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Dear 

FOI 23/368

Thank you for your communication, dated 24 May 2023, in which you requested information relating to clinical study report 0683-017, which supported the applications for Spironolactone 12.5 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg film-coated tablets (PL 12762/0544-0547).

In response to your request, please find attached clinical study report 0683-017 submitted to support the initial applications for Spironolactone 12.5 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg film-coated tablets (PL 12762/0544-0547), redacted under Section 40 (Personal information), Section 41 (Information given in confidence) and Section 43 (Commercial interests) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Disclosure of information subject to Section 40 (Personal information) would be an infringement of personal data. Section 40 (Personal information) is an absolute exemption, and no consideration of the public interest is required.

Section 41 (Information given in confidence) is an absolute exemption, and no consideration of the public interest is necessary, except to state that the release of this information withheld under this section of the FOI Act would be considered an actionable breach by the MHRA.

We have redacted some parts of the attached documentation under Section 43 (Commercial interests) of the FOI Act because the release of all, or part of, the information would, or would be likely to, cause harm to the third party's commercial interests. The exemption is to

safeguard the commercially sensitive information/commercial enterprise. In this case, release of information would enable the competitors to overcome several regulatory hurdles in the research and development of their own products. This exemption is conditional on the public interest in releasing it not outweighing the company's/commercial enterprise's right to confidentiality and the probable damage that the company/commercial enterprise could suffer as a result of the information being released. We have considered the balance of the public interest when applying this exemption. In this case, we have not identified any issues which would benefit the public, as a whole, by being brought to their attention.

We now consider this FOI request closed.

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If you were to remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you would have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please bear in mind that the Information Commissioner will not normally review our handling of your request, unless you have first contacted us to conduct an internal review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, and Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

The FOI Team,
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