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Dear

Thank you for your information request, dated 9 June 2023, where you asked for a copy of the final study report for "A post-authorisation safety study (PASS) to evaluate the paternal exposure to valproate and the risk of neurodevelopmental disorders including autism spectrum disorders as well as congenital abnormalities in offspring - a population-based retrospective study", reference EUPAS34201, that was commissioned by the European Medicines Agency and then supplied to the MHRA.

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Yours sincerely, Safety & Surveillance