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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request received on 24 May 2026. You wrote:

The publication I mentioned with the DOI "10.1136/bmj.i65" and title "Suicidality and aggression during antidepressant treatment: systematic review and meta-analyses based on clinical study reports" has a fourth author. That author is [REDACTED] from Denmark.

*If you could not find a request from the other three authors in 2011, then the fourth author [REDACTED] possibly made the FOI request(s) to MHRA. Additionally the authors write this sentence in their publication:
"In 2011, we requested clinical study reports on SSRIs and SNRIs from the European Medicines Agency and the UK's MHRA."*

Even if I do not have a reference number for their request(s), these descriptions should provide enough information to MHRA to find the request(s) and related documents.

Can you please also search for FOI requests submitted by [REDACTED] from Denmark about clinical study reports on SSRIs and SNRIs?

MHRA Response

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Yours sincerely,

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