

1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
3 EASTERN DIVISION

3 WENDY B. DOLIN, Individually and as)
4 Independent Executor of the Estate of)
5 STEWART DOLIN, deceased,)

5 Plaintiffs,)

6 vs.)

7 SMITHKLINE BEECHAM CORPORATION,)
8 d/b/a GLAXOSMITHKLINE, a Pennsylvania)
9 Corporation,)

9 Defendant.)

) No. 12 CV 6403
) Chicago, Illinois
)
) March 23, 2017
) 1:30 p.m.

10 VOLUME 7-B

11 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS - Trial

12 BEFORE THE HONORABLE WILLIAM T. HART, and a Jury

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1 (Proceedings heard in open court. Jury in.)

2 THE COURT: Thank you very much, ladies and
3 gentlemen. Please be seated. We will resume.

4 You may proceed, sir.

5 MR. BAYMAN: Thank you, your Honor.

6 DAVID ROSS, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, PREVIOUSLY SWORN

7 CROSS-EXAMINATION (Resumed)

8 BY MR. BAYMAN:

9 Q. Dr. Ross, before we broke for lunch, I wrote down that you
10 said that you were critical because "emotional lability" was
11 buried in thousands of pages and not put in any tables,
12 correct?

13 A. No, sir, that's not what I said.

14 Q. I think you said it was not the basis for summary tables
15 that typically reviewers rely on?

16 A. No, sir, that's not what I said.

17 Q. All right. We'll come back to that in a minute. Turn, if
18 you would, then in that PX 263 which is Tab 22, turn to Page
19 347149.

20 A. I'm sorry, sir. Could you repeat the Bates number?

21 Q. Sure. It's 347149.

22 MR. WISNER: Your Honor, I object. This is not a
23 document that he's ever testified about or even seen. This is
24 from Dr. Healy's direct.

25 MR. BAYMAN: It's from the same document I was

1 questioning him about right before we had lunch, your Honor.

2 MR. WISNER: You put it up on the screen, but I
3 didn't have a chance to object.

4 MR. BAYMAN: Can you take it down?

5 You didn't object to it before lunch.

6 THE COURT: Well, ask your question. We'll see
7 what...

8 BY MR. BAYMAN:

9 Q. All right. Have you found Page 347149?

10 A. I believe this is the correct page.

11 Q. And you see there are tables on that page, correct?

12 A. I do.

13 MR. BAYMAN: Okay. May I publish that to the jury?

14 THE COURT: Is this in evidence?

15 MR. BAYMAN: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: All right.

17 MR. BAYMAN: PX -- Plaintiff's Exhibit 263.

18 MR. WISNER: Objection, your Honor. It's not in
19 evidence. It was never admitted into evidence. It was shown
20 to the jury during Dr. Healy's deposition -- during his
21 testimony but it was never admitted into evidence. Showing a
22 different expert a different expert's documents --

23 MR. BAYMAN: Take it down --

24 MR. WISNER: -- right up there on the screen --

25 MR. BAYMAN: Take it down.

1 MR. WISNER: Just using hearsay, it violates the
2 impeachment rule under 603. You can't impeach with extrinsic
3 evidence that the expert has never seen, so I don't know what
4 this is about.

5 MR. BAYMAN: Judge, these are --

6 THE COURT: It's not in evidence?

7 MR. WISNER: No.

8 MR. BAYMAN: It's not been admitted into evidence.
9 It is a submission to the FDA with respect to --

10 THE COURT: You can ask him --

11 MR. BAYMAN: Sure.

12 THE COURT: -- if he's ever seen it before.

13 BY MR. BAYMAN:

14 Q. Have you ever seen this document before?

15 A. I don't believe so.

16 Q. For the record, this is Plaintiff's Exhibit 263. And it's
17 a study No. PAR-2906007001 titled, "A double-blind comparison
18 of paroxetine, amitriptyline, and placebo in patients with
19 major depressive disorder with melancholia."

20 You've never seen that before?

21 A. I don't recall seeing it.

22 Q. Are you sure about that?

23 A. I don't recall seeing it.

24 Q. You know, though, that in that document, there are tables
25 which show that emotional lability --

1 THE COURT: Wait, wait, wait. The document is not in
2 evidence, sir. It's not in evidence.

3 MR. BAYMAN: You --

4 THE COURT: He hasn't seen it. It's not in evidence.

5 BY MR. BAYMAN:

6 Q. You are aware, are you not, and you've seen documents in
7 which GSK has coded suicides and suicide attempts to the
8 preferred term of emotional lability. We saw some right
9 before lunch, correct?

10 A. So there's two questions there. Which one -- if you could
11 repeat the one you'd like me to answer first.

12 Q. You've seen documents that GSK submitted to the FDA where
13 GSK coded suicides and suicide attempts to the preferred term
14 "emotional lability," correct?

15 A. With the understanding that I'm not aware of any rules
16 that said that was how they should do it, yes.

17 Q. Okay. And you -- Dr. Ross, you told the jury yesterday
18 morning that you reviewed the most current Paxil label as of
19 January 2007 and that the current label still contains
20 language that you think is misleading such as language on
21 emotional lability, correct?

22 A. I believe that what I said, and I don't have the verbatim
23 text, is that there is no way for anybody to know that
24 emotional lability -- and for the record, I am not even sure
25 that that is a term that's in the current list of terms used

1 by FDA, other regulators, or regulated industry. There's no
2 way of knowing that that actually refers to events that
3 involved attempted suicide.

4 Q. My question was: You said you reviewed the current label
5 which is as of January 2017. You said you reviewed that a
6 couple nights ago, correct?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Okay. And you said that language -- I mean, that the
9 current label is still -- is false and misleading because you
10 think it contains language that's misleading such as the
11 language on emotional lability, correct?

12 A. That's one of several reasons --

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. -- why it is false and misleading.

15 Q. And you know from your review of that label because
16 Mr. Wisner asked you in 25 or 30 years and you corrected him,
17 in 25 years, had these warnings been changed, and the label
18 today currently has the same warnings that it had in it in
19 2010. Do you remember that line of inquiry?

20 A. I noted that the placement of "emotional lability" had
21 been moved to the first position in the current label, that
22 is, the January 2017, after the word "frequent," I believe.

23 Q. And you know, though, from your review of that current
24 label that Mr. Wisner asked you about that the warnings with
25 respect to the risk of suicide are the same in that label as

1 they were in the 2010 label at the time Mr. Dolin was
2 prescribed generic paroxetine, correct?

3 THE WITNESS: Your Honor, could I ask that that
4 question be read back?

5 THE COURT: Read it back.

6 (Record read.)

7 BY THE WITNESS:

8 A. So there's a couple of different concepts here, so let me
9 try and answer this as succinctly as possible. The label for
10 both branding Paxil and generic paroxetine, which has to
11 follow the brand name, has not been updated with the
12 Paxil-specific information in any way, shape, or form, so you
13 are correct.

14 BY MR. BAYMAN:

15 Q. Thank you. And I'm sure that when you saw the label that
16 you looked at, you know that the holder of the Paxil NDA
17 today --

18 MR. WISNER: Objection. Move to strike.

19 THE COURT: I haven't heard the question yet.

20 MR. WISNER: The question is prejudicial. May I
21 sidebar, your Honor? You explicitly ruled this out, and they
22 agreed not to do it, and he's about to ask the question.

23 THE COURT: All right. Let's have a sidebar.

24 (Proceedings heard at sidebar:)

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2 BY MR. BAYMAN:

3 Q. Doctor, I want to ask you now about GSK's April 2006 label
4 change. You're familiar with that, correct?

5 A. I am.

6 Q. And if you would, turn in your notebook to Tab 10, Exhibit
7 101.

8 A. Yes.

9 MR. BAYMAN: And it's Defense Exhibit 101, your
10 Honor, which is in evidence per your March 9, 2017, minute
11 entry.

12 BY MR. BAYMAN:

13 Q. Let's take a look at that. You're -- you've reviewed this
14 before, correct?

15 A. I believe so, yes.

16 Q. And you said yesterday that there is a lot of back and
17 forth that occurs between a manufacturer and the FDA when a
18 manufacturer attempts to change a label, correct?

19 A. In some instances, yes.

20 Q. And that includes sending correspondence back and forth,
21 correct?

22 A. Among other things, yes.

23 Q. And that can include having meetings between the drug
24 company and the FDA, correct, to discuss labeling changes?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. That can include having telephone conversations between
2 the FDA and the drug company to discuss labeling changes,
3 correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. That can include email back and forth between the FDA and
6 the company about proposed label changes, correct?

7 A. Yes, with the understanding that any communications, be it
8 email or telephone, do not represent final agency action.

9 Q. What you're saying is at the end of the process, the
10 agency issues a letter, a formal letter, correct?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. Okay. But that's part of the back and forth that occurs,
13 those kinds of exchanges, correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. So here in this document, if you will look, the
16 second page, the first paragraph, "Conclusions and proposed
17 next steps," do you see that?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. It's -- what's happening is GSK is telling the FDA about
20 its findings for suicide attempts in adult patients with major
21 depression, correct? That's what this correspondence is about?

22 A. It is informing the FDA of the results and
23 GlaxoSmithKline's interpretation of those results and GSK's
24 regulatory conclusions.

25 Q. That's -- that's the analysis that we discussed with GSK

1 and that you discussed with Mr. Wisner on direct with the 7.6
2 increased risk in major depressive disorders on the secondary
3 end point, correct?

4 A. So I kind of want to make sure I'm answering your
5 question, understanding it correctly. When you say "2.76,"
6 that is the odds ratio --

7 Q. I'm sorry. I misspoke. I meant 6.7 which was GSK -- the
8 odds ratio GSK found.

9 A. Okay. They're informing FDA of their finding confirming
10 that there is a sharply increased odds ratio among individuals
11 exposed to Paxil with regard to suicidal attempts.

12 Q. 6.7 with respect to the secondary analysis of definitive
13 suicidal behavior, correct?

14 A. Actually, I don't believe it says "the secondary analysis"
15 here.

16 Q. But you know that that was the secondary analysis?

17 A. They do not say that here. They do not qualify it in that
18 way as a secondary analysis.

19 Q. Understood, but you know that from your review, correct,
20 with me? We went over this earlier this morning.

21 A. I'm just telling you what I'm reading here in plain
22 language. It doesn't say "secondary analysis." It actually
23 does not include those words.

24 Q. But you know that was a secondary analysis? We talked
25 about this this morning, Doctor.

1 THE COURT: All right. Go on. Another question.

2 BY MR. BAYMAN:

3 Q. The letter goes on to say:

4 "Based on these most recent findings in the adult
5 patient data set, GSK concludes that some statements in
6 the approved prescribing information will need to be
7 amended to reflect the results from this analysis
8 following completion of the entire analysis."

9 Did I read that correctly?

10 A. You did.

11 Q. Okay. And so basically, what GSK's saying, to try to cut
12 to the chase here, Doctor, is, "We want to amend our label to
13 present this data," correct?

14 A. The first line says, to make sure that I put this -- my
15 answer in context, "GSK believes that labeling revisions and
16 direct communications with healthcare professionals, HCPs,
17 should be undertaken only after completion of the entire
18 analysis but is willing to discuss earlier labeling changes,
19 communications with HCPs if so desired by the agency."

20 So they are saying that they believe that it should
21 be undertaken after they finish the entire analysis but are
22 willing to discuss, not commit to revising the label earlier
23 or earlier communications with HCPs.

24 Q. But you know from your review of the record that GSK
25 actually provided proposed labeling to indicate the data with

1 respect to the MDD finding, correct?

2 A. As inadequate as it was, they did submit that in a changes
3 being effected supplement which they could submit 30 -- I'm
4 sorry, implement 30 days after submission to FDA.

5 Q. You said "as inadequate as it was"?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. You agree that the May 2006 labeling changes that GSK
8 implemented included the accurate statement that an increased
9 risk in suicidal attempt was observed in MDD patients of all
10 ages, correct?

11 A. That statement by itself without context is accurate but
12 does not -- I'm not referring -- the word "inadequate" does
13 not refer to that statement alone.

14 Q. I just asked you if it was an accurate statement.

15 A. Taken out of context, yes.

16 Q. Turn to your deposition, Page 279, Doctor.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. "Question: And you agree that the May 2006 labeling
19 change that GSK implemented included -- included the
20 accurate statement that an increase in suicide attempt
21 risk was observed in MDD patients of all ages?"

22 Your answer was, "Yes, I do agree with that,"
23 correct?

24 A. I just agreed with you a few seconds ago, yes.

25 MR. BAYMAN: Can we put up Joint Exhibit 5 and blow

1 it up, please, Roger, and scroll down to -- go to the...

2 BY MR. BAYMAN:

3 Q. You would agree with me -- you would agree with me that
4 the warning that GSK issued in May of 2006 that there was an
5 increased risk in patients of all ages that took paroxetine
6 compared to placebo for the possibility of a suicide attempt,
7 correct?

8 A. That statement was in the CBE supplement that they
9 submitted.

10 (Pause.)

11 THE COURT: What are you waiting for, sir?

12 MR. BAYMAN: I'm just going to have him show it.

13 BY MR. BAYMAN:

14 Q. This is what we were talking about, correct? Keep
15 scrolling down. Well, you agree that GSK put that in that
16 label?

17 A. I do.

18 Q. Okay. Now, turn in your tab -- turn to Tab 29 in the
19 notebook.

20 Put that back up. You got it?

21 Here's what I was trying to pull up earlier. GSK put
22 the data about the MDD finding and then GSK said, "These MDD
23 data suggest that the higher frequency observed in the younger
24 adult population across psychiatric disorders may extend
25 beyond the age of age 24," correct?

1 A. That is what that text says.

2 Q. And this is new information that was appropriate to be in
3 the label per a CBE, or changes being effected?

4 A. If it is accurate and reliable, it would have been.

5 Q. You don't believe that's accurate and reliable?

6 A. No.

7 Q. What's not accurate or reliable about it?

8 A. Well, if we could highlight the previous sentence, so this
9 states that the majority of these attempts for paroxetine,
10 eight out of 11, were in younger adults aged 18 to 30, but we
11 know from the paper published by GSK employees, Carpenter, et
12 al., that actually eight of 11 were in adults aged 25 and
13 older. There's actually an entry in the table they have that
14 says that.

15 So when you say the majority were in people older, 18
16 to 30, that does not state that you could also slice the data
17 so that it was in older adults older than 25. So not having
18 that statement in there, that there are -- you could slice it
19 in more than one way means that the following statement
20 suggests that the higher frequency may extend beyond the age
21 of 24 is at best misleading and at worst false.

22 Q. Okay. We're going to get to -- Tab 29, Defendant's
23 Exhibit 107.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Got it? You've seen that before, correct?

1 A. I believe so.

2 Q. That is -- that is a record of a conversation between GSK
3 and the FDA, correct?

4 A. That is GSK's record of the conversation, yes.

5 Q. And, in fact, Mr. Wisner showed you some FDA conversation
6 records from the 1990s during your direct examination, correct?

7 A. Can you refresh my memory? When you say "FDA
8 conversations," I'm just trying to make sure I know which ones
9 you mean, if there's an exhibit. I'm not disagreeing with
10 you. I just want to -- I can't recall exactly what you're
11 referring to right now, is what I'm saying.

12 Q. You recall talking with Mr. Wisner about a record of a
13 conversation that Dr. David Wheadon recorded following his
14 conversation with Dr. Tom Laughren of the FDA about the
15 submitting the reanalysis of the suicide and the suicide
16 attempt data in 2002 and 2003?

17 THE WITNESS: Your Honor, respectfully, permission to
18 read back the first question here, "You recall there were" --
19 I believe it was FDA records.

20 MR. BAYMAN: No, I said conversation records. I'll
21 help you out. Look in your notebook, Plaintiff's Exhibit 124.

22 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I'm responding to the
23 wording of that question so --

24 THE COURT: Do you want to hear it again?

25 THE WITNESS: Please, your Honor.

1 THE COURT: All right. Read it back.

2 (Record read as follows: "Question: You recall talking
3 with Mr. Wisner about a record of a conversation that
4 Dr. David Wheadon recorded following his conversation
5 with Dr. Tom Laughren of the FDA about the submitting the
6 reanalysis of the suicide and the suicide attempt data in
7 2002 and 2003?"

8 THE WITNESS: I apologize. I think the more specific
9 question is where I had gotten -- an earlier question about
10 the general topic of records, conversations in the '90s with
11 FDA. I just want to make sure I'm remembering that correctly,
12 so I think it was a little bit earlier than this specific
13 reference. And again, I'd ask the Court's indulgence.

14 BY MR. BAYMAN:

15 Q. Okay. I asked a broader question because he also showed
16 you some from the 1990s, correct?

17 A. Yes. I just want to understand what exactly it is you
18 said. Let me -- in the interest of time, I thought you might
19 have said, and if I've got this wrong, I really apologize, I
20 thought you might said FDA records of conversations from the
21 '90s.

22 The only point I wanted to make was the only
23 documentation I've seen of conversations between GSK and FDA
24 staff have been records, documents that were made by GSK.
25 That's all.

1 Q. Okay. But Plaintiff's Exhibit 124 which is in evidence,
2 do you see that document? Let's put that up.

3 A. Is this -- I'm sorry, Mr. Bayman. Defendant's Exhibit 107?

4 Q. No. Plaintiff's Exhibit 124.

5 A. I'm sorry. Which --

6 Q. In the other notebook, the notebook Mr. Wisner gave you.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. All right. My only point was, you've seen -- and I can
9 show you others that are in that same notebook -- documents
10 like this reflecting a record of a conversation with GSK and
11 the FDA about labeling or about safety issues.

12 THE COURT: I don't think -- that's not an issue, is
13 it?

14 MR. BAYMAN: Well --

15 THE COURT: Why don't we just go on.

16 MR. BAYMAN: Okay. Well, I want to show you what's
17 been marked as Defense Exhibit 107, which is a record of a
18 conversation that took place between GSK and the FDA on April
19 20th, 2006.

20 THE COURT: Put it on the screen --

21 MR. BAYMAN: Okay.

22 THE COURT: -- so he can see it.

23 MR. BAYMAN: Yes. Sure.

24 THE COURT: What's your question?

25 MR. BAYMAN: My question is --

1 MR. WISNER: Objection, your Honor. I object to this
2 document as hearsay.

3 THE COURT: Is it in evidence?

4 MR. WISNER: No.

5 MR. BAYMAN: Not yet, your Honor. I was getting
6 ready to put it in evidence, and it's the very same kind of
7 conversation records the plaintiff has shown him all day the
8 other day.

9 THE COURT: That's not necessarily controlling. You
10 have an objection to it?

11 MR. WISNER: Objection, hearsay.

12 THE COURT: Okay. May I see the exhibit, please,
13 Mike?

14 MR. WISNER: May I approach, your Honor?

15 THE COURT: No, not yet, not until I see the exhibit.

16 MR. WISNER: Yes. This is the exhibit.

17 THE COURT: Have you got it there?

18 MR. WISNER: Yes.

19 THE COURT: So this is the writer's report of what
20 was said at a conversation, right?

21 MR. BAYMAN: And he says it's part of the dialogue
22 between the company and --

23 THE COURT: All right. We've heard that. But as to
24 this particular document, without going into the content, your
25 argument is that it's something that was prepared by someone

1 who cannot be cross-examined? He said hearsay.

2 MR. WISNER: Yes, your Honor. And it's -- to the
3 extent that they're arguing an admission, it's not by a party
4 opponent. It's their own party, so they can't use it,
5 whereas --

6 THE COURT: The objection will be sustained.

7 BY MR. BAYMAN:

8 Q. You know that GSK was having discussions back and forth
9 with the FDA about the language of that label?

10 THE COURT: It's already been covered now,
11 Mr. Bayman. We've been over this several times. The jury
12 doesn't want to hear it over and over again.

13 BY MR. BAYMAN:

14 Q. You know that as of -- as of this point in 2006, FDA had
15 not yet completed its review of the data that GSK submitted?

16 THE COURT: If you know.

17 BY THE WITNESS:

18 A. I actually don't know because the only document I have
19 here was prepared by GSK. I don't --

20 THE COURT: No, sir, just answer --

21 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.

22 THE COURT: Just answer the question.

23 THE WITNESS: I don't know based on this.

24 THE COURT: We've got to move along.

25 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, sir.

1 BY MR. BAYMAN:

2 Q. You know that FDA was considering GSK's changes being
3 effected supplement, correct?

4 A. So it was that changes being effected supplement was
5 submitted in April of 2006, and FDA completed its review in
6 May of 2007.

7 Q. Okay. And so FDA still had the time, after GSK submitted
8 it, to come back and disagree with the language in GSK's
9 proposed label, correct?

10 A. You mean after the submission?

11 Q. Yes.

12 A. Certainly.

13 Q. Okay. I want to take you to Tab 30, Defense Exhibit 114,
14 which is a letter from GSK to the FDA dated April 27, 2006.

15 A. Excuse me. Yes, sir.

16 Q. You've seen that before?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. You've seen it as part of your review of the regulatory
19 file in this case, correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And you're familiar with these kinds of letters, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And so here on April 27th, 2006, this is the letter by
24 which GSK submits to FDA its CBE labeling changes for Paxil,
25 correct?

1 A. Yes.

2 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, I'd move now for permission
3 to admit Defense Exhibit 114 into evidence.

4 MR. WISNER: Your Honor, we do not object to its
5 publication, but we would object to its admission because it
6 is hearsay, although under 703, on cross-examination, they can
7 show hearsay documents but they do not get admitted.

8 THE COURT: Well, you may show it.

9 MR. BAYMAN: It's a business record, your Honor.
10 It's a letter to the FDA. It's not a hearsay statement.
11 It's --

12 THE COURT: It doesn't necessarily mean it's a
13 business record, but you may display it.

14 BY MR. BAYMAN:

15 Q. Okay. Let's put it up, do this quickly. I'm just trying
16 to put the chronology together for you, Doctor. Will you
17 agree with me, this is the letter transmitting the CBE?

18 A. This is a -- appears to be. The reason I don't want to
19 say absolutely is because if it were the actual letter, there
20 would be a date and time stamp saying when it was received in
21 the document room.

22 Q. Well, this is a letter from GSK to the FDA from GSK's
23 files. You don't dispute that, do you?

24 A. This is a letter. If it is the letter, I'm just saying
25 that there's -- I don't want to say an authentication stamp,

1 but if you -- for the sake of argument, you're prepared to say
2 that you guarantee that this is exactly the same letter as was
3 actually sent to the FDA, that's okay.

4 Q. We don't need to --

5 THE COURT: All right.

6 MR. BAYMAN: -- trifle over that. Let's turn to
7 Joint Exhibit 4, which is in evidence, the May 2006 Dear
8 Healthcare Provider letter.

9 THE COURT: What's the question, sir?

10 BY MR. BAYMAN:

11 Q. You're familiar with that letter, correct?

12 A. I am.

13 Q. Okay. This is where GSK is informing doctors around the
14 United States about the CBE labeling change based on its
15 analysis of Paxil and suicide attempts, correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And attached to the letter was GSK's new labeling for
18 Paxil, correct?

19 A. I believe so.

20 MR. BAYMAN: Pull up the first paragraph of the
21 letter, please.

22 BY MR. BAYMAN:

23 Q. It's just alerting -- this letter just alerts the doctors
24 that it is changing the clinical worsening and suicide risks
25 subsection of the warnings section for Paxil, correct?

1 A. I'm going to disagree with that statement, respectfully.

2 And the reason is that there are three --

3 THE COURT: You don't have to tell him the reason.

4 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Just answer the questions now, and then
6 we'll move along much quicker.

7 BY MR. BAYMAN:

8 Q. Is GSK -- is GSK saying, "We would like to advise you of
9 important changes to the clinical worsening and suicide risk
10 subsection of the warnings section in the Paxil and Paxil CR
11 labels"?

12 A. That -- yes, with the understanding that if it was really
13 a warning HCP letter, it should have said under the regs,
14 "important drug warning information." That's 21 CFR 201.5.

15 Q. You don't think "important prescribing information" meets
16 that requirement?

17 A. Actually, what the regulations say is if you are asking --
18 or I'm sorry, informing providers in a DHCP letter about an
19 important drug warning which is what this is, the envelope
20 that it's sent in, in order to get -- avoid having it just get
21 tossed, has to be in huge type with a red rectangle around it.

22 "Important prescribing information" would be what
23 would be on the envelope. It does not say anything on the
24 warning. It would not have the same level of prominence. And
25 that is why the FDA has these very specific regulations about

1 what's drug warning, what's prescribing information, and what
2 is correction of information.

3 Q. The letter says, "These labeling changes relate to your
4 adult patient, particularly those who are younger adults."

5 Did I read that correctly?

6 A. That is what the text states.

7 Q. And it says, "Please read the full text of the added
8 warnings following this letter. Full copies of the revised
9 package inserts for Paxil and Paxil CR are enclosed."

10 Did I read that correctly?

11 A. You did.

12 Q. And then in the fifth paragraph, GSK tells the doctors in
13 language that it was including in the label, correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And it says:

16 "Further, in the analysis of adults with MDD, all
17 ages, the frequency of suicidal behavior was higher in
18 patients treated with paroxetine compared with placebo,
19 11/3455, .32 percent versus 1/1978, .05 percent. This
20 difference was statistically significant. However, as
21 the absolute number and incidence of events are small,
22 these data should be interpreted with caution. All of
23 the reported events of suicidal behavior in the adult
24 patients with MDD were non-fatal suicide attempts, and
25 the majority of these attempts, 8 out of 11, were in

1 younger adults aged 18 to 30. These MDD data suggest
2 that the higher frequency observed in the younger adult
3 population across psychiatric disorders may extend beyond
4 the age of 24."

5 Did I read that correctly?

6 A. With the understanding that except for the first sentence,
7 the remainder of the sentences in the paragraph are false
8 and/or misleading, yes, you did.

9 Q. Your Honor, that wasn't my question.

10 I just asked, did I read it correctly.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. I know you've said you believe this is false and
13 misleading. You know GSK put these documents on its website
14 for anybody to look at, correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. Then moving chronologically to try to get through
17 this, in December of 2006, FDA convened a public hearing where
18 it discussed the results of its 2006 analysis, correct?

19 A. I'm -- I'm sorry. I'm not sure which document we're on
20 right now.

21 Q. We're not looking at a document. I was just asking --

22 A. I'm sorry.

23 Q. -- chronologically.

24 A. I'm sorry.

25 Q. Chronologically, GSK changed its label in the spring and

1 then in December, FDA convened a public hearing to release the
2 results of its analysis?

3 A. I believe that's correct.

4 MR. BAYMAN: May I approach, your Honor?

5 THE WITNESS: Thank you, sir.

6 BY MR. BAYMAN:

7 Q. Now, Doctor, as part of your work in this case and your
8 regulatory expertise, you are familiar with this document,
9 correct?

10 A. I believe that I have reviewed it.

11 Q. This is Dr. Thomas Laughren, his memorandum giving an
12 overview for the meeting of the psychopharmacologic drugs
13 advisory committee, the PDAC. That's the advisory committee,
14 correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And the FDA, when it convenes advisory committees, it
17 frequently, if not always, provides some kind of memo for the
18 committee before the hearings, correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And that memorandum summarizes their official
21 investigation into whatever matter they were studying,
22 correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And this is -- you've seen many kinds of these -- these
25 kinds of memorandum as part of your experience at FDA and as

1 an expert, correct?

2 A. Well, most often they have to do with specific products.
3 There certainly are general meetings or hearings regarding
4 class issues, but yes.

5 Q. This -- yes. This was a class issue, correct?

6 A. Correct.

7 MR. BAYMAN: At this time, your Honor, I'd move
8 Exhibit, Defense Exhibit 435 into evidence.

9 MR. WISNER: Objection, hearsay.

10 THE COURT: I'll hear you on this later.

11 MR. BAYMAN: Okay.

12 THE COURT: Do you need it now?

13 MR. BAYMAN: I can move on. I can move on -- well,
14 can we publish it without moving it into evidence?

15 THE COURT: Any objection to that?

16 MR. WISNER: I don't know if this witness has
17 testified that he relied on it. If he does, then sure.

18 THE COURT: You can ask him.

19 BY MR. BAYMAN:

20 Q. You've reviewed this as part of your work in the case?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And this is a part of the information in the, what we call
23 the regulatory file that you rely on in giving your opinions
24 in this case?

25 A. I would say yes.

1 MR. BAYMAN: Okay. May I publish?

2 THE COURT: Yes.

3 MR. WISNER: Your Honor, just to correct the record,
4 I just found out that this is actually already admitted, so we
5 withdraw our objection.

6 MR. BAYMAN: Okay. I guess it's in evidence.

7 BY MR. BAYMAN:

8 Q. Look, if you would -- you had said earlier that what the
9 FDA -- the purpose of what the FDA was doing was to calculate
10 odds ratios with respect to these antidepressants and not to
11 do anything with respect to labeling, correct?

12 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, your Honor. I ask that that
13 question be read back.

14 THE COURT: Read it back, please.

15 (Record read.)

16 MR. WISNER: Objection, ambiguous.

17 THE COURT: You may answer if you can.

18 BY THE WITNESS:

19 A. I would say that the -- my previous testimony which I
20 stand by is that that analysis was done to address a specific
21 question but -- as the direct purpose, but as you and I also
22 discussed, I didn't say, well, it had nothing to do with
23 labeling. I think it was -- as I've said previously, there's
24 more things than just randomized controlled trials in making
25 labeling decisions about safety.

1 BY MR. BAYMAN:

2 Q. To move along, I just want to call your attention to the
3 last two sentences in this document in the first paragraph.

4 "The purpose" -- the document says:

5 "The purpose of the December 13th meeting is to
6 update the committee with our findings from this meta-
7 analysis. We will present our findings and our
8 interpretations of the data, and we will generally
9 discuss our plans for labeling modifications based on
10 these findings."

11 Did I read that correctly?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And with respect to this hearing that the FDA convened,
14 people got to come to the hearing and voice their views about
15 what the product labeling should say in light of the FDA's
16 analysis, correct?

17 A. Could you be a little more specific? When you -- are you
18 referring to the open public hearing portion of the meeting or
19 the members -- or if you could just clarify.

20 Q. Actually, both. People expressed their views on what the
21 labeling should say, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And FDA took those views under consideration, correct?

24 A. I would hope so.

25 Q. And after the public hearing -- after the public hearing,

1 then in May of 2007, FDA announced labeling changes concerning
2 adult suicidality for all antidepressants including Paxil,
3 correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. Turn, if you would, to Tab 32, Defense Exhibit 122.

6 A. I'm sorry. Yes.

7 Q. That's a May 1, 2007, letter from the FDA to GSK, correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 MR. BAYMAN: And your Honor, I believe this is in
10 evidence, but I'm sure Mr. Wisner will correct me if I'm wrong.

11 MR. WISNER: Yes, it is in evidence, your Honor.

12 BY MR. BAYMAN:

13 Q. This letter includes and attaches the labeling information
14 that GSK -- that FDA told GSK and other antidepressant
15 manufacturers to include in their labeling, correct?

16 A. In terms of, just to be clear, they had reviewed this,
17 found it to be approvable, and the language that's used, "We
18 are requesting revisions to your labeling." So I want to just
19 again for the sake of accuracy say they didn't tell them.
20 They requested it.

21 Q. Look at your deposition, Page 10 -- Page 303, Line 5,
22 please.

23 A. I'm sorry.

24 Q. Are you there?

25 A. I am.

1 Q. Okay. The question was:

2 "Do you see that this -- this is a letter from FDA to
3 GSK which includes and attaches the labeling information
4 that FDA has told GSK and other antidepressant
5 manufacturers that it wants in the labeling?"

6 And your answer was, "Yes."

7 Did I read that correctly?

8 A. I'm sorry. You're in -- on Page 103?

9 Q. On Page 303.

10 A. 303.

11 Q. Line 5.

12 A. Okay. Yes.

13 Q. Let's -- let's look at this document, Defendant's Exhibit
14 122.

15 A. Okay.

16 Q. Okay. This, the subject of this document is GSK's changes
17 being effected supplement, correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. That GSK submitted on April 27, 2006? I mean, it
20 references -- it references GSK's submission, correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Let's look at the second and third paragraphs.

23 A. Okay.

24 Q. This is where -- it says:

25 "These supplements, submitted under changes being

1 effectuated, provide for labeling revisions to the warnings
2 and information for patients section regarding
3 suicidality in young adults based on your analysis of the
4 paroxetine and adult suicidality data. We've completed
5 our review of your supplemental applications, and they
6 are approvable. Before these applications may be
7 approved, you will need to make revisions to your
8 labeling as outlined below so as to ensure standardized
9 labeling pertaining to adult suicidality with all of the
10 drugs to treat major depressive disorder, MDD."

11 Did I read that correctly?

12 A. You did.

13 Q. FDA states explicitly in the letter that the changes to
14 the label are to ensure standardized labeling pertaining to
15 adult suicidality with all the drugs to treat major depressive
16 disorder, correct?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. In other words, the FDA's requiring that the warning
19 sections of the labeling for all antidepressants including
20 Paxil say the same thing with respect to adult suicidality,
21 correct?

22 A. With the understanding that they're not requiring that
23 the -- there not be any product-specific content in there,
24 yes.

25 Q. There cannot be any product-specific content in this

1 warning, correct?

2 A. I want to draw a -- clarify again what I said and repeat
3 it. You're saying the warning, saying they said that, but
4 they didn't say anywhere in here, product-specific information
5 about suicidality cannot go in the labeling. It does not say
6 that here.

7 Q. This letter, the FDA's letter, it's not limited to the
8 boxed warning, correct?

9 A. No.

10 Q. And the FDA saying that before GSK's changes being
11 effected, the supplement we talked about earlier, will be
12 approved, GSK will need to make revisions to the labeling as
13 outlined below, correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And if you look at the last paragraph on that page, it
16 says:

17 "Based on the recommendations made by the committee,
18 we believe that additional changes are needed in
19 antidepressant labeling and medication guides to alert
20 practitioners, patients, family members, and caregivers
21 about an increased risk of suicidal thinking and
22 behavior, suicidality, in young adults with MDD and other
23 psychiatric disorders who are taking antidepressant
24 medications."

25 Did I read that correctly?

1 A. You did.

2 Q. And the next sentence states:

3 "Changes are also needed to inform practitioners
4 about an apparent favorable effect of antidepressants on
5 suicidality in older adults and to remind them that the
6 disorders being treated with antidepressants are
7 themselves associated with an increased risk of
8 suicidality."

9 Did I read that correctly?

10 A. You absolutely did.

11 Q. So the FDA is saying that label -- the labels for all of
12 the SSRIs in all of the antidepressants must include this
13 language, correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And if you look at the second page of the document -- keep
16 going, Roger, the warnings -- you see that this is the text of
17 the labeling change?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And the box warning is above it, correct, on the page?

20 A. Excuse me. Yes.

21 Q. Go to the box warning, Roger.

22 And again, this is FDA's language that it's sending
23 to the drug companies, correct?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. In the box warning, the third sentence required GSK to

1 say:

2 "Short-term studies did not show an increase risk --
3 increase in the risk of suicidality with antidepressants
4 compared with placebo -- compared to placebo in adults
5 beyond age 24. There was a reduction in risk with
6 antidepressants compared to placebo in adults aged 65 and
7 older."

8 Did I read that correctly?

9 A. You did.

10 Q. And the FDA's required box warning was -- also states,
11 "Patients of all ages who were started on antidepressant
12 therapy should be monitored appropriately and observed closely
13 for clinical worsening, suicidality, or unusual changes in
14 behavior," correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. And you would agree at this point in time based on what we
17 have seen earlier that the FDA was aware of the sub-group
18 analysis finding for an increased risk for Paxil in suicidal
19 behavior in patients over age 25, correct?

20 A. I would agree that they were aware that the CBE supplement
21 which was being responded to here said that there's a risk
22 across all ages. However, they also had been told by GSK that
23 there were eight out of 11 of those patients were in the age
24 group of 18 to 30. It is not clear to me from what I've seen
25 if, as part of that submission, GSK told them that if you

1 slice the data another way, eight out of the 11 were in older
2 adults.

3 Q. How many patients -- of those 11, how many patients were
4 older than 30?

5 A. I can't recall off the top of my head. It would be at
6 least, I believe, at least three, possibly four.

7 Q. Okay. We'll get to that. You did a table with the
8 distribution, correct, on the ages in your report?

9 A. Actually, it was a graph.

10 Q. A graph. Sorry. Okay. We'll get to that.

11 When FDA announced the labeling change in May of
12 2007, it was certainly aware of the 2.76 odds ratio finding on
13 paroxetine or Paxil, correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And when they -- when FDA announced the labeling change in
16 May of 2007, FDA's language, the language of FDA's labeling
17 did not include a reference to paroxetine's finding of a 2.76
18 odds ratio being statistically significant for suicidal
19 behavior, correct?

20 A. Understanding that it's the sponsor's responsibility to
21 put that in the label, not the FDA's, I would say yes.

22 Q. This is the FDA's language, though, correct?

23 A. I understand.

24 Q. And it doesn't -- it doesn't include the 2.76 odds ratio,
25 correct?

1 A. As I discussed in my testimony earlier, the sponsor has
2 the responsibility to ensure that that is accurate, that if
3 the FDA doesn't do something, that does not relieve the
4 sponsor of its responsibility.

5 Q. But we've established the FDA knew of the odds ratio,
6 correct?

7 A. The one that they had calculated, yes.

8 Q. They knew the GSK odds ratio, correct? It's in the
9 labeling that we -- that I showed you?

10 THE COURT: We've been over this now. It's been
11 covered several times.

12 MR. BAYMAN: Okay.

13 THE COURT: Let's move on.

14 BY MR. BAYMAN:

15 Q. Your opinion yesterday was that GSK should have included
16 language stating that paroxetine induces suicides in adults
17 over age 24, correct?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. But the boxed warning right up here says there was no
20 increased risk of suicidality in adults beyond age 24, correct?

21 A. For all antidepressants taken as a group.

22 Q. And it's your opinion then that the language in the 2007
23 FDA label that FDA drafted, prepared, and ultimately approved
24 is false and misleading, correct?

25 MR. WISNER: Objection, lacks foundation as to who

1 prepared and approved.

2 THE COURT: Overruled.

3 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, your Honor. Could I --

4 THE COURT: You may answer the question.

5 THE WITNESS: If I could just have it read back.

6 THE COURT: Read it back.

7 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.

8 (Record read.)

9 BY THE WITNESS:

10 A. In the context of the Paxil label because of the data from
11 GSK, I would say yes.

12 BY MR. BAYMAN:

13 Q. The box warning wasn't the only section in the label in
14 which FDA wanted class labeling, correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. In fact, if we go to the second page of DX 122 halfway
17 down the page --

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. -- there's a bracketed instruction, correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And it says, "The following changes should be made to the
22 current language under the warnings, clinical worsening and
23 suicide risk section," correct?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. So that warning is class language, correct?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. And every antidepressant manufacturer had to have that
3 very same warning, correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. Okay. That warning -- and the jury has seen it. That
6 goes on for about two pages, doesn't it?

7 A. It does.

8 Q. Okay. Let's turn to the fourth page of the exhibit about
9 halfway down. There's another bracketed instruction, correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. It says, "The following changes should be made in current
12 language under the precautions, information for patients
13 section," right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And that that precaution is class labeling also, correct?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. So -- and everybody, every antidepressant manufacturer had
18 to have it verbatim?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And then below the precaution, there's another precaution,
21 "clinical worsening and suicide risk." Do you see that?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. That is also class labeling that every antidepressant
24 manufacturer was required to have in its label, correct?

25 A. Yes.

1 MR. BAYMAN: May I approach, your Honor?

2 BY MR. BAYMAN:

3 Q. I'm handing you what's been marked Defendant's Exhibit
4 6323. You're familiar with this document, correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. It's an email chain between Renmeet Grewal, G-r-e-w-a-l,
7 at FDA and a Mary Martinson from GSK in May of 2007, correct?

8 A. And just to be clear, the first page has correspondence
9 with Dr. Arning from GSK.

10 Q. Okay. Okay. And this is some of the material from what
11 we've been calling the regulatory file that you've relied on
12 in forming your opinions in this case, correct?

13 A. I'd call this a correspondence subfile, but yes.

14 Q. Okay. And it's part of the back and forth between the FDA
15 and the GSK about labeling, correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And we've established that the FDA communicates with
18 pharmaceutical companies by email in the regular course of
19 business, correct?

20 A. It does.

21 MR. BAYMAN: Okay. And your Honor, at this time, I
22 would move for admission of Defense Exhibit 6323 and ask
23 permission to publish to the jury.

24 MR. WISNER: No objection.

25 THE COURT: You may proceed.

1 MR. BAYMAN: Let's take a look at the --

2 MR. WISNER: I'm sorry. It's 6323?

3 MR. BAYMAN: Yes.

4 MR. WISNER: Defendant's?

5 MR. BAYMAN: Yes.

6 MR. WISNER: Okay.

7 THE COURT: It's also marked Defendant's 79.

8 MR. BAYMAN: It is 6323 in this case, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: All right.

10 BY MR. BAYMAN:

11 Q. Let's -- I want to take you to the -- these are like
12 emails. The earliest one is the farthest one back.

13 A. Sure.

14 Q. Page 3. Do you see that?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And that is dated May 2, 2007, at 9:40 a.m. Do you see
17 that up there?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And that's from the FDA's Dr. Grewal or Grewal to
20 Ms. Martinson at GSK, right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. It's about the adult suicidality letter, that's the
23 subject line?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And it says, "Dear Mary, please refer to the advisory

1 committee meeting held on December 13, 2006, regarding adult
2 suicidality data in antidepressant drugs." Do you see that?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. It says, "The agency has come to a decision with final
5 language for the prescriber labeling and medication guide,"
6 correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And nowhere in this email, this email right here from the
9 FDA, does it say -- say that the final language to which the
10 reference is limited to the warnings or to the black box,
11 rather, this is about the prescribing -- the labeling,
12 prescribing labeling, and the medication guide, correct?

13 A. Well, the decision is always about the entire label, but
14 with the proviso that this actually refers to sponsors in
15 general, this is part of a general broadcast where they say,
16 "Sponsor, we're requesting the sponsor submit prescriber
17 labeling."

18 So this email is directed not just to GSK but all
19 sponsors for this concept, I'd agree with you.

20 Q. Okay. But nowhere in this email does the FDA say that the
21 final language for the label is limited to the warnings or the
22 black box, correct?

23 A. No.

24 Q. The email continues, "Attached is a supplement request
25 letter with new language," correct?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And it's attaching a letter from the FDA to Ms. Martinson
3 at GSK that attaches the FDA's decided labeling for
4 antidepressants including Paxil?

5 A. So I assume these are other products for which GSK is
6 responsible. And it does treat them identically --
7 Wellbutrin, Parnate, and Paxil -- as just all members of the
8 class, you're correct on that.

9 Q. Okay. Those are other antidepressants, correct?

10 A. I prescribed one of them.

11 Q. Okay. And attached to that letter is the FDA's decided
12 labeling for antidepressants including Paxil --

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. -- correct? Okay.

15 And then Dr. Grewal at FDA writes, "We are requesting
16 that sponsors submit revised prescriber labeling and
17 medication guide verbatim as outlined in the attached letter
18 within 30 days from today." Did I read that correctly?

19 A. You did.

20 Q. Okay. And "verbatim" means exactly as the FDA put it,
21 correct?

22 A. They are requesting that sponsors submit revised
23 prescriber labeling and medication guides verbatim. That is
24 what they are requesting.

25 Q. And if we go then, what I would call, up in the email

1 chain, you see a response from Dr. Barbara Arning at GSK to
2 Dr. Grewal, Monday, May 7, 2007, at 2:33 p.m., re. adult
3 suicidality letter. Do you see that?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And Dr. Arning at GSK writes:

6 "Can I please ask for one clarification? Does FDA
7 intend for Paxil and Paxil CR to keep the Paxil-specific
8 paragraph on young adults that we added in April 2006 in
9 the label in addition to the class labeling provided
10 below, or do you ask us to replace the complete warning
11 section on this topic by the new class labeling?"

12 Did I read that correctly?

13 A. So just to make sure I'm understanding, so they're asking,
14 do you want us to keep our current warning that's specific
15 -- the Paxil-specific paragraph, and it states, on young
16 adults, which I guess means the focus -- from their eyes,
17 focuses on young adults, in the label and just replace that
18 language with the class labeling, or just take it out and
19 remove it on block, as we say, and then put in the new class
20 labeling, yes, I would say that's it.

21 Q. That's not what I asked you. I said, did I read that
22 correctly?

23 A. You did.

24 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, your Honor.

25 BY MR. BAYMAN:

1 Q. Then Dr. Arning at GSK pastes into the email chain the
2 entire section that she's talking about, correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And we know because we saw it earlier, that was the
5 language that GSK had proposed in 2006 as part of its CBE, or
6 changes being effected?

7 A. Right. This is what she refers to as the Paxil-specific
8 paragraph on young adults --

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. -- correct.

11 Q. Now, go up to the last email in the chain at the top of
12 Page 1. FDA responded to GSK's question on the very same day,
13 May 7, 2007, correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And FDA wrote back to GSK in response to this question,
16 "Please replace the previous warning section with the new
17 language we provided to in the class labeling letter signed on
18 May 9, 2007." Did I read that correctly?

19 A. You did.

20 Q. And FDA specifically tells GSK to replace the language
21 that GSK had submitted earlier with -- that's in Dr. Arning's
22 email with the language FDA provided, correct?

23 A. I'm sorry. Just to be very clear, the project manager
24 said that, Dr. -- Lieutenant Commander Grewal.

25 Q. Of the FDA?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. You're not suggesting she didn't have authority to speak
3 for the FDA, are you?

4 A. No, that's not what I was suggesting.

5 Q. Okay. So you agree with me that GSK was told to replace
6 the language that GSK had asked about earlier in the day that
7 Dr. Arning had posted into the email -- pasted in the email
8 with the language the FDA provided, correct?

9 A. I would agree that Dr. Grewal sent that email and that's
10 what it says.

11 MR. BAYMAN: May I approach, your Honor?

12 THE COURT: Yes. From now on, just hand it to me.

13 MR. BAYMAN: Okay. Sure.

14 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

15 MR. BAYMAN: Okay. I'm handing you what's been
16 marked as Defense Exhibit 6364, which is --

17 THE COURT: 6324?

18 MR. BAYMAN: 6324. Excuse me, your Honor.

19 BY MR. BAYMAN:

20 Q. Which is a May 11, 2007, letter from GSK to Dr. Tom
21 Laughren at the FDA who we've heard about earlier, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. And you're familiar with this letter?

24 A. I am.

25 Q. And you reviewed this letter as part of your review of

1 what we've been calling the regulatory file in this case,
2 correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And you -- this letter is one of the documents you rely on
5 in support of your opinions in this case, correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, at this point, I would move
8 for admission of Defense Exhibit 6324.

9 MR. WISNER: Your Honor, this exact duplicate has
10 already been admitted as Defense Exhibit 126. So now he's
11 entering in duplicates into the record. So I would ask that
12 we just use --

13 MR. BAYMAN: We'll use 126. That's fine.

14 THE COURT: Use 126.

15 MR. BAYMAN: Sure.

16 THE COURT: I've asked many times to avoid these kind
17 of duplications.

18 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, Ms. Hogan has pointed out,
19 this is a different document because the other document does
20 not have the attachments. This is the complete document. So
21 I'd ask for admission of this one.

22 THE COURT: Very well.

23 MR. WISNER: Your Honor, I am looking at it right
24 now. I'm looking at Defense Exhibit 6324. They're both four
25 pages long and contain exactly the same content, so I don't

1 know what he's talking about.

2 MR. BAYMAN: Can I just use this one so we can move
3 along, your Honor?

4 THE COURT: Yes.

5 MR. BAYMAN: Thank you.

6 BY MR. BAYMAN:

7 Q. Take a look at this document, and look at the second
8 paragraph. GSK writes:

9 "We believe that the Paxil-specific paragraph on
10 young adults that was added in May 2006 to the Paxil,
11 Paxil CR, and Paxil oral suspension prescribing
12 information would complement the class labeling by
13 providing product-specific data based on the GSK-
14 sponsored analysis of paroxetine trials."

15 Do you see that?

16 A. I do.

17 Q. So GSK is specifically asking FDA to keep the Paxil
18 labeling that's cited on Page 2 of this letter, correct?

19 Can you pull up Page 2?

20 A. What they're specifically saying is we, therefore, propose
21 maintaining the paragraph within the new class labeling. So
22 that's what they're asking.

23 Q. Where does it say -- it says "complemented." Where does
24 it say, "within the class labeling"?

25 A. So -- two, three, four, five, six -- on the seventh line

1 of the second paragraph on Defense Exhibit 6324, is it
2 possible -- my eyes are just -- I need stronger glasses.
3 So -- oh, I can touch this, can't? Yes. I'm sorry.

4 I don't know if that's visible to you, but that where
5 it says, "We, therefore, propose maintaining the paragraph
6 within the new class labeling."

7 Q. I misunderstood you. I thought you were suggesting that
8 taking something out of the class labeling.

9 A. No, no. I'm sorry.

10 Q. All right. So and the Paxil-specific language that GSK
11 wanted to include, that's set out at Page 2 at the top, correct?
12 It's not a very good copy on the screen.

13 A. Yes. That's -- I mean, they've made an -- edited the text
14 a little bit but yes, that's the text that they proposed
15 retaining within the class labeling.

16 Q. They added the text a little bit to try to comport it with
17 the class labeling because on the third line, I know it's hard
18 to read on the screen, it says, "for all psychiatric disorders
19 combined."

20 A. Yes. No, I agree. I don't believe that that
21 substantively changes the meaning of the --

22 Q. But they're making edits to their prior submission --

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. -- to try to conform to what FDA was requesting, correct?

25 A. Well, I don't know what their intent was, but I certainly

1 don't -- I don't see any reason to find fault with it. Let me
2 put it like that.

3 Q. Okay. Let's go to Tab 35 in your book, which is Defense
4 Exhibit 127.

5 A. Okay.

6 Q. That is a May 15th, 2007, email exchange between the FDA
7 and GSK, correct?

8 A. Yes, I believe so.

9 Q. And you've seen this email exchange before, correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. It's part of the regulatory file that you reviewed in
12 doing your work in this case, correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And it's one of the documents you rely on in -- to support
15 your opinions in the case, correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 MR. BAYMAN: That's -- this one is in evidence, your
18 Honor. This is 127, so let's put that up.

19 BY MR. BAYMAN:

20 Q. FDA tells GSK in response to the letter we just looked at:

21 "Please submit your CBE application with your
22 requests. We will be discussing all the sponsors's
23 proposals during the last week of May. After we discuss
24 everyone's proposal, I will have a response to your
25 question."

1 Did I read that correctly?

2 A. You did.

3 Q. And we know that the question is, can GSK keep the Paxil-
4 specific label -- language in the label, correct?

5 A. Within the new class labeling, is the request they've made.

6 Q. All right. Turn, if you would then, to Tab 36.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Got that?

9 A. I do.

10 Q. That's Defense Exhibit 133, a letter from GSK to the FDA
11 dated May 23, '07, correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. You've seen this letter before, also, correct?

14 A. I have.

15 Q. It's part of what you reviewed as -- in the regulatory
16 file in this case?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. It's one of the documents you rely on in support of your
19 opinion in the case?

20 A. It is.

21 MR. BAYMAN: Your Honor, at this point, I'd move for
22 admission of Defense Exhibit 133.

23 THE COURT: It may be received.

24 (Defendant's Exhibit 133 received in evidence.)

25 BY MR. BAYMAN:

1 Q. This letter constitutes GSK labeling submission in
2 response to the FDA's announced labeling changes, correct?

3 A. This is a changes being effected supplement, so where
4 they're putting -- so in other words, one that does not -- FDA
5 can speak to but the sponsor could if they want to go ahead
6 and implement. It's not a prior approval supplement.

7 Q. And GSK specifically attached proposed labeling to its May
8 23, 2007, CBE submission, correct?

9 A. They did.

10 Q. In the cover letter, the third paragraph, "We are herewith
11 submitting" -- GSK writes to the FDA:

12 "We are herewith submitting the changes being
13 effected supplemental new drug application for Paxil,
14 Paxil CR, and paroxetine reflecting the new requested
15 class labeling and the medication guide."

16 Do you see that?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And then GSK continues in that paragraph, "The
19 paroxetine-specific language is maintained under the warning
20 section as outlined in our letter from May 11, 2007."

21 Did I read that correctly?

22 A. You did.

23 Q. And, in fact, they're just asking, "Can we maintain" --
24 well, they're saying, "We're maintaining that Paxil-specific
25 language," correct?

1 A. Within the new class labeling, yes.

2 Q. This is a formal submission to FDA to ask FDA that GSK be
3 allowed to keep the Paxil-specific information in the labeling
4 that was the subject of the 2006 changes being effected,
5 correct?

6 A. Within -- with the clarification that it is within this
7 standardized class labeling, yes.

8 THE COURT: Let's take a recess, ladies and
9 gentlemen. It seems to be time to stretch.

10 MR. BAYMAN: Thank you, your Honor.

11 (Recess from 2:55 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.)

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