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Dear Minister

On behalf of the Academy of Medical Sciences, I am writing to thank you for your letter, dated 26 October 2015, which outlines the steps that the Government has taken to address the concerns of the scientific community on the impact of the Psychoactive Substances Bill on medical research.

We welcome the commitment shown by the Government to protect medical research from any unintended consequences of the Bill, and its efforts towards ensuring that legitimate research falls outside of the scope of the Bill. We are also pleased that the issue has been discussed with a broad range of stakeholders from the life sciences community.

The guidance for the Bill, and further communications, will be essential for mitigating any risk of misinterpretation, and we hope to continue to work with the Home Office to safeguard important scientific research.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely

