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Dear

Thank you for your email of 4 October 2015 requesting the following information:

*"I write to request further detail of the recent Mefloquine study carried out for the Surgeon-General's Department (Terrell et al) as follows:*

*1. Exactly how many UK personnel among the 10 consecutive units training in Kenya between 2012 and 2013 participated/were offered the questionnaire, and of these:*

- a. How many were prescribed Mefloquine?*
- b. How many were prescribed Doxycycline?*
- c. How many switched to another drug?*
- d. How many "Yellow Flags" were raised following ADR to each of the drugs used?."*

Your enquiry has been treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The study you are referring to is "Terrell A et al. Malaria Chemoprophylaxis and Self-Reported Impact on Ability to Work: Mefloquine Versus Doxycycline. *Journal of Travel Medicine* 2015". The study report is publicly available (at cost) online and can be found at:

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jtm.12232/full>

The report provides the number of questionnaires completed and what anti-malarial drug was taken by the majority of those who completed a questionnaire. However, given the way the study was conducted information is not held by the Ministry of Defence (MOD) that would answer questions 1c and 1d of your request.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact the Headquarters of the Surgeon General in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2nd Floor, MOD

Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

Headquarters of the Surgeon General