. And it's easier to reach a
10 conclusion, I take it, with a clinical trial report
11 than a spontaneous MedWatch type report.

12 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
13 question.

14 THE WITNESS: Um, but, yes, because you
15 have a control group.

16 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

17 Q. Right.

18 A. So, I mean, that's what -- even in, for
19 example, the suicidality discussin in children, the
20 rate of suicidality was 2 percent in the placebo
21 group. So those events happened but they obviously
22 weren't due to the drug. They were due to the

1 underlying disease.

2 So if there were more of them in the
3 people getting the drug, and that's what is
4 important, but the events themselves were seen in
5 both groups. So if all you had was the reports of
6 the events, you just wouldn't know it.

7 Q. Right. It didn't have that comparison?

8 A. Well, in those cases we did.

9 Q. Right, correct.

10 A. Right.

11 Q. Okay. Now, um, I think it was, um,
12 Dr. Leber in his deposition stated that the, um,
13 the label was like a science moving forward in that
14 as new things are being learned, the label changes
15 to reflect the new information that is -- is, uh,
16 known; is that correct?

17 MR. KELL: Object to the form of the
18 question, and compound.

19 THE WITNESS: The label is an evolving
20 document. It's supposed to reflect what we know
21 and that changes --

22 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.

1 THE WITNESS: -- over time.

2 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

3 Q. Okay. And, in fact, um, drug companies
4 are under an -- a legal obligation to make label
5 changes once they become aware of a serious risk;
6 is that correct?

7 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
8 question.

9 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

10 Q. Are you familiar with that code section
11 of the, um, C.F.R.s?

12 A. Yes. Well, they're really supposed to
13 tell us about them, and they are allowed to put in
14 changes even at the same time as they tell about
15 them if they're about serious things.

16 Q. Okay. I pulled it up, um, two code
17 sections that I thought was important to your
18 department in terms of labeling.

19 Um, one is what's called C.F.R.
20 201.57(e). And I'll -- it's kind of a long
21 statute, so I'll try to find it for you. Here it
22 is right here.

1 MR. MURGATROYD, III: And can I have
2 more of those stickers. Thanks.
3 Ten?
4 MR. KELL: Yes.
5 (Temple Deposition Exhibit
6 Nos. 10 and 11 were marked for
7 Identification.)
8 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
9 Q. And I've marked this Code Section as
10 Exhibit 10, and "e" is on page 3. And I did a
11 little blowup, which I'll mark as 11, as to the
12 specific part I'm referring to.
13 MR. KELL: What section of the C.F.R.
14 are we looking at, at this point, please?
15 MR. MURGATROYD, III: 201.57 and it's
16 "e."
17 THE WITNESS: And it i's E.
18 MR. KELL: Which is warnings?
19 THE WITNESS: It's just warnings. It's
20 just got a warning names under the current
21 language.
22 MR. KELL: Right.

1 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
2 Q. And do you see the part now that says,
3 The labeling shall be revised to include a warning
4 as soon as there is a reasonable evidence of an
5 association of a serious hazard with a drug; a
6 causal relationship need not be proved?
7 A. Yes --
8 Q. Okay.
9 A. -- I see that.
10 Q. And that's what I blew up on Exhibit 11.
11 Do you see that?
12 A. Right.
13 Q. Okay. Now --
14 MR. BROWN: Can I see that for just one
15 second, please.
16 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Sure.
17 MR. BROWN: Because what you read was
18 different than what was stated in the regulations,
19 but you -- this accurately captures it.
20 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Oh, okay. Maybe I
21 read it wrong. But Exhibit 11 is accurate.
22 Correct?

1 MR. BROWN: It is.
2 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay, good.
3 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
4 Q. Now, so here we're talking about the --
5 this would be a drug manufacturer's responsibility
6 to revise a label under this code section.
7 Correct?
8 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
9 question.
10 MR. KELL: I'll object on foundation.
11 I'll let the Doctor answer if he feels
12 qualified to interpret legal standards.
13 Um, you have not established that.
14 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.
15 THE WITNESS: They're supposed to do it.
16 We not uncommonly request such changes ourselves --
17 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.
18 THE WITNESS: If we discover -- discover
19 something. But it's their job to keep the labeling
20 up to date, at least nominally the labeling is
21 owned by the company.
22 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

1 Q. Okay. All right. And then I'll show
2 you the next code section that I've marked, um,
3 which is 3 --

4 A. Of course.

5 Q. -- 14.70.

6 A. Just to point out the -- based on the
7 standard for warning that you gave me, the
8 reasonable evidence of an association of a series
9 hazard is subject to interpretation.

10 Q. Correct. And we're going to get into
11 that.

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. Because I -- actually maybe we'll kind
14 of diverge here for a second and -- because I want
15 to make sure -- is there a difference between the
16 term "association" and "causation" in -- in the
17 eyes of the FDA?

18 A. Well, there is in my eyes. I -- I don't
19 think you should use the term association when you
20 think there's a causal relationship personally, but
21 it does -- it does show up in labeling. There's no
22 question about it. To me, it's something of a

1 lawful word. When you believe it's reasonable
2 likely that it's causally, you're supposed to
3 convey that.

4 So association is not uncommonly used
5 and it's not only the industry of people that use
6 it. Um, and this is a good example of it.

7 Reasonable evidence and association of a serious
8 hazard with a drug in some sense doesn't really
9 capture it. What there needs to be is reasonable
10 evidence that the drug caused it. That's what you
11 really -- and that's -- I believe that's the
12 standard we impose.

13 Q. Okay. Even though it says a causal --

14 A. We --

15 Q. -- association need not be assigned?

16 A. Yeah. I mean -- right. No, no, no.

17 A -- it is correct to say that a causal
18 relationship need to have been proved -- proof.
19 Proof is a very high standard. We commonly would
20 write warning language based on a lesser standard
21 than that.

22 Q. Okay.

1 A.
2 A. Reasonable likelihood, whatever the term
3 is. But the thing we're looking for is reasonably
4 likelihood that the drug actually did it.
5 Q. Right.
6 A. So an associate to me is something of a
7 waffle word. I don't like it but I can't say I'm
8 removed it from everything either. Um, and a lot
9 of people don't make the distinction I'm making
10 anyway.
11 Q. Okay.
12 A. But you put it in when it's
13 reasonably -- when you're reasonably satisfied that
14 the drug probably did it.
15 Q. Okay.
16 A. That's the standard I would say we use.
17 Q. Okay, good. Now, am -- am I correct in
18 stating that, um, the, um, drug companies, in this
19 case, GSK, which is the drug company in question,
20 they actually under the law can make a lable change
21 without the FDA's prior approval.
22 MR. BROWN: I'll object to the form of

1 the question.

2 THE WITNESS: They can't -- they're
3 called changes being effected. We, um, try to look
4 at those very rapidly and see if we think what's
5 said captures the fax properly and can object and,
6 uh, make them subject to our prior approval. But,
7 yes, they are allowed to do that and encouraged to
8 do that.

9 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

10 Q. Okay. And I think that's 21 C.F.R.
11 314.70 and it goes on pretty far. It's C(6) litte
12 3(a). And you would -- can I show you -- should I
13 show you that or do -- you understand that
14 somehow --

15 A. No. It's the --

16 Q. -- right?

17 A. -- CVE part.

18 Q. Right. Okay, good. Now, I think, uh
19 this --

20 MR. BROWN: Let me --

21 Q. -- comes to --

22 MR. BROWN: Let me note for the record

1 that I'll raise an objection because I don't
2 believe you accurately characterized the specific
3 C.F.R. section. But we can move on.

4 MR. MURGATROYD, III: All right.

5 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

6 Q. Well, it says changes in the labeling to
7 accomplish any of the follow, a, to add or
8 strengthen the contraindication, warning precaution
9 or adverse reaction. That's what you understand it
10 to be. Correct?

11 A. Yeah, yeah. We -- often enough we look
12 at what they've done and conclude and even that
13 doesn't quite do it. But they are allowed to do
14 that and put them in place.

15 Q. Okay. And --

16 A. And encouraged to in.

17 ^,)in fact,, right.

18 Q. Okay. Now -- and, in fact, uh, with
19 regard to the suicid issue, I noticed in your
20 statement that you gave, um, before the Barton
21 committee that you referenced it, um, one
22 particular drug company Wyeth actually used this

1 section and changed their label regarding
2 suicide -- suicidality and the pediatric
3 population.

4 Let me show you what I'll mark as
5 Exhibit 12 so you can see what you said there. I
6 hope this upside down and that's right. Well, I'm
7 just going to do it this way.

8 Then I've high -- I've marked on the,
9 um -- I put a tab on page 6 where you actually talk
10 about Effexor Labeling Change. And before I get
11 to -- what -- what is the industry term for change?

12 A. CBE, change being effected.

13 Q. Okay. CBE, all right. I'm going to
14 show you what I've marked as Exhibit 12.

15 (Temple Deposition Exhibit
16 No. 12 was marked for
17 Identification.)

18 MR. BROWN: Do you have an extra copy of
19 that or can I just see the cover sheet again,
20 please?

21 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yeah. It is --
22 and I'll identify it for the record it is entitled

1 Antidepressant Use Among Children - Dr. Robert
2 Temple. It's a statement of Dr. Robert Temple,
3 Director of Office of Medical Policy, Committee on
4 House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight
5 and Investigations. And it is page --
6 MR. BROWN: Dated?
7 MR. MURGATROYD, III: -- 6.
8 Uh, 23 September, 2004.
9 MR. BROWN: Okay. Is there a section
10 that you're reading from because I have a different
11 pagination of --
12 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Uh, yes. It's,
13 uh, the section --
14 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
15 Q. Am I correct, Doctor, it's the "August
16 2003 Effexor Labeling Change and FDA's Response? "
17 Do you -- do you see that section of your
18 statement, Doctor?
19 A. Uh-hmm. Yes --
20 Q. Okay.
21 A. -- I do. Right.
22 Q. And in this you're referencing a label

1 change that was done by Wyeth who manufactures, um,
2 the SSRI Effexor. Correct?
3 A. Yes.
4 Q. And, in fact, they changed their label
5 to address the issue of suicidality and hostility
6 in the pediatric -- pediatric population that were
7 taking the drug. Correct??
8 A. They did.
9 Q. And that was perfectly acceptable.
10 Correct?
11 MR. BROWN: I'll object to the form of
12 the question and -- and as to relevance, this whole
13 line of questioning.
14 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yeah.
15 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
16 Q. At the time that was -- they were
17 allowed to do that under the law and they chose to
18 do it. Correct?
19 MR. BROWN: Again, object to the form of
20 the question.
21 MR. KELL: You can answer.
22 THE WITNESS: Uh, yes, they did that.

1 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
2 Q. Okay. Now, if, um -- and I take it this
3 is a -- what's considered for the consumer to be
4 a -- a good procedure that drug companies can do
5 this because it gets information to the treating
6 physicians or in prescribing physicians quickly.
7 Correct?
8 MR. BROWN: Object, again, to the form
9 of the question.
10 MR. KELL: You can answer. Doctor, you
11 can answer anytime that Mr. Brown objects --
12 THE WITNESS: Okay.
13 MR. KELL: -- unless I also object.
14 THE WITNESS: Okay. Well, I was looking
15 over to see if you objected.
16 Um, it's generally a good thing. One of
17 my anxieties is that companies put stuff in there
18 just to defend themselves. Then it may not be true
19 but, in general, it's a good thing.
20 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
21 Q. Right. And --
22 A. But you like to think it's reasonable.

1 Q. Okay. When -- and the idea here is they
2 were actually strengthening their label, is that
3 correct, with the Effexor, um, change? They're
4 providing more information --
5 A. Yeah.
6 Q. -- about this --
7 A. Right.
8 Q. -- to make sure --
9 A. Well, I have no idea is what -- I don't
10 know what their motives are. I mean, I don't think
11 the company's care that much about pediatric use.
12 So maybe they'd like to avoid trouble. But in this
13 case, they apparent thought they had enough
14 evidence from the Effexor trials. And, in fact,
15 when we looked at all the trials, the Effexor was
16 one of the more prominent ones. Whether that was
17 random or true, uh, I don't think we know. And
18 they put it in labeling. And we did not object
19 them, although we did object later.
20 Q. Right, I understand.
21 A. When we --
22 Q. -- and they had --

1 A. When we had a more general statement
2 that applied to all of them.

3 Q. Correct. You wanted them to
4 confirm technically.

5 A. For a year or so or more they had that
6 statement in there.

7 Q. Correct. Now, um, now, with regard
8 to -- let me just put this -- have you ever, um --
9 if a, uh, drug company wants to strengthen its
10 label, as Wyett did in this example, um -- well,
11 strike that. I'm not going to ask that question.
12 Let's just go to the next one.

13 Um, now, the issue that we're here today
14 for is -- involves Paxil and what are known as
15 withdraw symptoms that occur when the patient
16 either misses a dose or thought it discontinues or
17 reduces the dosage. Do you understand that?

18 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
19 question.

20 THE WITNESS: Okay. I sort of
21 understand it. I didn't testify on any -- I mean,
22 I did -- my -- my statement didn't address anything

1 except what that should be called.
2 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
3 Q. Right.
4 A. So --
5 Q. We're getting --
6 A. -- I guess I had some hope that it would
7 be about that but --
8 Q. Yeah.
9 A. -- obviously -- obviously I'm
10 disappointed.
11 Q. We're going to get to that.
12 A. Right, okay.
13 Q. I guarantee you we'll get to that.
14 A. That's good. Okay.
15 Q. Before I do get to it, let's, uh, let's
16 just take a -- well, how long have we been going?
17 About an hour and half now?
18 MR. FARBER: An hour and 40 minutes.
19 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Let's just take
20 a -- well, let's go off the record. Lead us off
21 the record. Gerald, I'm just going to talk about
22 lunch and supper.

1 MR. KELL: That's right.
2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record
3 at 11:56.
4 (A brief recess was taken.)
5 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the
6 record in order to actually end the videotape.
7 This is the end of Videotape No. 1. The time is
8 11:58 a.m. We are going off.
9 (Whereupon, at 11:58 a.m., a recess was
10 taken, and the proceedings resumed at 12:09 p.m.,
11 this same day.)
12 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This the beginning of
13 Videotape No. 2. We are back on the record at
14 12:09 p.m.
15 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
16 Q. Okay. Doctor, just to follow up on my
17 last question. When Wyeth made that label change
18 that was referenced in your statement before
19 Congress, am I correct in saying that it's your job
20 to determine whether or not a strengthening label
21 is false or misleading? That falls in one of your
22 responsibilities?

1 A. Me personally --
2 Q. No. Your --
3 A. -- no.
4 Q. -- division.
5 A. The review division would exam that
6 question.
7 Q. Okay. Now, with regard to, uh -- and
8 we're kind of going back, uh, the statute on the
9 warning when there's a serious risk of injury.
10 Have you made an inquiry into when Glaxo SmithKlein
11 actually knew that Paxil was causing severe or
12 serious, as that term is defined by the FDA,
13 withdraw and reactions?
14 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
15 question, please.
16 MR. KELL: Same objection.
17 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
18 Q. You can answer it.
19 MR. KELL: You can answer.
20 THE WITNESS: No, I haven't. I don't
21 know if we've, uh, if we've looked or if we think
22 the reports were delayed, or I don't know anything

1 about that.

2 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

3 Q. Okay. Let me just show you a document
4 that -- it's -- it's a big document but I've tabbed
5 the parts that I think that I want to ask you
6 questions about that -- to make it speedier, I did
7 not want this to be a long process. And I'll mark
8 it as Exhibit 13.

9 (Temple Deposition Exhibit
10 No. 13 was marked for
11 Identification.)

12 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

13 Q. And it's a SmithKlein Beecham
14 Pharmaceuticals document dated 24 September 1997.
15 And it's Safety Review of Discontinuation Symptoms.
16 And, uh, I'd just like to show that to you.

17 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Do you have -- do
18 you need a copy?

19 MR. BROWN: If you have an extra one,
20 that would be great. The other thing I guess I'd
21 like to raise at this point is testimony relating
22 to GSK documents submitted to the IND or the MDA

1 are designated as confidential. And the testimony
2 around it, uh, is designated as confidential. We
3 can work that out later.

4 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yeah.

5 MR. BROWN: There are parts of it that
6 we declassified, but I -- I want to have sort of a
7 standing objection with respect to submissions that
8 are going to be shown to Dr. Temple during the
9 course of the deposition that -- that there is a
10 confidential designation with respect to the
11 document and the testimony around it.

12 MR. MURGATROYD, III: That's absolutely
13 acceptable.

14 MR. BROWN: Okay, thank you.

15 MR. MURGATROYD, III: This is my -- I'm
16 going to ask for that back, but you're more than
17 welcome to look at it.

18 THE WITNESS: Okay. What are you --

19 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

20 Q. If you would just turn your attention to
21 those tabbed parts, just -- and they're
22 highlighted.

1 A. There's a lot --
2 Q. I tried to make it as quick as --
3 A. There's a lot of tabbed parts. An
4 particular tabe?
5 Q. No. All the -- we're going to do one at
6 a time. I was just -- again, there's no rush. We
7 can go off the record if -- I went to by
8 highlighted, tabbed it, to help speed up the
9 process for you.
10 MR. KELL: Now if you'd --
11 THE WITNESS: Sorry. I'm just --
12 MR. KELL: -- required to --
13 THE WITNESS: -- look at tabs or at
14 highlighted parts.
15 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Highlighted parts.
16 MR. KELL: And if you'd refer to a page
17 number or a Bates number or something, please,
18 counsel, so we know where we're looking.
19 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I mean, you've
20 highlighted the titles so --
21 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yes.
22 THE WITNESS: -- tell me where to go.

1 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
2 Q. To go to the first yellow stab. It'll
3 have a little sticky and it'll have a --
4 A. A little sticky --
5 Q. -- highlighted part.
6 A. -- tab.
7 Q. Right. And then there's a highlighted
8 part. That's a part. And the same three
9 throughout the document, just to speed up the whole
10 process for you, but if you want to read any more,
11 absolutely you're free to do that.
12 (Witness reviewed document.)
13 THE WITNESS: Okay. I'm looking at the
14 first one. What's the question?
15 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
16 Q. Uh, my question, if you -- let me just
17 follow along with you. What page is that that
18 you're on at the bottom?
19 MR. KELL: Mr. Murgatroyd --
20 MR. MURGATROYD, III: It might be 13.
21 MR. KELL: -- we're going to be here all
22 day.

1 MR. MURGATROYD, III: It might be 1331.
2 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
3 Q. Okay, that's fine. We can do that
4 quickly.
5 A. Okay, great.
6 Q. Now, you see the Study 095. Correct?
7 A. Yes.
8 Q. And do you see the percentage of
9 patients who experience withdraw reactions, uh,
10 after coming off of paroxetine?
11 A. Uh, right. You can't tell that they're
12 withdraw reactions. They occurred during the
13 cessation period.
14 Q. Okay. So it's at least one
15 cessation-emergent AE was reported by 27/64?
16 A. Right.
17 Q. -- 42 percent of the paroxetine
18 patients. Correct?
19 A. Yeah. I'd have to see what they are,
20 but some -- that you just know that the adverse
21 reaction occurred during the cessation period.
22 Q. Okay. Um -- well, it says right above

1 it, The incidence of discontinuation effects. So
2 this is the drug manufacturer saying this.

3 A. Right. But they still can't really know
4 that.

5 Q. Okay. Do you --

6 A. It all depends.

7 MR. KELL: And, Mr. Murgatroyd, I
8 suggest you ask the drug manufacturer about this.
9 I don't see that this is in any way within the
10 scope of Dr. Temple's declaration submitted in this
11 case or the purpose for which he has provided for
12 this deposition, or as you would characterize it
13 for the purpose for which he was ordered to attend
14 this deposition.

15 So I'm going to object and instruct the
16 witness not to answer any further questions
17 regarding these tabs or these highlights.

18 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay. Well, I
19 think maybe I can shortcut the question. And I --
20 your objection is duly noted and, if necessary,
21 we'll take it up with the magistrate judge.

22 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

1 Q. Were you aware of the extent or the
2 numbers, either in percentages or whole numbers, of
3 people who are affected by withdraw reactions
4 caused by Paxil?
5 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
6 question.
7 MR. KELL: Object to the form.
8 THE WITNESS: Answer?
9 MR. KELL: You can answer --
10 THE WITNESS: Um --
11 MR. KELL: -- if you can understand the
12 question.
13 THE WITNESS: No. And I still don't
14 know what the right number of people who were
15 affected, yes.
16 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
17 Q. Okay. Are you aware that in the U.K,
18 uh, GSK puts in information given to patients that
19 it affects 25 percent of the people who take the
20 drug?
21 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
22 question, and it lacks foundation.

1 MR. KELL: You can answer.
2 THE WITNESS: But, no, I'm not aware of
3 that.
4 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
5 Q. Okay. Are you aware that GSK has
6 acknowledged that withdraw reactions include such
7 reactions as suicidality?
8 MR. BROWN: Same objection.
9 THE WITNESS: I am not aware of that.
10 And I don't -- I mean, I have to see the study. I
11 don't know how you'd know that.
12 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
13 Q. Okay. Well, let's talke look at a -- at
14 a letter that, um, GSK sent to healthcare
15 professionals in the U.K. before -- well, let's
16 just take a look at this. What is that number
17 in -- I'm sorry -- that document that you have? Is
18 that --
19 A. This one?
20 Q. Yeah. The front page is, uh --
21 A. Thirteen.
22 Q. Thirteen, okay. Let's go to No. 14.

1 And actually the important part of that document is
2 at the very last paragraph on the second page.
3 MR. BROWN: Mr. Murgatroyd, do you have
4 another copy, please?
5 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Uh, I don't.
6 MR. BAYMAN: Can you identify the
7 document, please, sir?
8 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yeah, I will.
9 Yeah, I had some
10 (Temple Deposition Exhibit
11 No. 14 was marked for
12 Identification.)
13 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
14 Q. The document is entitled Dear Healthcare
15 Professional, Re: Seroxat (paroxetine
16 hydrochloride contraindication in children under 18
17 for treatment of major depressive disorder. And
18 what I'm talking about is, uh, Section 4.8. And
19 the second page, and it's the very last sentence.
20 It says, in studies.
21 MR. BROWN: Is there a date on the
22 document?

1 MR. MURGATROYD, III: No, there's not a
2 date on this document. I was surprised but it's
3 not. Oh, well, there at the bottom it says
4 June 2003.

5 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

6 Q. Again, Doctor, I'm just referring to
7 this very last sentence on the second page. It
8 says, "In studies that used tapered withdrawal
9 regimen."

10 A. Yeah. See, what I can't tell from this
11 is the nature of the study. Um, did they
12 withdrawal --

13 MR. KELL: Doctor, there's really not a
14 question --

15 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

16 MR. KELL: -- pending.

17 THE WITNESS: Okay.

18 MR. KELL: Let Mr. Murgatroyd ask the
19 question if he --

20 THE WITNESS: Okay.

21 MR. KELL: -- has one.

22 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

1 Q. The question I have -- and is GSK has
2 made a statement in this document. And it says,
3 for the record, in studies that use a tapered
4 withdrawal regimen, symptoms reported during the
5 taper phase or discontinuation of paroxetine at a
6 frequency of at least 2 percent of patients that
7 occurred at a rate at least twice that of placebo
8 were: Nervousness, dizziness, nausea, emotional
9 lability -- which then has a parenthesis --
10 including crying, mood fluctuations, self-harm,
11 suicidal thoughts and attempted suicide -- end
12 parenthesis -- and abdominal pain.

13 Do you see that section, Doctor?

14 A. I see it, yeah.

15 Q. Okay. Now if, uh, GSK believes that
16 this is true, do you have any reason to disagree
17 with it?

18 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
19 question.

20 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I don't know what
21 they believe is true and I don't know what the
22 nature of the study is. For example, um, they

1 compare it to placebo, but I don't know what the
2 placebo group is. Um, uh, it may be that they
3 stopped the drug in some people and left the other
4 -- I mean, I can't tell what they did. They -- I
5 don't know what the comparison to placebo is. If
6 you took people who finished the study, typically
7 the people who are on placebo and still manage to
8 finish the study are doing well without a drug. So
9 they may not be dependent on the drug to do well,
10 but that would be a, uh, only a fraction of the
11 people who entered the study. It wouldn't be
12 surprising if they did better than the people who
13 were benefitting from the drug. When you take the
14 drug away, some of the consequences were being
15 depressed and come back. So I just need to know
16 way more about the study to form any sensible
17 conclusion.

18 Q. No, I just want -- I want -- if GSK
19 believes this is true, do you -- do you object with
20 that statement?

21 A. I don't know what --

22 MR. BROWN: The same objection.

1 THE WITNESS: I don't know what they
2 believe. I just know what they wrote here. I -- I
3 haven't probed them or asked anything about it.
4 (Co-counsel confers with counsel.)
5 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.
6 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
7 Q. Um, do you believe that the FDA United
8 States has the same information that the regulators
9 in the U.K. were provided?
10 A. Well, I think we generally do. I can't
11 speak to a particular piece of information --
12 Q. Okay.
13 A. -- or
14 Q. Okay. Now, in a, um, -- well, let me
15 show you what, um ... what I've marked as the next
16 exhibit, which is 15.
17 (Temple Deposition Exhibit
18 No. 15 was marked for
19 Identification.)
20 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
21 Q. And it is an e-mail dated, um,
22 October 29, 1996, on Paroxetine -- discontinuation

1 symptoms. And I've highlighted the relevant part
2 for you.

3 MR. BROWN: From whom to whom?

4 MR. MURGATROYD, III: I'll tell you in a
5 second.

6 MR. BROWN: Okay.

7 MR. MURGATROYD, III: From Noel -- and
8 the last name -- I'm sorry. From Tamara
9 Gidgrift -- Pedgrift, P-E-D-G-R-I-F-T, in central
10 clinical safety, to Noel. And the last name is
11 K-R-I-T-Z-I-N-G-E-R.

12 MR. BROWN: Can I take a look at it,
13 please?

14 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yeah.

15 Yes. Looking for the next page, me too
16 (laughter.)

17 THE WITNESS: Yes, this doesn't say
18 much.

19 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

20 Q. No, it doesn't. It just tells you
21 something, though, doesn't it?

22 A. No.

1 Q. Well, it tells you that in 1996 GSK had
2 looked into the issue of withdrawal reactions
3 related to Paroxetine. Correct?
4 MR. KELL: Object to the form.
5 MR. BROWN: I'm going to object. And
6 I'm going to ask for an opportunity to read the two
7 paragraphs in the document.
8 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.
9 MR. BROWN: If you'll just wait for one
10 second, please.
11 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.
12 (Counsel reviews document.)
13 MR. KELL: Okay.
14 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Thanks.
15 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
16 Q. Okay. Now, this document you'll see
17 that, um, it talks about, um, a report on the
18 subject of discontinuation symptoms of Paroxetine.
19 And we don't have that report, though. Correct?
20 And it says that, uh, "Please note that this
21 information is for in-house use only and is not to
22 be passed to regulatory authorities, external

1 investigators and other clinicians."

2 Do you see that part?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay. Do you know whether or not, uh,
5 GSQ was providing you with, uh, reports, meaning
6 you, the FDA person involved in their drug, with
7 reports that set forth the number, um, or
8 percentages of people who are experiencing, uh,
9 withdraw symptoms from Paroxetine?

10 MR. KELL: Object to the form. Vague as
11 to time.

12 MR. MURGATROYD, III: It does take away
13 this time period.

14 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

15 Q. Were you aware that GSK considered this
16 an issue in 1996?

17 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
18 question.

19 THE WITNESS: I'm not aware of when
20 concern about this arose. I think there's been
21 concern about withdraw symptoms for a long time
22 however.

1 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. I don't know where this fits into that.

4 Q. Are you aware that one of the executives
5 of GSK has testified under oath that it was their,
6 uh, belief that 10 percent of those people who
7 experienced withdrawal symptoms of -- were of such
8 magnitude or such severity that they were rendered
9 disabled?

10 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
11 question.

12 THE WITNESS: No, never heard that.

13 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

14 Q. Okay. Uh, are you aware that -- well
15 assume -- you don't have any idea how many people
16 have taken Paxil in this country?

17 A. No, not really. Many millions I'm sure.

18 Q. Okay. And if the GSK number of that
19 they use in the U.K. that 25 percent of the people
20 experience withdrawal reactions from Paroxetine and
21 say -- just use the number of million people have
22 taken it, how many people would be affected with

1 withdrawal reactions?
2 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
3 question.
4 MR. KELL: Object to the form. And the
5 Doctor is not here to do your math for your, Mr.
6 Murgatroyd, or to answer such hypothetical
7 questions.
8 You needn't answer that question,
9 Doctor.
10 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay. Well, you
11 know, I want to get -- you know the Doctor entered
12 into this lawsuit, and I want to get an idea --
13 MR. KELL: The Doctor did not enter into
14 this lawsuit.
15 MR. MURGATROYD, III: He certainly did.
16 MR. KELL: If you have questions --
17 MR. MURGATROYD, III: He submitted a
18 declaration.
19 MR. KELL: -- you may ask them. And I
20 will object to them.
21 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
22 Q. Well, I want to know what the Doctor --

1 the extent of the Doctor's knowledge when he signed
2 that declaration. Was he aware that hundreds of
3 thousands of American citizens were being render
4 disabled by Paxil withdrawal symptoms at the very
5 time you signed that declaration.

6 A. Well --

7 MR. KELL: Object to the --

8 MR. BROWN: Objection.

9 MR. KELL: Go ahead.

10 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
11 question and assumes facts not in evidence.

12 MR. KELL: I have the same objection.

13 And, therefore, I instruct the witness not to
14 answer since any answer would be formulated based
15 on facts that are not before him but rather on
16 conclusions stated by counsel.

17 You need not answer that question,
18 Doctor.

19 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Well, then --
20 well, then I'm going to take the time to establish
21 that foundation. If you want to bill time into
22 this deposition, that's fine.

1 MR. KELL: It's your --

2 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

3 Q. The percentage --

4 MR. KELL: -- deposition, counsel.

5 Q. -- of Paxil's investigation -- I mean

6 GSK's investigation into the number of or the
7 percentage of the patients who were affected with
8 withdrawal symptoms is contained in that document
9 that has the many tabs that I tried to avoid going
10 through.

11 Now, if you want me to go through that,
12 we'll establish that. But you will see by going
13 through that document that the numbers in the
14 healthy volunteers was 62 percent of the people
15 experienced with withdrawal reactions. And many,
16 many other trials that was in the 30s, 40s, or 50
17 percent. It's not some minor percentage. It's not
18 5 or 10 percent, all of them. Every single one of
19 them exceeded 25 to 30 percent.

20 My question to you is if, in fact, 25 or
21 35 percent of the people were experiencing
22 withdrawal reactions and 10 percent they're of such

1 severity the people were disabled is that not a
2 hazard with this drug?

3 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
4 question, the speech given in advance of the
5 question, the vague nature of the question, the
6 lack of foundation associated with the question.

7 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.

8 MR. KELL: And I object on the basis
9 that it is a hypothetical question. It calls for
10 expert opinion. The doctor is not here to provide
11 expert opinion for any party in this case.

12 MR. MURGATROYD, III: I'm not asking for
13 expert --

14 MR. KELL: Don't answer the question --

15 MR. MURGATROYD, III: -- opinion.

16 MR. KELL: -- Doctor.

17 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

18 Q. All right. Then we will go through this
19 the more tedious way. Let's go back to that
20 Exhibit 13. You'll see that there was one study
21 there where GSK --

22 MR. KELL: Mr. Murgatroyd, I've already

1 told you and I've already instructed the Doctor not
2 to answer any questions about this document as a
3 whole or in any particular tabs or highlighted
4 portions of it. My objection is on the record.
5 My instructions are on the record. You need not
6 ask any more questions about the document.
7 MR. MURGATROYD, III: All right. Well,
8 then, I'm going to ask a couple of questions.
9 MR. KELL: Let --
10 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
11 Q. And the question is: Doctor, have you
12 or any member of your staff at the FDA, to your
13 knowledge, seen the document that has been marked
14 as Exhibit 13?
15 A. I haven't -- I have no idea.
16 Q. Okay.
17 A. I have not.
18 Q. Okay, good. And, again, what is the
19 date of that document?
20 A. 24 September 1997.
21 Q. Okay. Now, we agreed earlier that if a
22 drug company is aware of a hazard it has a duty to

1 change its warning; is that correct?

2 MR. BROWN: I'll object to the form of
3 the question. And I think it mischaracterizes his
4 testimony.

5 MR. KELL: Same objections.

6 If you understand the question, and have
7 an answer, you can provide it.

8 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I wouldn't have said
9 that. I believe they have an obligation to tell us
10 about it and see what -- whether a warning should
11 be rendered.

12 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. It depends.

15 Q. Okay. Have you ever required -- has the
16 FDA ever required a report such as that in your
17 hand, Exhibit 13, from GSK regarding withdrawal
18 symptoms?

19 A. I don't know.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. Somebody else might know.

22 Q. But your -- your division did require

1 GSK to change their label in --
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. -- in 2001. Correct?
4 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
5 question as to --
6 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.
7 MR. BROWN: -- the vague nature of the
8 question. What change?
9 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
10 Q. The change to make a precaution on
11 regarding withdrawal symptoms. Do you recall that?
12 A. Yes.
13 Q. Okay. And that was something that the
14 FDA instituted not GSK. Correct.
15 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
16 question.
17 THE WITNESS: Um, I don't know that.
18 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
19 Q. Okay, we'll get into the --
20 A. I don't know where that came from.
21 Q. Okay. We'll get into the document that
22 shows that.

1 Now -- well, actually it'll be -- it's
2 the next, uh, exhibit. Which I believe we're up to
3 15 -- uh, no. I think we're 16, correct, Gerald?
4 MR. KELL: I see one numbered 15 here in
5 front --
6 MR. MURGATROYD, III: All right.
7 MR. KELL: -- of us.
8 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Then we'll make
9 this this one 16.
10 (Temple Deposition Exhibit
11 No. 16 was marked for
12 Identification.)
13 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
14 Q And obviously this is -- this is a long
15 document. But to shorten it, it is a e-mail dated
16 9/27/2001 written by Thomas F. Kline who is the
17 regulatory part of GSK. And it discusses the
18 proposed labeling by you -- by the FDA and the
19 proposed label is attached.
20 A. Okay. Say the date again.
21 Q. September 27th, 2001.
22 A. 2001, okay.

1 Q. Okay. And the FDA give its reason for
2 changing the precaution with this highlighted tab,
3 as well as the whole label is attached, the
4 proposed change of label. But I want you -- it
5 would be helpful if you read the memo. It's very
6 quick. And then just look at that one section.
7 A. It went to plenty people.
8 Q. It went to lots of people. You caused
9 some problems over there.
10 A. Is there some particular part you want
11 me to --
12 Q. Yeah, just that --
13 A. The first one.
14 Q. -- page.
15 MR. BROWN: Can I take a look at that
16 for a minute?
17 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yeah.
18 (Witness reviewed document.)
19 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Thanks.
20 THE WITNESS: Okay. I've read the first
21 page.
22 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

1 Q. Okay. And do you see that, um, the
2 first sentence says, Attached below is FDA's
3 proposal lableing?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. And then if you go to that
6 labeling that's marked with a red tag, you see the
7 part where it says, "We?"

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Can you read that into the record,
10 please.

11 A. Yeah. This is typical format for
12 neuropharm letters. It's a little explanatory
13 statement. It says, "We have decided that the
14 withdrawal symptoms observed upon discontinuation
15 of paroxetine are of sufficient importance to
16 justify mention of these findings in this section.
17 The information pertinent to withdrawal symptoms
18 from Postmarketing reports has also been moved to
19 this section, given the increasing evidence that is
20 a drug-related risk."

21 Q. Okay. Do you have any reason to
22 disagree with that statement?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Okay. Do you agree that there are
3 withdrawal reactions that some people experiend
4 that are drug-related to Paxil?

5 A. Oh, yes.

6 Q. Good. Now, let me give you the next
7 exhibit. And it's just one section. And, again,
8 I'm trying to move through this quickly.

9 (Temple Deposition Exhibit No.
10 17 was marked for
11 Identification.)

12 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

13 Q. And the only part that I'm interested
14 in -- this is, for the record, another e-mail from
15 Thomas Kline, and it's regarding the FDA
16 conversation having to do with the draft Paxil
17 labeling. And it has -- it's a -- it's a, um,
18 basically describes a conversation that Mr. Kline
19 had with Dr. Loughran of the FDA. And the GSK
20 Question No. 3 is the question I'd like to show
21 the, Doctor.

22 MR. BROWN: The date of the e-mail,

1 please?
2 MR. MURGATROYD, III: It is 12/7/01.
3 THE WITNESS: Well, maybe 12/5/01. It's
4 hard to tell.
5 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
6 Q. It's hard to tell. It's 12 -- 12/7 or
7 12/5.
8 A. Okay. And Question No. 3?
9 Q. Yes, Question No. 3. Can you read that,
10 please?
11 MR. KELL: Do you want him to read it
12 out loud or just review it for himself?
13 MR. MURGATROYD, III: He can just -- he
14 can review it for himself.
15 (Witness reviewed document.)
16 MR. MURGATROYD, III:
17 Q. Okay. And do you see that GSK is asking
18 the FDA to not use the word "withdrawal symptoms?"
19 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
20 question.
21 THE WITNESS: Uh, yes, I do see that.
22 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

1 Q. Okay. Now, um, I'm going to get to that
2 later. I just want to make sure that document came
3 into the record at this point.

4 Now, I'm going to show you what has now
5 been the changes label. This was approved and is
6 not being -- it was being used after the FDA
7 requested it. And I have a question -- actually,
8 let me just highlight that part for you to save
9 some time.

10 A. Okay. I know where it is.

11 Q. Okay. Just -- yeah, the precaution
12 section.

13 MR. BROWN: What's the PX number on that
14 label?

15 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Twenty-two.

16 THE WITNESS: Okay. It generally uses
17 the term discontinuation.

18 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. Is that your point?

21 Q. Yeah. Withdrawal -- withdrawal symptoms
22 gone. Right?

1 A. Yeah. I think it's correct that we
2 consider those terms equivalent.

3 Q. Okay. Well, we're going to get it done
4 in a minute.

5 Do you agree that drug companies used
6 their labels, and, particularly, GSK as a marketing
7 device?

8 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
9 question.

10 THE WITNESS: Can you tell me more about
11 what you're asking.

12 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

13 Q. Okay. Do you agree that it's important
14 for drug companies, such as GSK, to try to keep
15 things out of the labels that a competitor would be
16 able to use to differentiate the products?

17 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
18 question.

19 THE WITNESS: Can I answer?

20 MR. KELL: You can answer.

21 THE WITNESS: I think companies worry a
22 lot about how exactly everything is said and they

1 are always conscious of how similar drugs say it.
2 So if -- they would be unhappy with something that
3 said the same thing in a worse way.

4 Now, if it's a worse problem for their
5 drug, they don't have much of a case. If as far as
6 we know the drugs are similar and theirs looks
7 worse, they probably do have some case. Whether we
8 change both or, you know, we have to decide. But,
9 yes, they don't like to be disadvantaged by
10 language.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. Um, and that's understandable. Keeping
13 something important out is not understandable. We
14 would have very little sympathy for that.

15 Q. Okay. Now, are you aware that when the
16 FDA requested GSK to change the label with regard
17 to withdrawal symptoms that they try to get a
18 classwide labeling change?

19 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
20 question.

21 THE WITNESS: I was not aware.

22 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

1 Q. Okay. Now, are you aware of the -- of
2 how much money GSK thought a discontinuation label
3 could cost them?
4 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
5 question?
6 THE WITNESS: No, I have no idea.
7 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
8 Q. Let me show you the next document.
9 A. I don't -- I also don't understand the
10 question. You even mentioning a discontinuation
11 syndrome?
12 Q. Yeah. Have it in the label.
13 A. Okay.
14 Q. Correct.
15 A. No, I have no idea what they about --
16 Q. Let me show you the next document which
17 is Minutes of Discontinuation Meeting dated
18 7/11/1997. This label change was in 2001.
19 Correct?
20 A. Yes.
21 Q. Okay. This is 1997, July 11th. And
22 let's see. Hold on. I'll show the one document

1 that I think you may find of interest.
2 (Temple Deposition Exhibit No.
3 18 was marked for
4 Identification.)
5 MR. BROWN: Can I see that, please? Can
6 you give him an opportunity to look at it before
7 you ask questions?
8 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Sure.
9 MR. BROWN: Thanks.
10 (Witness reviewed document.)
11 THE WITNESS: This is them. Right.
12 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
13 Q. Okay. Just that top part?
14 A. I've looked -- oh. Like deliverables?
15 Q. No, the next page. I think it's the
16 next page.
17 A. Well, sorry. Right, you are. Okay.
18 Q. Okay. Do you see that page by the tab
19 that says, Discontinuation? Do you see that? It
20 says why this is an issue.
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. Okay. And -- well, why is it an issue

1 to GSK?
2 MR. BROWN: I'll object.
3 MR. KELL: Objection.
4 Are you asking the Doctor to read the
5 page? Because I'll let you waste your time and
6 have him read it. If you're going to ask him
7 anything substantive --
8 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.
9 MR. KELL: -- about it, but I'm not
10 going to allow him to --
11 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Well --
12 MR. KELL: -- answer it.
13 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
14 Q. Were you aware Doctor that GSK was
15 afraid that this discontinuation of withdrawal
16 issue would cost its billion-dollar-plus sales of
17 Paxil?
18 MR. BROWN: I'll object to the form of
19 the question. Lacks foundation. Mischaracterizes
20 the document.
21 MR. KELL: Object to the form.
22 Answer the question. The question is --

1 THE WITNESS: Okay.
2 MR. KELL: -- are you aware?
3 THE WITNESS: I was not aware of any
4 discussion. I don't think it says that they're
5 worried about losing a billion dollars. That's
6 what their total sales are. So, obviously, they're
7 concerned about losing some of them.
8 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
9 Q. Okay. Thank you. Now, after you --
10 A. And my guess is what their concerned
11 about is being fingered as worse than the other
12 drugs in this respect.
13 Q. Right. And they are. Correct?
14 A. Um, I don't know --
15 MR. BROWN: Object to the form --
16 A. -- that I know that.
17 MR. BROWN: -- of the question.
18 THE WITNESS: I'm sure there was some --
19 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
20 Q. Okay. Are you aware that the reporting
21 in the mid-nineties was 100 fold for Paroxetine
22 over Prozac?

1 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
2 question.
3 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
4 Q. But I could show you the document.
5 I'm only saying --
6 A. No, I believe that.
7 MR. BROWN: Can I get my objection on
8 the record --
9 THE WITNESS: Yes --
10 MR. BROWN: -- please?
11 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.
12 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
13 question and lacks foundation.
14 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
15 Q. Go ahead.
16 MR. KELL: Objection.
17 Don't answer, Doctor.
18 We're just -- we're getting --
19 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.
20 MR. KELL: -- so far field. I think
21 I'll just --
22 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.

1 MR. KELL: -- cut it off here.
2 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yeah, that's fine.
3 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
4 Q. Let me show you the next exhibit. When
5 the FDA deemed the withdrawal issue to be such that
6 it require a precaution, obviously, because we had
7 this label change. Correct?
8 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
9 question again.
10 THE WITNESS: Yes, it was a precaution.
11 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
12 Q. Okay. And then did you ever -- when
13 they, um, sent letters out, uh, announcing the
14 label changes, is part of them a general letter to
15 doctors, is that something that gets reviewed by
16 your office?
17 A. Um, my office, no. But by the
18 division -- except rarely. By the division, yes,
19 usually.
20 (Temple Deposition Exhibit No.
21 19 was marked for
22 Identification.)

1 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

2 Q. Okay. Let me show you the letter that
3 was sent out I've marked as Exhibit 19. And it's
4 stated Paxil PTS (sic) Indication Mailings. And --

5 MR. BROWN: PTSD?

6 MR. MURGATROYD, III: PTSD, that's
7 correct.

8 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

9 Q. And --

10 A. Well, I have to say that I'm not sure
11 that we see all of them.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. We see many of them. And I don't think
14 there's a clear requirement but I'm not sure.

15 Q. Okay. Well I'd like you to look through
16 that and see if you can, um, find in there where
17 the -- where GSK is telling doctors that the FDA
18 has required it to change its label to include a
19 precaution of withdrawal symptoms.

20 MR. KELL: Objection.

21 If -- Mr. Murgatroyd, if you can give me
22 some enlightenment as to where you are trying to go

1 within the proper scope of this deposition, I may
2 allow the Doctor to anwere these kinds of
3 questions, but if you can't, and you need not --
4 MR. MURGATROYD, III: No, I don't --
5 THE WITNESS: -- it's up to you, then,
6 uh, then I'm going to instruct him not to answer
7 this question.
8 MR. MURGATROYD, III: What -- what time
9 is it now?
10 MR. FARBER: It is, uh --
11 THE WITNESS: Twelve -- 12:42.
12 MR. FARBER: -- 20 to one.
13 MR. MURGATROYD, III: At lunch I'll be
14 glad to discuss it with you.
15 MR. KELL: Okay.
16 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Is that fair
17 enough?
18 MR. KELL: Okay. Can I have the
19 question.
20 MR. MURGATROYD, III: We're going to be
21 at lunch in 18 minutes.
22 MR. KELL: Can I have the question read

1 back so I can decide whether -- what I'm
2 instructing the witness.

3 MR. FARBER: While he's looking for the
4 question, let me make a technical correction for
5 the record.

6 MR. KELL: Well, he can't take it for
7 the record because he's looking for the question.

8 MR. FARBER: No. But I want to make
9 just a technical correction. And that is on
10 Exhibit 17 which refers to Mr. Kline's e-mail of
11 12/17/01. He actually -- the actual attached phone
12 conversation and the options 1, 2, 3 and 4 so far
13 are taken from, uh, on the date October 4th, 2001.
14 This is your document. So I think you --

15 MR. MURGATROYD, III: That's mine.

16 MR. FARBER: Well, I mean --

17 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Well --

18 MR. FARBER: -- she has -- document. So
19 we're talking about a conversation that occurred on
20 October 4th, 2001, just for the record.

21 MR. BROWN: We have a sticker on page 2,
22 not 1. I'm not sure why that is.

1 MR. MURGATROYD, III: That's a
2 question - that was the question being --
3 MR. BROWN: I think you're attaching the
4 whole exhibit, the whole document as an exhibit.
5 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yeah. We're going
6 to come back to this exhibit.
7 MR. FARBER: Okay. But it was -- okay.
8 MR. MURGATROYD, III: It is --
9 MR. FARBER: Thank you.
10 MR. MURGATROYD, III: -- it is October
11 though the e-mail is dated later.
12 THE WITNESS: Okay.
13 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
14 Q. Okay. In that -- in the letter --
15 MR. BROWN: What's the question?
16 THE WITNESS: Tell Jerry what the
17 question is.
18 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Maybe I'll
19 rephrase it. I'll give it again.
20 MR. KELL: Okay.
21 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
22 * Q. In the letter, does it reference the fact

1 that the FDA required GSK to change its label to
2 include a precaution or withdrawal symptoms?
3 MR. KELL: Objection. The letter speaks
4 for itself, if it speaks to anything. It certainly
5 doesn't speak to the subject of this deposition.
6 Don't answer the question, Doctor.
7 MR. MURGATROYD, III: So you're
8 instructing him not to answer?
9 MR. KELL: I'm instructing him not to
10 answer.
11 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.
12 So we'll mark that one down, please.
13 MR. MURGATROYD, III: All right. Fair
14 enough. The -- I'm going to get to a subject
15 that's more -- more to your like Gerald.
16 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
17 Q. And that's --
18 MR. KELL: Go ahead.
19 Q. -- advertising because that's what we're
20 hear with regard to Dr. Temple's declaration in
21 this matter was an advertising issue. Correct?
22 A. A very narrowed particular advertising

1 issue, yes.
2 Q. That's correct, okay.
3 Now, I -- we established you do have
4 responsibilities with regard to advertising as
5 director of medical policy.
6 A. Yes.
7 Q. Because DDMAC falls underneath your --
8 A. Yes.
9 Q. Yeah. Okay. Good.
10 How many people work in that department?
11 A. No wise guy, answer it like 50 percent.
12 Q. Okay.
13 (Laughter.)
14 A. Um, the advertising group is about in
15 the neighborhood of 40.
16 Q. Okay. And how many people actually
17 review ads, drug ads?
18 A. Uh, mostly those people --
19 Q. Okay.
20 A. -- divide it into the direct consumer
21 and other things, but that's what most of them do.
22 Q. Now are these for drug --

1 A. Probably -- probably 30.
2 Q. Okay, 30. I'm sorry, 30.
3 MR. BROWN: Go ahead. Close the door.
4 MR. MURGATROYD, III: You want to
5 close -- yeah, let's close it.
6 MR. BROWN: Can you go back and reread
7 the answer to the question about how many people
8 are in the --
9 MR. MURGATROYD, III: 40.
10 MR. BROWN: At DDMAC?
11 MR. MURGATROYD, III: DDMAC, 40.
12 THE WITNESS: DDMAC is about 40.
13 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
14 Q. And I ask of those how many actually
15 review ads and the answer was?
16 A. Most. They have supervisors also and
17 they participate at a next, you know, at the --
18 down the line, but that's -- that what their entire
19 business is.
20 Q. Okay. And how many in -- in are they
21 reviewing ads for new drugs? Existing drugs? All
22 drugs? How does it -- what comes through DDMAC?

1 A. They review -- well, all the above.
2 They review promotion -- initial campaigns, um,
3 because companies want to not have problems with
4 their initial campaigns. So they come in for
5 advisory opinions. And we also watch the ads that
6 are, uh, um, put out into various forms. And
7 promotional material that goes in -- indirect
8 mailers. We go to various meetings and see what
9 people are saying at booths. But there's 40 of us
10 in there. It's a lot more.

11 Q. That's what I was going to say. How
12 many drugs, I mean, if you have to count the drugs?

13 A. Well, drugs that are off patent are
14 largely unpromoted.

15 Q. Right.

16 A. They also don't appear in the PDR
17 anymore. If you -- you can't fin --

18 Q. Yeah, I noticed that.

19 A. You can't find the Prozac --

20 Q. I don't understand that.

21 A. -- labeling -- label in the PDR.

22 Well, I do. It's private, uh,

1 enterprise. They don't find any interest in that.
2 Um, so it's mostly more recent drugs that, um, that
3 are actively promoted.

4 Q. Okay. Is that in the hundreds? As
5 today, would there be hundreds of drugs?

6 A. I'm sure there's hundreds of drugs that
7 have some degree of promotion, but I have no
8 specific number in mind.

9 Q. Okay. And -- and as you said, there's
10 all kinds of ads. There's print ads. There's
11 radio ads, TV ads. I mean, there's all kinds of
12 ads. Right?

13 A. Correct. And there's direct consumer
14 and there's professional ads too.

15 Q. Right. And the ads, if I'm correct
16 in -- I think I -- Dr. Loughran said this and I
17 don't want to attribute to it, if he didn't. But
18 the ads are supposed to be consistent with the
19 drugs label. Correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. Now, when the reviewers are
22 reviewing an ad, say, for the drug Paxil, which

1 we're for, would they have the Paxil label in front
2 of them so that they can compare --
3 A. Yes.
4 Q. -- the two to make sure they're --
5 A. They -- they will, right.
6 Q. Okay. Try to make sure they're --
7 they're proper, not misleading.
8 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
9 question.
10 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.
11 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
12 Q. But do drug companies have to preapprove
13 their ads or is that voluntary?
14 A. Uh, they usually do not preapprove their
15 ads. They have to send us an ad -- I forget the
16 name of the form -- that they do this on -- they'll
17 send us an ad when they start to use it, but they
18 do not have to get preclearance. That's quite
19 explicit in the law.
20 Q. Okay. But some companies do get
21 preclearance?
22 A. Yes. That's relatively uncommon once

1 you leave the launch. The only required submission
2 for a so-called subpart h ad. That's where the
3 drug's been approved, um, on the basis of a
4 surrogate endpoint. We don't need to get into
5 that. Those have to be cleared for a period of,
6 uh -- those have to be cleared, um, really until it
7 states its changes.

8 Uh, others do not, absolutely do not
9 have to be clear unless there are, quote, special
10 circumstances, rarely, uh, rarely applied.

11 Q. Okay. Are there any other departments
12 within the FDA who review ads other than DDMAC?

13 A. We work closely with the review
14 divisions to get their help on whether something is
15 violative or misleading or not.

16 Q. New to light. I mean, is there another
17 whole department that -- I mean, is it just --

18 A. No.

19 Q. -- one ad review department within the
20 whole FDA?

21 A. No. There are units for devices and
22 things like that, but this is the only drug place.

1 Q. Okay. For drugs --
2 A. Right.
3 Q. -- you're it?
4 A. Yeah.
5 Q. Okay. The buck stops with you?
6 A. Yeah.
7 Q. Okay, good. Now --
8 A. With -- with help from general counsel.
9 Q. Yeah, good. I was reading a book by,
10 um, Marcia Angell.
11 A. Correct.
12 Q. Have you heard of that drug -- I mean,
13 that book?
14 A. Yes.
15 Q. It's called The Truth by Drug Companies?
16 A. Yes.
17 Q. And how is -- how is it -- have you read
18 the book?
19 A. No. The peer reviews are good.
20 Q. Okay. And it -- and it talks about the
21 daunting tasks that your division has in reviewing
22 ads. And she throws out the number of 34,000 ads a

1 year?
2 MR. BROWN: Objection.
3 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
4 Q. Does that seem like the right number to
5 you?
6 MR. BROWN: Objection to the form of the
7 question. Lacks a foundation.
8 THE WITNESS: In any event, I don't know
9 how many ads there are.
10 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
11 Q. Do you -- do you understand it's
12 thousands?
13 A. I'm sure it's thousands.
14 Q. Okay. And, um, would you agree that the
15 FDA is not really properly staffed to look at every
16 single ad --
17 MR. BROWN: Object.
18 Q. -- that's put out by a drug company?
19 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
20 question.
21 THE WITNESS: We do not undertake to
22 look at every other ad. We don't say that we do

1 and we couldn't.
2 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
3 Q. Okay. It's physically impossible?
4 A. Right. But we do notice all the ones on
5 TV because they're very conspicuous. We notice the
6 ones that appear in journals, in -- in patient
7 directed, um, magazines, because they're very
8 conspicuous. And we notice the more prominent ones
9 in regular journals, but we in no sense get to all
10 of them.
11 Q. Okay. I was looking at the numbers. It
12 would be just, you know, 34,000 ads and there's 40
13 people.
14 A. Right.
15 Q. I mean, you just -- you couldn't do it.
16 You couldn't do it.
17 A. I know if there's --
18 MR. BROWN: Again --
19 A. -- 34,000 --
20 MR. BROWN: -- object to the form of the
21 question. Lacks foundation with respect to the
22 number of ads that are submitted to FDA. Dr.

1 Temple testified that he has not read Marcia
2 Angell's book.
3 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.
4 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
5 Q. That's fine. Um --
6 A. We actually rely heavily on complaints
7 from --
8 Q. Yeah.
9 A. -- aggrieved other companies.
10 Q. Right.
11 A. And from individuals that we would be
12 happy to review any of Dr. Angell's complaints, but
13 I don't believe she's sent any.
14 Q. Okay. Thought that's -- I don't think
15 she was critical of the FDA. She just said that
16 you're under -- overworked and undermanned, which I
17 think you probably might not disagree with it. I'm
18 not going to ask you to answer that because it may
19 get you in trouble.
20 A. That's fine.
21 MR. BROWN: Well, I enter an objection.
22 (Laughter.)

1 MR. MURGATROYD, III: It wasn't a
2 question. You don't have to object.
3 All right. We're going to break for
4 lunch. Um, let's, uh -- I think half an hour is
5 unrealistic. I think 45 minutes is probably closer
6 to reality. But let's shoot for half an hour. If
7 everybody gets back here in half an hour, let's
8 start and be done. We're moving along very
9 quickly. I'm glad to say I don't think I would be
10 more than another hour and a half to two hours, and
11 I'll be done. And hopefully get Dr. Temple out of
12 here lot earlier than we thought.
13 MR. FARBER: We'll be done --
14 MR. BROWN: Can we go off the record?
15 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Only if Gerald
16 allows it.
17 MR. KELL: We're off the record.
18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record
19 at 12:54.
20 (Whereupon, at 12:54 p.m., a recess was
21 taken, and the proceedings resumed at 1:53 p.m.,
22 this same day.)

1 AFTERNOON PROCEEDINGS
2 [1:54 p.m.]
3 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the
4 record at 1:54 p.m.
5 Whereupon,
6 ROBERT TEMPLE, M.D
7 Resumed as a witness and, having previously been
8 duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
9 EXAMINATION BY THE PLAINTIFFS (Continued)
10 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
11 Q. Ready? Okay, great.
12 Actually, Doctor, I just want to jump
13 back to one -- an earlier, um, exhibit we went
14 over, which was three, which was the letter that
15 the FDA sent out regarding the Black Box Warning on
16 suicidality in the pediatric population.
17 A. Okay.
18 Q. Do you recal that?
19 A. Uh-hmm.
20 Q. And there's a sentence in there that
21 says, um, It caused a wall for antidepressants in
22 inducing suicidality has been established from

1 pediatric patients.
2 What's an age cut off for that? Is is
3 it 18? 19? 20?
4 A. They start at 15.
5 Q. Fifteen. Would it apply to 19 years-old
6 too?
7 A. Nobody can answer that question. The
8 studies included adolescents, whatever -- however
9 they were defined
10 Q. Okay. So --
11 A. Well, there's -- there's no precise
12 meaning. The British have just put out something
13 that looked at, uh, their experience with, uh, 18
14 to 30 years olds and they don't find any problem.
15 But they say, Well, people develop at different
16 ages. There's -- there's no way to refine it
17 better.
18 Q. Okay, Thanks.
19 A. All right.
20 Q. Um, now, we talked about -- we touched
21 on briefly, it was in an earlier exhibit, the --
22 the difference between the terms withdrawal

1 symptoms and discontinuation symptoms. Correct?
2 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
3 question.
4 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
5 Q. I was asking -- do you remember we
6 looked at that earlier? Dr. Loughran made a
7 comment in it in one of the documents you saw
8 earlier.
9 A. Yeah, saying he thought they meant
10 roughly the same thing.
11 Q. Okay. Are you -- are you -- or have you
12 ever seen the word "discontinuation symptoms" in
13 any medical dictionary?
14 A. I don't read medical dictionaries for
15 that purpose.
16 Q. Okay. But have you ever see it defined
17 in -- in a medical dictionary?
18 A. No.
19 Q. Okay. Is it a medical term, that's a
20 formal medical term to your knowledge?
21 A. I have no knowledge whether that's used
22 in the people who talk about these things.

1 Q. Okay.
2 A. Certainly have been in labeling. It's
3 an easily understood term.
4 Q. Is it a term that -- that was used by
5 drug companies that try to differentiate, say,
6 SSRIs from benzodiazepines?
7 A. I don't know.
8 Q. Okay. Um, would you agree that
9 benzodiazepines cause physical dependence?
10 A. Yes.
11 Q. Okay. Um, would you agree that
12 benzodiazepines are habit-forming?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. Okay. Um, when they were first approved
15 by the FDA, meaning benzodiazepines, were they
16 believed to be habit-forming at that time?
17 A. I don't know. It's a long time ago.
18 Q. Okay. Were you aware that it it took
19 over 10 years for there to be a warning in the --
20 in the label for either Xanax or, um, Valium about
21 it's --
22 A. Review?

1 Q. -- habit -- yeah.
2 A. Xanax --
3 Q. But --
4 A. Xanax -- I mean Xanax is later.
5 Q. Yeah, right. Librium and Valium.
6 A. Librium and Valium.
7 Q. Yeah. It took 10 years to get --
8 A. I was not aware of it. It wouldn't
9 surprise me.
10 Q. Okay. Um, are you aware what the
11 withdrawal symptoms are for benzodiazepines?
12 A. Not in any intimate way.
13 Q. Okay.
14 A. Excitability and things like that.
15 Q. Okay. Are you aware of the --
16 A. But I don't know in detail.
17 Q. Are you aware if -- do you know if
18 there's any difference between withdrawal symptoms
19 suffered by Paxil users as opposed to withdrawal
20 symptoms suffered by, um, Valium users?
21 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
22 question.

1 THE WITNESS: I don't know enough of the
2 details of those to make a, uh, sensible statement.
3 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
4 Q. Okay. Well, let me just show you
5 something real quickly.
6 Oh, let me go back on the record. I.
7 Um, I notice in going through the
8 exhibits during lunch that we have two 18s, so I'm
9 going to change the Paxil label which is PX:L22 to
10 18-A. And then there's a 19. This would be
11 Exhibit 20.
12 MR. BROWN: Before we go on, can you
13 identify the other document with the 18 number --
14 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yeah.
15 MR. BROWN: -- so that the record is
16 clear.
17 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay. Eighteen is
18 the Minutes of Discontinuation Meeting 7/11/97.
19 So now we're up to 20.
20 MR. BROWN: Thank you.
21 (Temple Deposition Exhibit No.
22 20 was marked for

1 Identification.)
2 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
3 Q. Okay. Let me just so you this chart.
4 And I have one -- I actually spent my lunch copying
5 this just for you so you'd have a copy.
6 Doctor, what I'm showing is a chart that
7 compares the Paxil withdrawal symptoms to the
8 withdrawal symptoms of Xanax and Valium.
9 (Witness reviewed document.)
10 MR. BROWN: I'll object. Lack of
11 foundation. It's not clear what this document
12 represents, where it's from, and date.
13 MR. KELL: Is there a question pending?
14 MR. MURGATROYD, III: No. I'm sorry. I
15 thought he was reviewing the document.
16 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
17 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
18 Q. Okay. In looking at this chart, uh, can
19 you differentiate between the withdrawal symptoms
20 caused by Paxil as those from Xanax or Valium?
21 MR. BROWN: And again --
22 MR. KELL: Object. Uh, no foundation.

1 Um, if --
2 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Well, here. Do
3 you want to see the buying label?
4 MR. KELL: I'll -- I'll let him -- if
5 you want him to assume that your --
6 MR. MURGATROYD, III: That these are
7 correct.
8 MR. KELL: That these are correct. And
9 you want to ask him some limited questions about
10 them, I won't cut him off at this point, but it's
11 based on the assumption that these -- that document
12 is correct.
13 MR. MURGATROYD, III: That's fine.
14 MR. BROWN: And -- and I'll restate my
15 objection --
16 MR. MURGATROYD, III: I got it.
17 MR. BROWN: -- as well.
18 MR. MURGATROYD, III: You don't have to.
19 I got it the first time.
20 THE WITNESS: They overlap considerably.
21 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
22 Q. Okay. Now, what, um -- how do you

1 define physical dependence?

2 A. Well, physical dependence has, um,
3 pharmacologic definitions where you assume some
4 receptor has increased in the amount or things like
5 that. But I think basically it means that when you
6 try to stop the drug, there was some kind of
7 withdrawal syndrome. That's what physical
8 dependence means.

9 Q. Okay. And are you aware that, um -- I
10 mean have you reviewed any of the MedWatch reports
11 regarding serious or severe withdrawal reactions of
12 people experiencing coming off of Paxil?

13 MR. BROWN: I will object to the form of
14 the question.

15 THE WITNESS: I haven't reviewed the
16 specific MedWatch reports. I have no doubt there
17 were some reports of serious reaction.

18 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

19 Q. Okay. Are you aware of the ones where
20 people discussed, um, moving refrigerators to try
21 to find the pill that they thought they dropped
22 behind it because they were experiencing such

1 severe withdrawal reactions --
2 A. No.
3 Q. -- they just want --
4 A. No, I would not be aware of those.
5 Q. Okay. Or the ones where the people
6 going on vacation and forget their Paxil and go
7 begging to a pharmacist?
8 A. No. I've told you I haven't read any of
9 the reports.
10 Q. Okay. Now, do you know, as you sit here
11 today, how many people in the United States are
12 actually hooked on Paxil and can't get off no
13 matter how hard they try?
14 MR. BROWN: Object to --
15 MR. KELL: Object to the form.
16 MR. BROWN: -- the form of the question.
17 MR. KELL: Same objection. My objection
18 is specifically to the word "hooked."
19 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.
20 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
21 Q. You can answer.
22 A. Yeah. Yeah, I -- what I can't tell is

1 what the basis for that is. And I find it
2 implausible that people can't get off of it. As
3 far as -- as far as I understand it, if you taper
4 sufficiently you can get off of it. Uh, maybe
5 there's evidence to the contrary but that's my
6 impression.

7 Q. Well, have you seen the evidence that's
8 to the contrary of the actual label for Paxil?

9 A. What label would that be?

10 Q. Well, let's take a look at that.

11 (Counsel briefly confers with
12 co-counsel.)

13 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

14 Q. Well, let me strike that. I'll come
15 back to that.

16 So you're not aware that there are
17 people in this country today who -- and children
18 included, that no matter how hard they try and how
19 conscientiously their doctors are in weaning them
20 that they cannot get off Paxil without excruciating
21 and debilitating withdrawal reactions?

22 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the

1 question and the speech provided.

2 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I would not be aware
3 of that. But I don't know whether I would believe
4 it until I saw the cases, what attempts they
5 made to get off of it, how they went about it and
6 so on. I mean, the usual idea with withdrawal
7 reactions from, you know, Beta Blockers, Clonidine,
8 and other things because they cause, uh, withdrawal
9 reactions or discontinuation reactions, whatever
10 you call them, is that if you taper it carefully
11 enough usually you can get off of it. That's even
12 true for benzodiazepines, as far as I know.

13 If there are exceptions to that, I don't
14 know about it. I'd have to see the details.

15 Q. Is that something important for the FDA
16 to know?

17 A. If there's literally people who couldn't
18 get off of it, that would be of interest.

19 Q. Okay. How would you like that presented
20 to you in forms of -- how would -- how would you
21 like that information presented to you?
22 Affidavits? Um, doctors' testimony? What would

1 be --
2 A. Well, you --
3 Q. -- the most --
4 A. You need -- -- you need detailed
5 reports.
6 Q. Correct.
7 A. Describe it probably it would be best to
8 have the physician who tried to manage it say what
9 he or she saw and so on. You need details of the
10 case in how it was tried.
11 Q. And how many -- how many of those would
12 you want before you would consider it a problem?
13 A. I don't know. I got to see it.
14 Q. Okay. Would -- would --
15 A. I don't know the nature of the reports
16 yet --
17 Q. Okay. Perhaps --
18 A. -- or what the --
19 Q. Would it be --
20 A. Or why it --
21 Q. -- a hundred?
22 A. -- why it is they wouldn't get off or

1 what it was.
2 Q. Okay. Well, would a hundred reports --
3 A. Well --
4 Q. -- tell you anything? I just want to
5 get an idea --
6 A. No --
7 Q. -- of the magnitude.
8 A. You -- you can't answer that. I need to
9 see the reports and see how strong they are. And
10 you need to see the circumstances under which they
11 were developed. Uh, I can't tell you how many.
12 But you can feel free to send them our MedWatch or
13 in a copy me to and I'll get them to the right
14 place.
15 Q. Okay. Have you -- have you prior to
16 submitting your declaration in the In Re Paxil
17 case, did you go into the MedWatch reports to see
18 how many reports there were of Paxil
19 discontinuation and withdrawal?
20 A. No, of course, not. I wasn't addressing
21 the question of Paxil withdrawal.
22 Q. Okay.

1 A. We all agree that there's a withdrawal
2 syndrome.

3 Q. Okay. Um, as you sit here today, are
4 you aware of how prevalent a problem that is?

5 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
6 question.

7 THE WITNESS: No, I'm not. I haven't
8 heard from the data to tell me.

9 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

10 Q. Okay. And, um, what kind data would
11 help you to understand that? Internal studies by
12 Glaxo SmithKline?

13 A. Well, what I really rather see is the
14 results of controlled trials that show people
15 trying to discontinue and see what fraction of them
16 really can't. Um, that's the best kind of data,
17 individual reports. You have to know a lot about
18 the circumstances, and they're hard to interpret.

19 Q. Okay. I'm just trying figure out how --
20 what kind of information they give to you.

21 A. Um, right. You understand we don't --
22 we don't doubt that there's a -- call it what you

1 want -- a withdrawal or discontinuation syndrome
2 for Paxil and probably many of the other
3 anitdepressants, and that's not a doubt.

4 Q. Okay. I -- I -- I just don't know if
5 you're aware of the severity of the problem. I
6 just want to know if you're aware -- the extent or
7 the severity --

8 A. Well, it isn't the awareness. I haven't
9 seen data on how severe it is. That's of a nature
10 that's considerable that I can consider. It hasn't
11 be presented to me. Maybe it has been to others.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. But, no, I have not seen that.

14 Q. Well, that's why I asked you if you had
15 seen earlier the internal studies that Glaxo did on
16 the probelem, whethor or not it had come to your
17 attention.

18 A. Well, the --

19 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
20 question.

21 THE WITNESS: The little bits you've
22 showed don't communicate how severe 0.

1 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.
2 THE WITNESS: -- it is.
3 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
4 Q. No, I understand.
5 A. Maybe I didn't read all of them but --
6 Q. No, you didn't. That was -- remember,
7 that's the document that had about 30 tabs on it
8 and --
9 A. Yeah. One of them said the rate of
10 discontinuation syndrome was the same as the
11 Tricyclic, so I don't know how helpful that was.
12 Q. Okay, that's fine. And, again, I'm just
13 trying to see what kind of information is helpful
14 to the FDA. Um --
15 A. In -- in -- in those also it's not easy,
16 although there may be other data that go to this to
17 tell whether it's the person's underlying condition
18 coming back or something new that represents
19 withdrawal. Certainly, excitability sounds like
20 it's something new. Becoming depressed again, it's
21 hard to know.
22 Q. How about electrical zaps?

1 A. That sounds new.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. Those things sound new.

4 Q. Okay. Um, do you know how the -- how --
5 how a doctor who is presented with a patient who is
6 going through Paxil withdrawal can differentiate
7 whether it's relapse or a withdrawal?

8 A. Well, I think he'd bring the same kind
9 of thinking to it that I just asked you about. If
10 what the person is experiencing is renewal of the
11 symptoms that got him on the drug in the first
12 place, he would have trouble knowing which it was.
13 So he might try another drug. I mean, you know, I
14 don't know. I don't deal with patients very much.

15 If it was excitability and things like
16 that, probably they'd go back and start the drug
17 again with a lower dose and try to retaper. But
18 for some kinds of things, you won't be able to
19 know.

20 Q. But are you aware that in foreign
21 labels, for instance, GSK tells doctors how to
22 differentiate between relapse and withdrawal

1 effects?

2 A. No.

3 MR. BROWN: I'll object to the form of
4 the question. And lacks a foundation.

5 THE WITNESS: In any case, I'm not aware
6 of that.

7 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

8 Q. Okay. Let me, uh, let me see if I...

9 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Let me show you
10 what I'll mark as the next exhibit.

11 What are we up to, 21?

12 I'm not going to ask you Gerald to help
13 me out.

14 (Laughter.)

15 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III: What I'm going to show you
16 is the, uh, Paxil label for Switzerland. In

17 Switzerland they call it Seroxat or Deroxat.

18 Deroxat, D-E-R-O-X-A-T.

19 (Temple Deposition Exhibit

20 No. 21 was marked for

21 Identification.)

22 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Mark --

1 MR. BROWN: What's this from.
2 MR. MURGATROYD, III: -- here you go.
3 MR. BROWN: Yeah, okay.
4 THE WITNESS: Okay. Um, I don't know
5 the basis for that. It may be true.
6 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
7 Q. Okay. Do you have any reason to
8 disagree with this statement that -- that GSK has
9 made from its label for Switzerland?
10 A. I just -- no, I wouldn't say I would
11 have a basis for disagreeing. I don't know the
12 basis for that statement. It does seem likely that
13 renewed depression would take a little longer to
14 return but --
15 Q. Okay.
16 A. -- I don't know that.
17 Q. And --
18 A. And if I understood what some people
19 have said in their reports, depression was
20 something that returned very early --
21 Q. Okay. Well, this --
22 A. -- so --

1 Q. The section I'm referring to is the
2 symptoms, meaning withdrawal symptoms usually start
3 abruptly within a few days of discontinuation and
4 can be distinguished from relapse symptoms, which
5 are occur later and build up gradually.

6 A. I know. I guess I'm referring to some
7 descriptions of the cases that you described
8 earlier where people became very badly depressed
9 right away after stopping the drug.

10 Q. No, no. They weren't depressed. They
11 were drug craving it. That's what I was trying to
12 -- well, people who --

13 A. I mean, they had these symptoms.

14 Q. Yes, correct.

15 A. Yeah. Okay. I -- this is not
16 implausible. I don't know. I can't -- now true --
17 whether it's true or not, I just don't know the
18 data.

19 Q. Okay. Did -- when you formulate the --
20 or work with the labels for, in this case, Paxil,
21 do you ever look at what the drug companies, such
22 as GSK, is doing with its label in other countries?

1 A. Yeah. They're supposed to tell us
2 actually if there are important changes in other
3 countries. Whether what they do -- is this -- is
4 this Gustan, Switzerland or --
5 Q. This language comes from the Swiss
6 label. They've been -- they've been worried about
7 discontinuation for many, many years.
8 A. Yeah, I don't know that we would usually
9 look at the Swiss labeling,, but we would be aware
10 of changes of, uh, you know, changes that the EMEA
11 made, and things like that.
12 Q. How about the Italian authorities?
13 A. No, that would be more unusual.
14 Q. Okay. So -- I'm sorry. Look to the
15 European regulatory?
16 A. Well, -- I mean, as you probably know
17 uh, some drugs are pretty much still country by
18 country. If they --
19 Q. Right --
20 A. -- were developed a while ago. And many
21 of the newer ones are -- have a common language and
22 it's supposed to be translated appropriately but

1 similarly in all the -- we'd be more likely to know
2 what they say especially if there's a major change.

3 Q. And which country would you defer to or
4 look at?

5 A. Well, it isn't the country. It's the
6 whole European Union.

7 Q. Okay, okay. The European Union.

8 A. We're more likely to know about those.

9 You know, we are -- we are -- there's been
10 something in the paper about changes in Great
11 Britain on the labeling for a number of
12 antidepressants, just this morning.

13 Q. Right. Okay.

14 A. So we've become -- we've become aware of
15 those. We might become aware of others, but it's,
16 uh, catch as catch can.

17 Q. Okay. Now, would you agree that the
18 people who can't get off Paxil without experiencing
19 severe withdrawal symptoms or to that degree
20 dependent upon the drug to get through a day?

21 MR. BROWN: Object.

22 MR. KELL: Object to the form.

1 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
2 question also.
3 MR. KELL: You can answer, if you can --
4 if you can answer.
5 THE WITNESS: Well, I have to tell you I
6 don't know that there are such people.
7 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
8 Q. That -- that's --
9 A. I've heard --
10 Q. -- what shocks me because, you know, I
11 have in my office --
12 A. Yeah.
13 Q. -- in excess --
14 A. But it doesn't mean --
15 Q. -- of 10,000 reports.
16 A. It's -- well, okay. Right. There -- I
17 mean --
18 Q. I mean in excess and they are
19 unsolicited. I didn't want them.
20 A. Yeah. Um --
21 MR. BROWN: Is this question,
22 Mr. Murgatroyd?

1 THE WITNESS: It's at odds with
2 everything one knows about all other, quote,
3 dependency situations. There's always thought to
4 be a way you can get people off.
5 Now, you know, I'm -- that's -- that's
6 not my business so I don't know that in a hands-on
7 way. But the whole idea is that you can taper it
8 and eventually the receptor goes back or whatever
9 it is. Whether it's narcotics, which are obviously
10 highly addicting and, you know, create tremendous
11 dependency or whatever it is. So it would surprise
12 me that there's somebody who has, in a sense, a
13 permanent change, uh, from having taken the drug.
14 That would be at odds with everything one knows.
15 It doesn't mean it's not true.
16 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
17 Q. Okay.
18 A. But it's very surprising.
19 Q. Would you find it more likely with a
20 child or an adult if that's -- if that condition --
21 A. I have --
22 Q. -- occurs?

1 A. -- I have no opinion on that.
2 Q. Okay. Now, if a person is on --
3 assuming there are people out there who cannot get
4 off of Paxil, just assuming that --
5 A. Okay.
6 Q. -- would you agree that they have
7 developed a physical dependence upon the drug?
8 MR. BROWN: I'll object again for the --
9 MR. KELL: Objection. Calls for an
10 expert conclusion. It's not what he's for.
11 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Well, it's
12 getting whether he has --
13 MR. KELL: If he has --
14 MR. BROWN: Objection.
15 MR. KELL: -- if he has any opinion that
16 he wants to give, I won't instruct him not to give
17 it.
18 MR. BROWN: Will also object on the
19 basis of the form of the question.
20 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
21 Q. After all that you still got to --
22 A. Well, I would call those things physical

1 dependency.
2 Q. Okay.
3 A. That's what a continuation syndrome is.
4 Q. Okay.
5 A. It's because there's a physical
6 dependency.
7 Q. And --
8 A. And -- those are things I don't know
9 about. As I -- for reasons I just gave you, the
10 idea that it becomes permanent is very hard to
11 swallow based on all other experience. It couldn't
12 be true.
13 Q. Okay.
14 A. That would be surprising.
15 Q. All right. Well, I hope to surprise
16 you.
17 Um, would you agree that the term
18 physical dependence and habit-forming are
19 comparable terms?
20 A. No.
21 Q. Okay. What would -- what would be the
22 difference between those?

1 A. Again, habit-forming doesn't have a
2 precise definition. People I'm sure use it
3 differently. But what I said in my, uh, in my
4 document is that it unusually refers to, um, a drug
5 that people feel good about taking. It gives them
6 elation. It makes them feel happy. And the
7 models -- the models are narcotics, which give you
8 an appropriate buzz.

9 And benzodiazepines, um, most people
10 don't think of, uh, any of the antidepressants as
11 having those properties. And there are other drugs
12 where nobody would believe for a second that
13 there's any pleasure in taking the Beta Blockers,
14 and things like that. They plainly have a
15 withdrawal syndrome. So I don't think of them as
16 habit-forming. It doesn't mean there are
17 consequences to the dependents. You can have a
18 heart attack, uh, if you stop your Beta Blocker too
19 quickly, so it doesn't mean it's trivial. But I
20 don't count that as habit-forming.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. So a lot depends on the sensations you

1 get when you -- when you take the drug. And
2 that's -- uh, that's all I attempted to say and
3 that's what I still think. Uh, I note that in
4 their announcement about antidepressants. Uh,
5 that's more or less what the, uh, British have
6 said --

7 Q. Well --

8 A. -- yesterday.

9 Q. Okay. Well, let's -- actually, let's,
10 um -- let's get to your declaration, which we'll
11 mark as Exhibit 20 --

12 MR. FARBER: Two.

13 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Two, thank you.

14 (Temple Deposition Exhibit
15 No. 22 was marked for
16 Identification.)

17 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

18 Q. I'll show that to you, Doctor. Okay.

19 Okay. You've reviewed it. Right?

20 A. Um, yeah.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. Not necessarily in the detail that will

1 prove necessary but we'll see.
2 Q. Okay. Um, you signed that declaration;
3 is that correct?
4 A. Yes.
5 Q. Oka. And that's -- that's your
6 signature?
7 A. It looked like it when I saw it before.
8 Sorry, I'll have to get to the document. Yes.
9 Q. Okay. Um, you didn't write this
10 declaration, though, did you?
11 A. I wrote parts of it. I got help in
12 describing my job and stuff.
13 Q. Okay. Well, I mean, did you sit down
14 and type this?
15 A. No.
16 Q. Okay. Who -- did somebody --
17 A. I don't --
18 Q. -- give you --
19 A. I don't --
20 Q. -- this you for --
21 A. I don't type.
22 Q. Okay.

1 A. I, um, I saw and contributed it to
2 drafts and, uh, satisfied myself that I believe
3 what it said.
4 Q. Who prepared the first draft?
5 A. I don't remember.
6 Q. It wasn't you?
7 A. I'm sure -- probably not.
8 Q. Okay. I mean, I know your a busy man,
9 so I don't --
10 A. Probably not.
11 Q. -- think this is the kind of thing that
12 you're going to sit down and --
13 A. Well, you can see it comes to many
14 different, uh, parts of it. The parts on what
15 habit-formings means, I certainly, uh, wrote most
16 of it, but I didn't, for example, do the parts
17 about what the Ninth Circuit noted.
18 Q. Okay. Well, let -- let -- why don't we
19 kind of go through it and see which parts -- was
20 there -- was there any part that you -- you
21 originally drafted or was it all drafted on your --
22 A. I --

1 Q. -- behalf?
2 A. -- I don't remember that.
3 Q. Okay. You don't recall writing any of
4 this. Correct?
5 A. Well, no, I don't -- I didn't say that.
6 Um, I'm sure I wrote or contributed to or helped
7 people get ready to write what my various jobs
8 were. I don't think that's the part you care about
9 particular.
10 Q. Okay.
11 A. Um and I believe I had the most
12 major input into parts five and six.
13 Q. Okay. Would you believe the other parts
14 were drafted for you?
15 MR. BROWN: I'll object to the form of
16 the question. I think it's been asked and
17 answered.
18 MR. MURGATROYD, III: No, I'm just
19 asking him if he can narrow it down, Mark.
20 THE WITNESS: I'm sure I had more help
21 on those.
22 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

1 Q. Okay. Now, we'll get into -- into those
2 parts, but, um -- well, actually before -- let me
3 just go back to one thing. We're talking -- we're
4 talking about the Doctor's ability to differentiate
5 between relapse and withdrawal effects. Right?

6 A. For some of them, for some parts of it.

7 Q. Right. Did, um -- do you have any idea
8 of the amount money that has been wasted in this
9 country by doctors misdiagnosing withdrawal
10 effects?

11 MR. BROWN: I'll object --

12 MR. KELL: Object.

13 MR. BROWN: -- to the form.

14 MR. MURGATROYD, III: If you know.

15 MR. BROWN: Object -- object to the form
16 of the question.

17 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

18 Q. Are you aware that doctors, meaning many
19 doctors see patients with withdrawal effects and
20 think there's something else and send them out for
21 unnecessary tests?

22 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the

1 question.
2 MR. KELL: Same objection.
3 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
4 Q. Are you aware that happens?
5 A. No, I have no idea.
6 Q. Okay. Are you aware that, uh --
7 A. Actually, I would have thought that the
8 discontinuation or withdrawal effects of Paxil have
9 been pretty well-known for quite a while so -- but
10 I don't have any information on the exact numbers
11 or percentages.
12 Q. Okay. You haven't seen the Harvard
13 report that shows that 75 percent of prescribers
14 are not aware of them?
15 A. No, I am not.
16 Q. Okay. Are you aware that, uh, people
17 have gone through unnecessary surgery because
18 they're misdiagnosed -- the withdrawal effects from
19 Paxil were misdiagnosed?
20 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
21 question.
22 THE WITNESS: Surgery for what?

1 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

2 Q. God knows. To repair -- to reperi the
3 withdrawal reactions.

4 A. I --

5 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
6 question.

7 THE WITNESS: I don't understand what
8 that would mean but you --

9 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

10 Q. Okay. Well, I'm just tell you. There
11 are people who have --

12 A. Well, the complaints that are listed
13 there as withdrawal reactions are surgically or
14 remediable, so I don't really know what you mean.

15 Q. Well, are you aware that people have
16 gone through brain scans because of the electrical
17 zaps in their heads?

18 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
19 question.

20 THE WITNESS: Not aware. It wouldn't
21 surprise he.

22 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

1 Q. Okay. Are you aware of how many
2 thousands upon thousands have been done that were
3 not needed?
4 A. No.
5 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
6 question.
7 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.
8 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
9 Q. Are you aware that, uh, doctors, uh,
10 often increase the dosage of the drug to handle
11 withdrawal effects?
12 A. You mean restore the dose to --
13 Q. No. Actually --
14 A. -- where it had been?
15 Q. No. Increasing it.
16 A. I don't understand the question.
17 They've been tapering it, have they --
18 Q. Yes.
19 A. -- where they've stopped it?
20 Q. Yeah -- no, they're trying to get off
21 it.
22 A. Trying to get off of it. So instead of

1 going to where they were they raise it higher than
2 they had been before?

3 Q. Correct.

4 A. No, I'm not aware of that. I don't
5 quite know why anybody would do that.

6 Q. Okay. Um, would you agree that one way
7 to determine that a -- if a drug -- to determine if
8 a drug is addictive is to look at the affects on
9 the neonatals?

10 A. You mean see whether there's a
11 withdrawal syndrome -- syndrome?

12 Q. Correct.

13 A. It can tell you -- I think that is one
14 way to see whether there's physical dependence.

15 Q. Are you aware of the various studies
16 that have been done that shows newborns suffering
17 seizures and other withdrawal symptoms from Paxil
18 mothers?

19 MR. BROWN: I'll object to the form of
20 the question. Lack of foundation.

21 THE WITNESS: Unfamiliar with reports of
22 neonates having withdrawal syndromes, but, again,

1 it's -- lots of neonates have seizures. So it's
2 not easy to know in any given case whether that was
3 the reason or not. But I'm in a rough way familiar
4 with, uh, those reports. I haven't read them.
5 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
6 Q. Okay. But you're aware there's
7 literature out there that documents Paxil mothers
8 delivering babies who go through withdrawal and
9 require, uh, extraordinary or extraordinary medical
10 attention?
11 A. No, I do --
12 MR. BROWN: Again --
13 Let -- let me get my objection --
14 THE WITNESS: Yeah --
15 MR. BROWN: -- on the record --
16 THE WITNESS: -- go ahead.
17 MR. BROWN: -- in the first place.
18 Object to the form of the question. And
19 lacks a proper foundation.
20 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I -- just as a
21 general matter, when you assure me that something
22 is -- I have no way of evaluating the quality of

1 the data or how strong it is. So I can't, in any
2 sense, agree that I know it to be true because I
3 haven't read it.

4 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. Uh, I have heard about withdrawal
7 syndromes in neonates, but I -- that's the extent
8 of what I have heard.

9 Q. Okay. And, again, the question --

10 A. I don't -- I don't find it especially
11 implausible.

12 Q. Okay. Would that indicate to you,
13 though, as a physician, that is a drug of addiction
14 that's causing it?

15 A. Well, addiction carries a lot of weight.
16 I think there's a physical dependence. I don't
17 think there's any doubt that these drugs have a
18 withdrawal syndrome on some of the drugs. Maybe
19 all of them.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. I mean, I don't think that's a --

22 Q. Okay.

1 A. -- debate.

2 Q. Okay. When, um, did you first become
3 informed that you were going to be submitting a
4 declaration in the In Re Paxil case?

5 A. Wow. I have no idea. Sometime before
6 the one I signed but I don't remember when.

7 Q. Okay. Um, did you have any, um, input
8 into whether or not you were going to get involved
9 in this legal case?

10 MR. KELL: You can answer that question
11 yes or no.

12 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Correct.

13 MR. KELL: And that's all.

14 THE WITNESS: I mean, I can't say. I
15 don't quite remember.

16 MR. KELL: Well, you can -- if you
17 don't -- mean if you have --

18 THE WITNESS: I -- I don't remember. I
19 just don't remember the discussions. Um, I imagine
20 if I had said no way, I wouldn't have done it. But
21 I thought the distinction was real and I signed the
22 -- I agreed to do it because I thought it was

1 correct.

2 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

3 Q. Okay. Um, were you aware that your help
4 in this matter was requested by a drug company?

5 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
6 question.

7 MR. KELL: Object to the form.

8 THE WITNESS: No, uh-uh.

9 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

10 Q. Are you aware that a GSK lawyer called
11 up the FDA and asked for their help?

12 A. No.

13 MR. BROWN: Object --

14 MR. KELL: Object.

15 MR. BROWN: -- to the form of the
16 question and lacks proper foundation.

17 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.

18 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

19 Q. Are you aware that when the FDA was
20 interviewieng the cases such as this that it has to
21 go through what's called the solicitor general's
22 office?

1 MR. BROWN: Object --
2 MR. KELL: Object --
3 MR. BROWN: -- to the form of the
4 question.
5 MR. KELL: -- to the form of the
6 question.
7 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
8 Q. I'm just asking if you're aware of that.
9 A. I know. I'm waiting for everybody to
10 say what they want to say.
11 (Laughter.)
12 Q. Oh.
13 A. The answer is: No.
14 Q. Okay. Um, are you aware that the
15 solicit general of the United States is Mr. Brown's
16 former law partner?
17 MR. BROWN: Object to --
18 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Are you aware of
19 that --
20 MR. BROWN: -- the form of the question
21 while he's changing the tape.
22 THE WITNESS: No.

1 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

2 Q. Were you aware that, um, Daniel Troy was
3 a drug company attorney prior -- immediately prior
4 to becoming the chief counsel for the FDA?

5 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
6 question.

7 THE WITNESS: I'm sure I knew that he
8 represented people, including drug companies.

9 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

10 Q. Okay. Were you aware that he
11 represented Pfizer?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Did he represent GSK to your knowledge?

14 A. I have no idea who he represented.

15 Q. Okay. Were you -- did you --

16 A. Mostly Daniel Poper's group. That's the
17 main thing I remember.

18 Q. Okay. Maybe -- you might want to spell
19 that for the court reporter. He's --

20 A. P-O-P-E-R.

21 Q. Okay. Uh --

22 A. That's -- he writes advertisement

1 editorials in the Post.

2 Q. Okay. Um, when your -- when your
3 involvement was brought into this case, was there a
4 document that memorialized that, that -- is there
5 some waiting if I were to do a FOIA request that
6 would tell me why you got involved and how you got
7 involved and who involved you?

8 A. Certainly nothing written by me or
9 anything that I'm aware of.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. But I told you why. I thought I knew
12 what habit-forming meant and what it didn't mean.
13 And that's all.

14 Q. Okay. Would you -- you agree that the
15 ad -- it's a TV ad we're talking about. Right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And that that's for the general public's
18 consumption?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. And you agree that it's called
21 DTC ads, right, direct to consumer?

22 A. That's what they're called.

1 Q. And they're effective. Correct?
2 A. That's harder to say. I suppose they
3 are or nobody would do them.
4 Q. Okay.
5 A. There's some debates about how -- how
6 effective they are.
7 Q. Well, have you seen the statistics of
8 about how many people who actually see an ad and
9 then go in to the doctor and say, Yeah, I want that
10 because that looks like that's what I need?
11 A. We've done a survey on that very matter.
12 Q. Okay. And what -- what did you come up
13 with?
14 A. Some people do that and some people get
15 the drug and some people don't. Some people get
16 another drug. I'm just saying there are debates
17 about how effective and how much of a value for
18 money there is.
19 Q. Do you --
20 A. A lot of people do it.
21 Q. Do you know why --
22 A. I don't have an opinion about that so --

1 Q. Okay.
2 A. -- there's no point in pursuing it.
3 Q. All right.
4 A. I don't -- I don't -- I don't know.
5 Q. Well, you understand that this is one of
6 the few countries on the earth that allow that kind
7 of advertising. Right?
8 A. Yeah, one of two I think.
9 Q. Yes. New Zealand being second --
10 A. Right.
11 Q. -- correct?
12 And was that decision to allow these
13 types of ads, uh, made since you've been at the
14 FDA?
15 A. Yes. We don't actually think of it as a
16 decision to allow it. We, uh, have always said
17 that it was allowed under law. And the only
18 question was how to go about it in such a way that
19 you're not violating the regulations.
20 Q. Okay.
21 A. But we think the law permits it for
22 better or worse.

1 Q. Okay. And you agree that the contents
2 is being shown to people other than doctors and
3 psychiatrists?

4 A. That's what it means.

5 Q. Okay. So the words such as
6 "habit-forming" may mean something to the person
7 who's sitting on their couch in their house who has
8 a high school education as opposed to a
9 psychiatrist or a doctor; is that correct?

10 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
11 question.

12 THE WITNESS: Let me be clear what your
13 asking. Could -- could any given phrase mean
14 different things to a medically trained person than
15 a less trained person?

16 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

17 Q. Yes.

18 A. Surely.

19 Q. Okay. But you understand that this ad
20 is going out to people who are less trained?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. A vast majority?

1 MR. BROWN: Objection.
2 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
3 Q. The vast majority of the people who have
4 seen this ad have had no medical training?
5 A. Yes, that's who perceived
6 direct-to-consumer advertising.
7 Q. Okay. Who would not know a technical
8 definition of the word "habit-forming?"
9 A. I don't think it is a technical
10 definition. And that's what I was trying to say.
11 There is no technical distinction. I was really
12 describing how the words are generally used.
13 Q. Okay. Did you do a survey to see how --
14 A. No.
15 Q. -- the public understands that word as
16 it's used by Glaxo SmithKline?
17 A. No.
18 Q. Okay. Do you know what percentage of
19 the people who were surveyed thought it meant they
20 could stop the drug whenever they wanted to?
21 A. I don't know and I'd have to see the
22 nature of the questions in how exactly it was

1 asked, so -- but I don't know the survey you refer
2 to.

3 Q. Okay. So you don't know what percentage
4 of people who were surveyed thought that
5 non-habit-forming meant that they could take the
6 drug as they wanted to?

7 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
8 question.

9 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

10 Q. They can take it occasionally. What
11 percentage of the people believe that?

12 A. Well, you probably could take it
13 occasionally. I don't think that's the issue. The
14 issue is whether you can stop it when you've been
15 on it for awhile.

16 Q. Correct.

17 A. Right. No, I did not -- we did not do a
18 survey to find that out.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. DDMAC did not do a survey when they
21 found that out -- when they decided that that was
22 not a violation.

1 Q. Well, let me ask you about DDMAC.
2 Did -- are -- are you saying that you personally
3 reviewed this ad before it was shown on TV?
4 A. No.
5 Q. Okay. Did, um, did anybody in your
6 department review it to your knowledge?
7 A. Well, what my -- what it says is that
8 DDMAC reviewed them and thought they were
9 acceptable.
10 Q. Well, I know. But who -- who at DDMAC?
11 A. Oh, that's knowable, but I don't know.
12 Q. Well --
13 A. I mean you're asking me what person. I
14 don't know a person.
15 Q. I mean, do you know if any person --
16 have you -- have you talked to any of your
17 subordinates to see who -- who approved the ad or
18 who approved the --
19 A. I did --
20 Q. -- ads?
21 A. I did not find who did. The head of the
22 office, Tom Abrams, would have been part of that

1 decision.
2 Q. Did the person who reviewed the ads
3 specifically look at the issue of whether a
4 nonhabit-forming is misleading to the consumer? Is
5 that -- that specific one --
6 A. Yeah, I don't --
7 Q. -- issue.
8 A. -- I don't know that.
9 Q. Okay. Um, would you agree that if GSK
10 think it's misleading that it's misleading?
11 A. No. But it would be a piece of
12 evidence.
13 Q. Okay. Do you think that would be an
14 important piece of evidence if they, through their
15 analysis, believed it was misleading?
16 A. Let's be specific. If they think it's
17 mis -- if they think it's misleading to say, quote,
18 not habit-forming --
19 Q. Correct.
20 A. -- I'd be interested in knowing why
21 they think that.
22 Q. Okay. Were you, uh -- do -- do you --

1 so I have this straight, how do you differentiate
2 addiction and not habit-forming? Are those -- are
3 those synonymous -- synonymous terms?

4 A. I did not address the question of
5 addiction. I think addiction carries some of the
6 freight of, um, being something you love. And --
7 but they're -- they're really -- they're really
8 quite different things. Let me give a couple of
9 examples I gave before. We widely believe that
10 things like, um, cocaine and marijuana are
11 addicting or habit-forming, but they claim they
12 don't cause physical dependency.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. So the two are really quite separate
15 things. People can't get off of them because they
16 like the buzz. They love it. It's appealing. It
17 makes them feel good.

18 Q. Well, let me just stop you for a second.
19 No, I'm not talking about physical dependence.
20 We've passed that.

21 A. I understand.

22 Q. I'm just talking about addiction and

1 habit-forming.

2 A. What I'm --

3 Q. Those two terms.

4 A. What I'm saying is that the terms
5 addiction and habit-forming usually refer to those
6 kinds of feelings that make you want it over and
7 over and over again. Um, there are some well-known
8 physical dependencies that I think no one would
9 describe or consider addiction, like to Beta
10 Blockers. I mean, nobody thinks if someone is
11 addicted to Beta Blockers. It wouldn't make any
12 sense, because there's no pleasure in taking a Beta
13 Block. There is some displeasure in taking it
14 actually.

15 But there is for sure a withdrawal
16 syndrome and it can be serious. So what I tried to
17 do is distinguish between those two things. So
18 there is physical dependence to Beta Blockers or
19 Clonidine and drugs of its class you have to take
20 with them. There can be serious consequences to
21 not tapering them well enough. And some people
22 have to be put back and tapered more slowly. And

1 there are individual serious consequences. That is
2 a separable thing. And neither of them is trivial.
3 It's not a statement that they're unimportant. I
4 just think they mean different things. And that's
5 what I said.

6 Q. Okay. Well, let me -- let me show you
7 an ad.

8 A. And then I have to say if you tell
9 somebody that's there consequences of discontinuing
10 it, having to communicated the idea that there's a
11 physical dependency potential, I mean, I think you
12 could say that you do now. Maybe people read some
13 things better than another. I can't -- I can't go
14 to that. But that communicates the fact there's a
15 physical dependency. And that could be a very
16 serious physical dependency or less serious, but
17 that's what physical dependency is. And that's a
18 real thing. It's a potential problem.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. It's not what I -- it's not the term
21 that I think people mean when they say
22 habit-forming.

1 Q. Okay.
2 A. That can be something else. That's the
3 thrust of my affidavit.
4 Q. Okay. I understand that and I
5 appreciate that. Let me show you what I think --
6 How far have gotten along here?
7 A. Whoop, this is mine.
8 MR. KELL: We're at 22.
9 MR. MURGATROYD, III: No, no. I just
10 want to go to the next one. We're going to come
11 back to that. But I just wanted to show you what
12 I've marked as the next exhibit. And I want to --
13 MS. NORTON: Number 23.
14 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Twenty-three it
15 is.
16 (Temple Deposition Exhibit
17 No. 23 was marked for
18 Identification.)
19 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
20 Q. And here it is. This is a Patient
21 Question & Answer Guide on Paxil. Let me show that
22 to you, please.

1 A. This is -- this is the company's thing?
2 Q. Yes, this is the company's thing.
3 A. Okay.
4 Q. And -- well, I marked one particular
5 section the addictive section on there. And, um,
6 is it -- this is given to patients by GSK. Is
7 this -- would this fall under advertising?
8 A. Um, yeah. We might call it commercial
9 labeling, but it's one of those two.
10 Q. Okay. I mean is this something that
11 would come to your attention if it was found to be
12 false or misleading?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. Okay. Now, you'll see that, um, in the
15 section where its tab there is, Is Paxil addictive?
16 And you see the first sentence, Paxil has been
17 studied both in short- and long-term use and is not
18 associated with dependence or addiction?
19 A. Yes, I see it.
20 Q. Okay. Is that language, uh, to your
21 knowledge consistent with Paxil's label? It may be
22 helpful if I showed you the label.

1 A. Well, the difficulty with all of these
2 things -- I -- I don't think that fully conveys the
3 problem. If -- if they had gone on to then say
4 there's a withdrawal syndrome, I might be happy
5 with that. But in the absence of anything that
6 explains there is something sort of related to
7 those things, I don't think that's a -- I don't
8 think that's complete enough.

9 Q. Okay. Well, let's actually --

10 A. It does -- it does however -- well, see,
11 it refers to benzodiazepines and associate them
12 with physical dependences. And that -- it could be
13 said to imply that their drug doesn't. But it
14 seems fairly clear there is something that can be
15 described as physical dependence. And that's what
16 your -- that's what your withdrawal or dis
17 continuation syndrome is caused by.

18 Q. Right. And -- well, let me -- let me
19 show you what I'll mark as Exhibit 20 -- I'm sorry
20 is that 20 --

21 MR. BROWN: Twenty-four.

22 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Four. Thank you,

1 Marci.
2 (Temple Deposition Exhibit
3 No. 24 was marked for
4 Identification.)
5 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
6 Q. Let me actually show you the label for
7 Paxil. And I highlighted -- I mean, I tabbed the
8 part that you may want to look at.
9 A. This is the current label?
10 Q. That's the current labe, yes, sir.
11 A. So I'm looking for the precaution
12 section?
13 Q. No. Actually we're going right back
14 back to the dependence section, abuse and
15 dependence section. Do you see that?
16 A. Oh, okay.
17 Q. And what does the first sentence say?
18 A. Is not a controlled substance. You
19 don't mean that?
20 Q. No, sorry.
21 A. You mean Paxil has not been
22 systematically --

1 Q. Yes.
2 A. -- studies in animals for its potential
3 for abuse, tolerance or physical dependence.
4 What date is this label? Sorry I just
5 need to know. I'll be back in a second.
6 MR. FARBER: It's current.
7 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
8 Q. Yeah, that's the current Paxil label.
9 A. Okay.
10 Q. Would that statement in the dependence
11 section of that label be inconsistent with the
12 statement in that brochure that I handed you
13 before?
14 MR. BROWN: Before he answers the
15 question, I'd like to have the record reflect that
16 the date of the brochure that you've asked him to
17 evaluate, because I don't think that's been
18 identified.
19 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Okay.
20 MR. BROWN: If you could do that --
21 MR. MURGATROYD, III: I just want to ask
22 him --

1 MR. BROWN: -- that would be helpful.
2 MR. MURGATROYD, III: I can -- well,
3 here. The easiest way is I can show you a label
4 that goes way back.
5 MR. BROWN: I'm not -- I'm not talking
6 about the prescribing information. I'm talking
7 about the brochure.
8 MR. FARBER: The patient guide.
9 MR. BROWN: Can you just --
10 Right.
11 Can you just identify for the record the
12 date on that particular patient guide.
13 MR. FARBER: Those numbers serial in the
14 corner.
15 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
16 Q. July '97.
17 A. So that was at a time when the labeling
18 was pretty quiet about all of these matters?
19 Q. Correct.
20 A. That would be the March 2001.
21 Q. All right.
22 A. -- labeling.

1 Q. Is that --
2 A. That may well be consistent with
3 labeling. I don't think it's consistent with it
4 current but --
5 Q. Okay. Well, let's look at the label
6 that existed at that time.
7 MR. MURGATROYD, III: We'll mark it
8 as exhibit -- Exhibit No. 25. Thank God for --
9 (Laughter.)
10 (Temple Deposition Exhibit
11 No. 25 was marked for
12 Identification.)
13 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
14 Q. Okay. Let me show you the pre-2001
15 label. And, again, I've marked the spot.
16 MR. BROWN: Can you identify -- yeah.
17 MR. FARBER: The spot that's there.
18 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
19 Q. Yeah. Do you see the part under Drug
20 Abuse and Dependence?
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. The language is the same as in the

1 current label, correct, where it says, "Paxil has
2 not been systematically studied in animals or
3 humans for its potential for abuse, tolerance or
4 physical dependence." Correct?

5 A. Right. The part about tolerance, I
6 think, is at least -- and physical dependence are
7 at least debatable. I don't think it's been
8 subjected to -- there are standard tests you do
9 for abuse liability. And I doubt a drug of this
10 class would be subjected to that because there's no
11 mentioned dates of suspicion.

12 Q. Right. So that statement in the
13 brochure that you have --

14 A. Right. So --

15 Q. -- is false. Correct?

16 A. Well --

17 MR. BROWN: I'll object to the form of
18 the question.

19 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

20 Q. Well, let's see. It says, Paxil has
21 been studied both in short-term and long-term term
22 use and is not associated with dependence or

1 addition.
2 A. I'm sorry. Say that again. It says has
3 not been.
4 Q. Yeah. Not -- this -- the label says it
5 has not been, but the brochure says it has been.
6 MR. KELL: Object to the form.
7 THE WITNESS: I see. I see.
8 MR. KELL: Object as to argumentative.
9 MR. MURGATROYD, III: No. I just
10 asked --
11 MR. KELL: Its mischaracterizes each of
12 the documents.
13 You can answer.
14 MR. BROWN: And I -- I join in those
15 objections.
16 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
17 Q. Well, do you see Paxil's statement --
18 the GSK --
19 A. Uh-hmm.
20 Q. -- statement that Paxil has been studied
21 both in long-term -- short- and long-term use and
22 is not associated with dependence or addiction.

1 Do you see that? Correct?
2 A. Yeah. I'm just looking -- I'm just
3 comparing. Give me a second.
4 Q. Yeah.
5 A. Uh, it doesn't say anything about abuse.
6 The word "tolerance," it uses different language.
7 Well, at a quick look they seem in odds with each
8 other.
9 Q. Okay. Now --
10 A. But --
11 Q. -- are you aware --
12 A. -- I do notice that our labeling
13 continues to say that and is somewhat contradicted
14 by the precautions section.
15 Q. Correct. Would you, um -- were you
16 aware that, um, in the U.K. GSK took out any
17 reference in its drug advertising and labeling that
18 if does not cause addiction?
19 MR. BROWN: Again, object to the form of
20 the question.
21 THE WITNESS: No, I'm certainty not
22 aware. Of course that's not -- that's directed to

1 physicians in the U.K.
2 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
3 Q. Well, actually let me show you the --
4 A. I presume.
5 Q. Let me show you why. Twenty-six?
6 MS. REEVES: Twenty-six.
7 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Twenty-six. Thank
8 you.
9 (Temple Deposition Exhibit
10 No. 26 was marked for
11 Identification.)
12 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
13 Q. And upon -- I direct your attention
14 to -- it's right here -- under the section titled
15 "How to take your tablets." And if you would just
16 take a look at that.
17 A. So this a letter from GSK to doctors in
18 May 2003?
19 MR. BROWN: Can I see a copy, please?
20 Do you have one?
21 THE WITNESS: Okay. Read it.
22 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

1 Q. Okay. Do you see that?
2 MR. BROWN: Hang on one second, please.
3 Can I see them?
4 (Mr. Brown reviews document.)
5 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
6 Q. And the section I'm referring to is the
7 part that says, While Glaxo SmithKline maintains
8 that Seroxat -- that's Paxil in the Ukraine.
9 Correct.
10 A. Hmm?
11 Q. Correct, Doctor?
12 A. Yes, yes.
13 Q. Okay. -- is not a drug of addiction.
14 We learned from patient feedback that the statement
15 Seroxat is not addictive, did not add the patient's
16 understanding of what to expect whilst --
17 W-H-I-L-S-T. It must be British.
18 A. British.
19 Q. -- stopping Seroxat."
20 Do you see that?
21 A. Yeah.
22 Q. Okay. Um, do you believe that, uh,

1 Americans are entitled to the same information that
2 these people in the U.K. are getting?

3 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
4 question.

5 THE WITNESS: Right. I need to know
6 more about the total contents. For example, if you
7 were to emphasize to people that you mustn't stop
8 abruptly, that there is a discontinuation syndrome
9 and bad things can happen, and also called it
10 nonaddictive, then I wouldn't know how that would
11 add up. So I need to know more.

12 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

13 Q. Okay. Well, let's go to, um, to your
14 declaration again. And let's go to paragraph 8,
15 which I know is one of the ones that you may not
16 have contributed to, but --

17 A. Eight.

18 Q. -- let's take a look at it.

19 A. Eight?

20 Q. Yeah, paragraph 8 on page 6.

21 MR. KELL: "In summary."

22 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

1 Q. And you state -- and, again, I'm not
2 going to put these words in your mouth. It could
3 be a lawyer saying this. I don't think we know who
4 wrote this. But it says, The agency concluded that
5 the advertisements were not misleading because
6 there is no scientific evidence that Paxil is a
7 habit-forming drug and consumers are adequately
8 cautioned ('Don't stop taking Paxil before talking
9 to your doctor.')

10 Now, as you sit here today, do you
11 believe that that's an adequate precaution that
12 they may experience severe withdrawal reactions --

13 MR. BROWN: Object --

14 Q. -- Don't stop taking Paxil before taking
15 your -- talking to your doctor?

16 MR. BROWN: Object --

17 MR. KELL: Object --

18 MR. BROWN: -- to the form of the
19 question.

20 MR. KELL: -- to the form of the
21 question.

22 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

1 Q. You can answer.
2 A. You got remember something about
3 direct-to-consumer advertising, and, that is,
4 there's an assumption that the doctor is doing the
5 doctor's job. So what we don't want is for people
6 to be misled about the enormous benefits of the
7 drugs or something like that. The specific
8 details, though, we often might lead, uh, to them.
9 and --
10 Q. Yeah. But you're -- you're saying that
11 this, Don't stop talking to Paxil before -- don't
12 stop taking Paxil before talking with your doctor
13 is an adequate caution on withdrawal symptoms. And
14 I -- I just -- if that was you --
15 A. No. See --
16 Q. -- would survey that to see if that was
17 true?
18 A. No, we didn't do a survey.
19 Q. Okay. Did you know that Pfizer did do a
20 survey?
21 A. No, I don't.
22 Q. Let's take a look at their survey.

1 MR. KELL: Did you mean to say "Pfizer?"
2 MR. MURGATROYD, III: I didn't mean to
3 say Pfizer. I meant Glaxo SmithKline. Thank you.
4 I get these drug companies mixed up.
5 THE WITNESS: The sentence also
6 emphasizes that the whole thing is done under the
7 guidance of the physician which is critical to this
8 whole thing.
9 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
10 Q. Well, I understand.
11 MR. MURGATROYD, III: We're at 27,
12 right, Marci?
13 (Temple Deposition Exhibit
14 No. 27 was marked for
15 Identification.)
16 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
17 Q. I say look at this next document.
18 MR. BROWN: Can I see that, please?
19 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yeah.
20 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
21 Q. This is, uh -- what I've given you is a
22 Beth Howard e-mail dated, uh, February 21st, 2002.

1 And it has a section where it says, Beth, In
2 response to your inquiry, here are the findings
3 from the first round of DTC storyboard testing
4 around the issue of the new fair-balance line (Talk
5 to your doctor before stopping Paxil.)
6 (Witness reviewed document.)
7 A. Okay.
8 Q. Okay. And you see that the participants
9 who were surveyed who looked at this ad. Right?
10 Didn't even notice the line. Right?
11 MR. BROWN: Object to the form of the
12 question.
13 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
14 Q. So is that -- would you consider that
15 that's an adequate caution, a line that nobody even
16 notices?
17 MR. BROWN: I'm going to object to that
18 because it calls for an answer based on an, um, an
19 e-mail without the proper foundation associated
20 with the survey and the questions asked based on
21 the limited review of an e-mail.
22 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Fair enough.

1 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

2 Q. Doctor, you can answer the question.

3 A. Well, my main complaint is that you have
4 to take into account the whole role of the DTC
5 advertising and the fact that it's going to be used
6 under physician guidance.

7 Q. Right.

8 A. So if the physician is aware of these
9 things, then he can explain all those things.

10 Q. Yeah. But let me --

11 A. You don't -- you don't get the drug by
12 yourself.

13 Q. No. But you could stop the drug by
14 yourself. Do you think all patients go into the
15 doctor and say, I'm not, you know, stop taking this
16 drug?

17 A. I -- I don't think for one second that a
18 direct-to-consumer ad is adequate instructions for
19 a patient to take the drug. I mean that's just out
20 of the question. The whole idea depends -- I mean,
21 first of all, you don't get the drug. You have to
22 go to the doctor to get it.

1 Q. Right.

2 A. The doctor is supposed to tell you a
3 whole bunch of things about how to take it, what to
4 watch for. You know, we were, uh -- we -- we've
5 just added enormously to the instructions about
6 making sure that, uh, your caregiver pays attention
7 to it. There's a mountain of stuff, only one part
8 of which is Don't stop abruptly.

9 So it never was my thought that, um, you
10 need to capture all of that in the -- in the
11 direct-to-consumer advertising. What we do want
12 you to convey is the main scary business. So you'd
13 decide whether to go bother your doctor about it at
14 all.

15 So serious adverse rereactions have to
16 be identified and things like that. And one's
17 judgment about how big a problem the withdrawal is
18 could probably influence how much -- how much you
19 would think that needed to be in there.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. I think that's -- that's fair. And if,
22 you know, if it's really worse than we thought,

1 than you ramp up those kinds of observations.

2 Q. Okay. Assuming that it is worse than
3 you think, do you think that the public is served
4 by having Glaxo SmithKline state on TV that the
5 drug is non-habit-forming?

6 MR. KELL: Object.

7 Q. Does that serve the public.

8 MR. KELL: Object to the form.

9 Q. That's your job is to serve the public.

10 MR. KELL: Object. It's -- and I object
11 to that characterization. There's been no
12 testimony that that's the doctor's job. If he has
13 a person opinion as to whether the public is served
14 by something or not, he can express that opinion.

15 MR. BROWN: I'll -- I'll join in that
16 objection.

17 THE WITNESS: If I -- I -- I would say
18 that if it were well documented that the -- but I
19 don't -- to my knowledge, it is not. Um, I know
20 you believe it is. If it's well-documented this is
21 a major problem in the use of, uh, Paxil, worse
22 than other drugs of its class, things like that,

1 that that should be noted, that withdrawal
2 syndromes, or whatever you want to call them,
3 should be noted clearly as one of the downsides of
4 using the drugs. No question about that.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. Whether -- whether you call it
7 habit-forming or not, seems to turn entirely on
8 what else is in there and on what -- how people
9 react to the term. Um, it's not enough for me to
10 know that they think have -- that some people asked
11 cold in a survey of -- that I haven't seen, think
12 habit-forming and those things are sort of similar,
13 I need to know more about what a whole statement
14 would be.

15 If, for example, people learned about
16 withdrawal reaction or discontinuation reaction,
17 and then said it's not habit-forming, that might be
18 okay. I have to see the details.

19 Q. You don't think that -- that would be
20 internally inconsistent to say, Hey, will you stop
21 this drug. And they go --

22 A. No.

1 Q. -- through a severe withdrawal reaction
2 to the extent that you're debilitating and can't
3 leave your house but it's not habit-forming?

4 A. No. I think you need to tell people
5 that it's -- if it is -- if it is, that it's
6 debilitating and some people have great difficulty
7 getting it off, if those things are true and
8 well-documented, you need to tell them that.

9 The term "habit," it doesn't seem to me
10 that it determines -- the terms on the term
11 habit-forming because that -- is it -- what I said
12 then was to believe is that it's sort of a term of
13 art. Um, for what it's worth, I'm not alone in
14 this. Um, um, you may think these are nice
15 distinctions that only doctors could love. But,
16 um, let me -- sorry. Just give me half a second.

17 The -- the, uh, recent, um, thing by
18 video safety medicines expert report says in
19 response to the question, Are these drugs
20 addictive? It's been known for some time that all
21 SSRIs cause withdrawal reactions on stopping while
22 they do not appear to cause dependence in the way

1 that alcohol and opiates do. A significant number
2 of patients experience withdrawal reactions on
3 stopping or reducing their medicines. In some
4 cases in some of these patients the withdrawal
5 reactions are severe and disabling.

6 So I would endorse that way of putting
7 it entirely. Um, whether it's what we meant by
8 addiction and, you know, things to opiates, is sort
9 of beside the point. What you really need to know
10 is that there is a withdrawal syndrome.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. But I don't think --

13 Q. But the --

14 A. -- the terms -- I don't think people
15 usually think of that, Here's what doctors think.
16 And maybe that's the problem. But only doctors
17 think of that as addictive. I don't think that
18 that doctors think of that as habit-forming any
19 more than I think of a Beta Blocker withdrawal --

20 Q. Again. We're

21 A. -- as addictive.

22 Q. Well, I got them. We're not talking

1 about doctors. We're talking about patients.

2 A. No. Listen, I'm saying we're -- we
3 worry a lot about what --

4 Q. Patients --

5 A. -- messages patients draw. And we
6 could, I suppose, with enough data become
7 convinced that, um, the use of the words needs to
8 be modified. But the way the terms habit-forming
9 is used historically and obviously they still are
10 sort of reflecting the same point of view. It
11 isn't quite what it -- that isn't what it means.

12 Q. Okay. Was there -- do you think that's
13 helpful for them to have those words that Paxil is
14 not habit-forming -- is that helpful to a patient?

15 MR. BROWN: I'll object.

16 THE WITNESS: Helpful is not our
17 standard. Violative is our standard.

18 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

19 Q. Okay. So. If, in fact, 25 to 50
20 percent of the people who take Paxil experience
21 withdrawal symptoms. So that's fact No. 1. Just
22 assume that's true. And if, in fact, 10 percent of

1 those experience such severe withdrawal symptoms
2 that they're disabled, okay, just assuming that,
3 would you agree that the term Paxil is
4 nonhabit-forming could, for some people who see it,
5 be misunderstood?

6 MR. BROWN: Objection.

7 Hold on one second --

8 THE WITNESS: Go ahead.

9 MR. BROWN: -- Dr. Temple.

10 Let me object on the basis of form of
11 the question. Lacks a foundation. Ask for expert
12 opinion. And it doesn't reflect the evidence in
13 this case.

14 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

15 Q. Go ahead.

16 MR. KELL: I'll join in the same
17 objection.

18 You can answer it, if you have an
19 answer.

20 THE WITNESS: Okay. I want to make my
21 own observation that I don't know whether any of
22 those facts are true.

1 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

2 Q. Right.

3 A. I really think you're talking and mixing
4 two fundamentally separate things. If the rate of
5 the reaction is very high, if it's really
6 debilitating for people, that needs to part of the
7 information provided to doctors and physicians --
8 to physicians and in a DTC as to the patients.
9 They need to get, you know, how much details debate
10 will matter, but they need to be aware of that.

11 The word used to define it seems
12 somewhat less important to me. Um, uh, but that
13 could be subject to evidence that people
14 misinterpret the phrase. For example, if you -- a
15 convincing case can be made that when you say it's
16 not habit-forming, they will ignore all the
17 information you have about how there's a
18 discontinuation syndrome or a withdrawal syndrome
19 and say, Oh, hell, it doesn't matter, that would
20 shake me about the use of that term. But I don't
21 have evidence of that currently.

22 Q. Okay. And, again, you didn't do a

1 survey but do you think a survey --
2 A. We didn't do a survey.
3 Q. Right. Do you think a survey, a proper,
4 like, a survey that showed you that people
5 misunderstood this, would that be helpful to the
6 FDA?
7 A. Yes.
8 Q. Okay. Now --
9 A. Well, it might be depending on how it's
10 done.
11 Q. Well, I understand.
12 A. That's right.
13 Q. Correct. Depending on the validity of
14 the survey, correct. Now --
15 A. Actually, my understanding is the term
16 "habit-forming has" sense been removed from the --
17 the promotion is not there anymore.
18 Q. That's correct. That is correct.
19 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Um -- okay.
20 Let's go off the record real quick.
21 We're going to take a tape switch. We can take a
22 five-minute break and then we'll come back. And

1 I'll be finished in half an hour max.
2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record
3 at three o'clock p.m. This concludes --
4 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Ah, it's three
5 o'clock?
6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: -- video tape No. 2.
7 MR. MURGATROYD, III: I thought I was
8 faster. I'm sorry.
9 (Whereupon, at 2:57 p.m., a recess was
10 taken, and the proceedings resumed at 3:08 p.m.,
11 this same day.)
12 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the beginning
13 of videotape No. 3? We're back on the record at
14 3:11.
15 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
16 Q. Okay. Okay. I'm just, uh, um --
17 Marci --
18 I'm sorry, I forget your last name,
19 Marci.
20 MS. NORTON: Norton.
21 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
22 Q. -- Norton brought some documents with her

1 today that are referenced in your declaration.
2 And, um, that --
3 A. Yeah.
4 Q. -- weren't attached. She attached some
5 documents and you didn't attach others.
6 And one was -- and I just have a
7 question about this. It's the April 13th approval
8 letter. Let he show you.
9 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Oh, I got to mark
10 this exhibit. Twenty --
11 MS. NORTON: -- eight.
12 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Eight, thanks.
13 (Temple Deposition Exhibit
14 No. 28 was marked for
15 Identification.)
16 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
17 Q. Um, and I -- I just want you to --
18 MR. BROWN: Do you have copy --
19 Q. -- have you take a --
20 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yeah, I do.
21 MR. BROWN: -- for us?
22 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Yeah. Here you

1 go.
2 MR. BROWN: Thank you.
3 THE WITNESS: And that's before the
4 precautions qwere added.
5 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
6 Q. Yes, correct.
7 A. Okay.
8 Q. Now it says, um, in your -- if you go to
9 page 2 of your declaration, it says, For instance,
10 based on limited data --
11 A. Hold on. Hold on.
12 Q. I'm sorry.
13 A. My declaration. Oh, this might -- no,
14 that's the --
15 Q. It was attached to that. Gerald has it.
16 MR. BROWN: That letter is not attached
17 to his declaration --
18 MR. MURGATROYD, III: I'm sorry?
19 MR. BROWN: -- correct?
20 MR. MURGATROYD, III: This document I
21 just marked is not attached to the declaration.
22 MR. BROWN: Correct.

1 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Marci brought it
2 with her to today at my request because it's
3 referenced in what we're going to look at right
4 now.

5 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

6 Q. If you look at the middle of that page,
7 page 2, it says, For instance, based on limited
8 data. Do you see that, the sentence that begins
9 with that?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. It says, the April 13th, 2001, Paxil
12 package insert that accompanied the approval letter
13 for the generalized anxiety disorder indication
14 included minor comments in the postmarketing
15 reports paragraph of the adverse reaction section
16 signaling a potential problem with discontinuation
17 syndrome.

18 Now, my question is when you wrote this
19 declaration, did you actually go back and look at
20 that letter and see that?

21 A. I, uh, I don't remember. Probably
22 though.

1 Q. Well, I don't understand what it means.
2 Signaling a potential problem. How could a label
3 signal a potential problem?
4 A. Well, let's look at what the words were.
5 It says, "There have been spontaneous reports of
6 discontinuation, (particular when abrupt,) may
7 lead to symptoms such as dizziness, sensory
8 disturbances, agitation or anxiety, nausea and
9 sweating; these events are generally
10 self-limiting."
11 Q. Well, where's the signal? We have
12 A. What's -- what's the question?
13 Q. Well, where's the -- where in this
14 attached label is there a signal?
15 A. I just read it to you.
16 Q. Oh, where were you?
17 A. It's under postmarketing report. It's
18 the last six lines under Postmarketing Reports on
19 page --
20 Q. What page --
21 A. -- 27.
22 Q. Is that on?

1 A. Twenty-seven.
2 Q. Okay. Yeah, but that's been on the
3 label forever.
4 A. Yeah, that wasn't new.
5 Q. That's not new?
6 A. I didn't say it was new.
7 Q. Oh.
8 A. I just said it included them.
9 Q. I know. But I don't -- I don't -- where
10 is the new signal? I mean, this has been in the
11 label since I think the first label that ever came
12 out.
13 A. It does not say that. I don't know when
14 that language got in there, but there was no change
15 in that section in April. It just mentions it --
16 Q. I understand that.
17 A. -- it a sort of weak way compared to how
18 it was changed in the December notice.
19 Q. Well, I understand but --
20 A. I don't understand the question, I
21 guess.
22 Q. The question is, You say here in your

1 declaration that these postmarketing reports
2 signaled a potential problem. But I'm saying
3 there's no difference in the language between this
4 label and the label that was generated by Pfizer
5 six years before that.
6 A. I -- I don't think I said there was a
7 labeling -- I don't think I said there was a
8 labeling change.
9 Q. No. I know you said that the label
10 signaling -- I don't -- I just don't understand the
11 symptoms how a label can -- it says signaling a
12 potential problem.
13 A. Yeah.
14 Q. How can a nonlabel change signal a
15 problem?
16 A. I didn't say it was a change. It just
17 refer to the contents of the labeling. The label
18 identifies that as postmarketing reports.
19 Q. I know. But it's done that for six
20 years.
21 A. I didn't say that it changed. It didn't
22 change.

1 Q. Then how was -- why wasn't the signal
2 six years earlier when it was first put in the --
3 A. It was.
4 Q. Oh, it was a signal then.
5 A. Yeah. The language didn't change at
6 this time, but the labeling has language that
7 indicates that there may be a problem, sort of a
8 weak statement. It's not very strong compared to
9 what went in, in December. You're -- you're
10 reading this as saying we changed the label to
11 reflect something new. And that doesn't say that
12 and it didn't.
13 Q. I thought this was saying that you
14 looked at the label. And from the label you saw a
15 signal. That's what I thought. This sentence to
16 me means this --
17 A. Instead of signal --
18 Q. -- label --
19 A. -- instead of signalling --
20 Q. -- was the signal.
21 A. -- substitute indicating. It doesn't
22 mean anything particular --

1 (Counsel briefly confers with
2 cou-counsel.)

3 A. -- by it.

4 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:

5 Q. Well, let me ask you this. Why did
6 you -- this is the FDA -- move the withdrawal
7 warning about warning but it's a withdrawal section
8 of the label into the precaution section?

9 A. Because we -- we were more convinced
10 that it was real.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. That's -- that's exactly what that piece
13 you read in the letter. You know, the little dark
14 print piece, that explained why.

15 Q. But that's -- that's referring to this
16 which has been in the label for six years. That's
17 why -- that's where I'm getting confused. There's
18 no change here.

19 A. When you read the letter, the approval
20 letter, for the -- I don't remember which claim.

21 Um --

22 MR. FARBER: PTSB.

1 THE WITNESS: Yeah, probably.
2 BY MR. MURGATROYD, III:
3 Q. Oh, yeah, PTSB --
4 A. Probably.
5 Q. -- right.
6 A. There was a little section explaining
7 why the label had been revised to put language
8 about this continuation and to precautions. That's
9 why it was changed from this to that.
10 Q. But I don't know what -- what was the
11 triggering event? I mean, it could have been six
12 years prior. Why December of 2001 as opposed to --
13 well, 1994 when it was --
14 A. I -- I --
15 Q. -- it showed up in there too.
16 A. I can't answer that. I don't remember
17 the details of the information. It now convinced
18 them that it was real and deserved to be in
19 precautions.
20 Q. Okay. So to convince somebody in your
21 division?
22 A. Yeah.

1 Q. Okay. So somebody in your division
2 said, Well, this is a bigger problem than we
3 thought.

4 A. Somebody or a group. Maybe it would
5 have been -- we probably be been watching it for
6 awhile. You know, we read the literature. And it
7 was now convincing enough to be a precaution.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. If people were convinced that it was a
10 really serious problem, they might have called it a
11 warning. Anyway that's --

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. -- that's what happened in December.
14 This was not a change. It's -- this is just a
15 statement of what the labeling says. You're
16 reading signally as if it was a change in labeling.
17 And I didn't mean it that way because it wasn't the
18 change --

19 Q. Well, is the word "signaling," was that
20 your word or was that somebody else's word and you
21 got stuck with it?

22 A. I don't remember anymore. I -- I could

1 have changed anything in here. This is my
2 affidavit. Nobody told me what to say.
3 Q. I understand that.
4 A. Um, so maybe indicating would have been
5 a better word or something like that. Nothing in
6 what I wrote implies that it was a new change.
7 Q. Okay.
8 A. It just says it was there.
9 Q. Okay.
10 A. There's no implication that it was newly
11 minted.
12 Q. Now, let's go to page 4 of your
13 declaration on the top of the -- on the top of the,
14 uh, page.
15 A. Okay.
16 Q. Page 3.
17 A. Okay.
18 Q. And you see the sentence that says,
19 "DDMAC conducted a review of the television
20 advertising for the drug Paxil and -- that --
21 A. Um, hold on.
22 Q. Is that --

1 A. Tell me -- tell me what line, oh, the
2 top line. Okay.
3 Q. Yeah, the top line.
4 A. Yeah.
5 Q. "DDMAC conducted a review of the
6 television" labeling -- I'm sorry -- "television
7 advertising for the drug Paxil that is the subject
8 of this litigation and I am familiar with its
9 decisions and actions."
10 I think we've established that. When
11 you say that, you're just saying that as an
12 overall --
13 A. That's right.
14 Q. -- view, not that you were personally
15 familiar with this Paxil ad itself?
16 A. Uh, that's correct. And I'm describing
17 a general familiarity. We have a number of social
18 scientists who are good at implications. We
19 sometimes do surveys, but to my best knowledge
20 nobody did a survey.
21 Q. Okay.
22 A. But they presumably exercised their

1 judgment on the matter.

2 Q. Okay. Okay. Now let's go to, uh, the
3 next page, page 5. And the second to last sentence
4 says, "DDMAC included that putting this
5 precaution -- and the caution refers to Don't stop
6 taking Paxil before talking with your doctor --
7 into the television advertisements would ensure
8 that the ads adequately provided for dissemination
9 of the information about possible discontinuation
10 symptoms contained in detail in the products FDA
11 approved insert.

12 And I think we probably touched on this
13 before. I don't understand how, Don't stop taking
14 Paxil before talking to your doctor tells a person
15 who is seeing the ad that they're getting adequate
16 information about possible discontinuations.

17 A. Yeah. There's a -- there's a thought
18 left out. And -- and the clue to it is contained
19 in detail in the products of the FDA approved
20 insert. The -- the assumption is, in all of these,
21 that the ad is used -- the ad triggers your entry
22 into the healthcare system and the physician

1 carries out the physician's responsibilities. DTC
2 ads in no way make you capable of treating
3 yourself. They're not supposed to. So that's --
4 that's the theory.
5 Q. Okay. But you do --
6 A. Um, you know, I'm not saying it's not
7 arguable but that was the theory.
8 Q. Okay. And you don't -- you didn't do a
9 survey to see if that theory worked?
10 A. As, I said, no.
11 Q. Okay. But we did see that --
12 A. But, remember --
13 Q. -- GSK did them certainly then.
14 A. Yeah. But that stills goes to what an
15 individual would understand from this. If the, uh,
16 the worrisome part of that little bit of a survey
17 you show there's -- that they didn't notice it, so
18 they didn't notice that stopping abruptly is a
19 problem. I think one of our assumptions would be
20 that people are supposed to be paying attention to
21 what's it there. Um, they might ask about that.
22 But in any event, um, one would hope

1 that physicians would be aware of that.
2 Q. Yeah.
3 A. We know that physician aren't always
4 aware of everything. They're supposed to be aware
5 of a problem that has no obvious remedy.
6 Q. Okay.
7 A. Um, right.
8 Q. All right. I appreciate it.
9 MR. MURGATROYD, III: At this point, I
10 don't have any further questions. I will turn to
11 Mr. Farber who's going to be very brief.
12 MR. BROWN: Well --
13 MR. MURGATROYD, III: You're last.
14 MR. BROWN: I understand that.
15 (Laughter.)
16 MR. BROWN: And I'm looking forward to
17 having an -- an opportunity. I will say that, um,
18 I'm -- I'm not accustomed to having two lawyers
19 question one witness while representing the same --
20 the same party in the litigation. I'm going --
21 I'll object to Mr. Farber's line of questioning and
22 hopefully it will be limited.

1 (Laughter.)
2 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Duly noted.
3 MR. BROWN: I've -- I've never
4 experienced --
5 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Oh, you haven't?
6 MR. BROWN: -- a deposition with
7 Mr. Farber with -- with it being a series of
8 limited questions.
9 MR. FARBER: Well, III --
10 MR. MURGATROYD, III: Well, hopefully it
11 will be the first time.
12 MR. FARBER: I'll take that as a
13 compliment too.
14 MR. BROWN: Well, yeah, yeah.
15 MR. KELL: And I'll note the same
16 objection. The last time I looked at the Rule it
17 says examination shall proceed as at trial. I know
18 at trial it would be the extremely rare
19 circumstance where a court would ever allow more
20 than one lawyer for a party to question the same
21 witness, certainly, during the same examination.
22 MR. FARBER: There's not rule against

1 it, though.

2 MR. KELL: I --

3 MR. BROWN: No. I believe Mr. Kell just
4 correctly stated there is a rule against it. But
5 having expressed the objection on the record --

6 MR. FARBER: Okay.

7 MR. BROWN: -- let's --

8 MR. FARBER: Proceed.

9 MR. BROWN: -- let's move ahead.

10 MR. FARBER: Okay. And I will certainly
11 try not to duplicate any subject area of Mr.
12 Murgatroy. And I would anticipate, for your
13 personal information, maybe 45 minutes.

14 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENDANTS
15 BY MR. FARBER:

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