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Dear [REDACTED],

On 27 April 2014, you wrote requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

1. *Copies of all open literature reports since 1 October 1996 of scientific procedures involving rodents, marmosets and rhesus monkeys except Pearce et al, J Psychopharm 13 (2) (1999) 128-135.*
2. *A list of all internal reports published since 1 October 1996 (eg Technical notes, Technical Papers, Technical Memoranda) up to and including those classified as "Confidential" of scientific procedures involving rodents, marmosets and rhesus monkeys.*

We wrote to you on the 28 May advising that we had located information and would be reviewing a list of reports, under item 2 in accordance with exemption s26 Defence of the FOI Act.

Your request for open literature reports falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemption provided for at Section 21 (Information accessible to applicant by other means).

Your request for a list of all internal reports published since October 1996 as requested under item 2 is attached. The search was run on two separate databases we hold at different levels of classification; the key words used included rodents, rhesus monkeys and marmosets, and covered both in vivo and in vitro procedures.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and therefore there is no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied, then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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