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Ref: H201801212

Dear [REDACTED]

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 2 March 2018 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:
"details of the 28 'cam' related adverse reactions reported s mentioned in this report".

The report you refer to in your request is the Adverse Reaction Reporting in New Zealand - 2017 *Prescriber Update* article, published on the Medsafe website at:

www.medsafe.govt.nz/profs/PUArticles/March2018/adverse-reaction-reporting-2017.htm.

The information related to this request, CAM (complementary or alternative medicines) reports received by the Centre for Adverse Reactions Monitoring (CARM) in 2017, is attached in Appendix 1.

On review of the information related to this request, it was determined that two cases have been incorrectly included. Case 126837 was miscoded; the suspect drug was the medicine Circadin. Case 123852 was also miscategorised; the suspect drug was Stevia, which is a food additive. I have decided not to withhold details of these cases, in order to be transparent. Medsafe has updated the *Prescriber Update* article on the website with the correct number of CAM reports and will publish a correction notice in the June 2018 edition.

I have decided under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act to withhold information in order to protect the privacy of natural persons and to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information.

I trust this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold information under this request.

Yours sincerely,

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Group Manager
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CAM Reports received by the Centre for Adverse Reactions Monitoring [CARM] in 2017

REPORT	DATE	REACTIONS	DRUGS	AGE	SEX
123150	JAN2017	JAUNDICE PRURITUS HEPATITIS	* ARTHREM	76	F
124405	MAY2017	HEPATIC FUNCTION ABNORMAL JAUNDICE PRURITUS	* ARTHREM	67	F
124539	MAY2017	HEPATIC ENZYMES INCREASED JAUNDICE	* ARTHREM URSODEOXYCHOLIC ACID CHOLECALCIFEROL	72	F
124873	JUN2017	HEPATITIS CHOLESTATIC JAUNDICE NAUSEA FEVER	* ARTHREM FELODIPINE	55	F
125218	JUL2017	FUZZY HEAD CONFUSION	* ARTHREM DOXAZOSIN INSULIN NEUTRAL/ISOPHANE CILAZAPRIL OMEPRAZOLE	82	M
125378	JUL2017	HEPATITIS	* ARTHREM ATORVASTATIN OMEPRAZOLE CANDESARTAN	62	M
125681	AUG2017	FEVER	* ARTHREM	71	F
125847	SEP2017	HEPATIC FUNCTION ABNORMAL JAUNDICE	* ARTHREM	66	F
125947	SEP2017	NAUSEA VOMITING HEPATIC ENZYMES INCREASED	* ARTHREM	64	F

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125969	SEP2017	JAUNDICE HEPATIC FUNCTION ABNORMAL	* ARTHREM	76	F
125970	SEP2017	JAUNDICE HEPATIC FUNCTION ABNORMAL	* ARTHREM	77	M
126933	DEC2017	JAUNDICE HEPATIC ENZYMES INCREASED	* ARTHREM	71	F
126905	DEC2017	JAUNDICE HEPATIC ENZYMES INCREASED	* ARTHREM METOPROLOL	55	M
126024	SEP2017	RASH PRURITIC URTICARIA	* BLACKMORES SLEEP SUPPORT	26	F
126396	OCT2017	CHEST PAIN	* CLINICIANS BONECARE COMPLETE FISH OIL VITAMIN D SPIRULINA	45	F
125103	JUL2017	DYSPNOEA LIPS SWELLING NON-SPECIFIC TONGUE SWELLING NON-SPECIFIC DIZZINESS DIARRHOEA	* CLINICIANS PROSPAN	82	F
123995	APR2017	PALPITATION DIZZINESS COORDINATION ABNORMAL	* CO-ENZYME Q10 WARFARIN LECITHAN	82	F
125710	AUG2017	POLYURIA CREATININE BLOOD INCREASED	* DHEA (DEHYDROEPIANDROSTERONE) * ENALAPRIL * BENDROFLUAZIDE	48	M
126000	SEP2017	ABDOMINAL PAIN VOMITING ANAEMIA LEAD POISONING	* HERBAL PREPARATION	24	M

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126276	OCT2017	INFLUENZA-LIKE SYMPTOMS	* HERBAL TONIC ANTH(ISTAMINES UNCLASSIFIED)	59	M
123248	JAN2017	ANAPHYLACTIC REACTION	* IMMUNO SPIED (BLACKMORES) CITALOPRAM CETIRIZINE	54	F
123626	MAR2017	RENAL IMPAIRMENT	* JOINT CARE ADVANCED	75	M
125622	AUG2017	SHAKING DIZZINESS ANXIETY SWEATING INCREASED THIRST	* KICK SUPPLEMENT	19	F
123619	FEB2017	MENORRHAGIA INTERMENSTRUAL BLEEDING DIZZINESS HUNGER ABNORMAL NAUSEA	* MELATONIN BECLOMETHASONE LOPERAMIDE OMEPRazole EFORMOTEROL	40	F
126298	OCT2017	BATCH DIFFERENCE	* MELATONIN VALPROATE SODIUM PARACETAMOL NUTRISON	28	F
126837	DEC2017	AGGRESSIVE REACTION PRODUCT FORMULATION CHANGE	* MELATONIN * MELATONIN - Circadin	12	M
123852	MAR2017	ANAPHYLACTIC REACTION	* STEVIA	6	M
124767	JUN2017	NAUSEA HEADACHE	* VIRALEX * VIRALEX ATTACK (post Apr2016) PARACETAMOL/CODEINE	62	F

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