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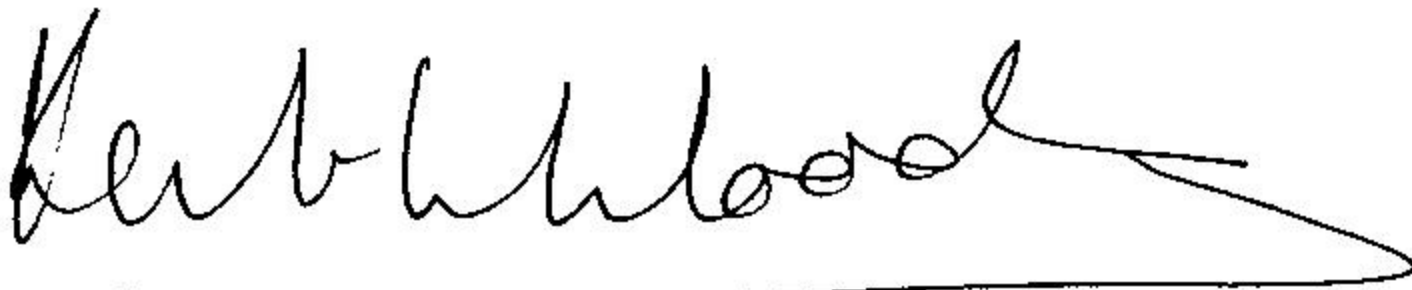
Dear Dr Krall,

Thank you for your letter of 18th March.

As you say, public trust and confidence in both the pharmaceutical industry and the regulatory framework is vital. There is now a need to improve the legislative framework at both EU and UK level to secure clarity in companies' legal obligations to disclose information to regulators promptly and transparently. I note your commitment to working with us on this and look forward to your positive participation in that work. As you will be aware we intend to consult in the near future on changes we are making to UK legislation in this area.

I also welcome your wish to be as transparent as possible in disclosing further information in response to Freedom of Information requests should they arise.

Yours sincerely



Professor Kent Woods
CEO