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Dear Claire

I'm writing with regard to the Academy's call for evidence: '*How does society use evidence to judge the risks and benefits of medicines?*'

The British Pharmacological Society wholeheartedly welcomes the Academy's ongoing investigations in this area, and I note that this is a high priority issue for many of our members. As discussed recently, the Society will not be able to submit a full response. We count our President Elect, Professor David Webb and our Clinical Vice-President, Professor Sir Munir Pirmohamed among members who are working directly with you, and are confident that their expertise will be of great value.

I look forward to hearing from you about other ways we may be able to support this work. Our commitment to this issue is particularly highlighted in our report '[A Prescription for the NHS: Recognising the value of clinical pharmacology and therapeutics](#)' and associated work on the [Prescribing Safety Assessment](#), both of which demonstrate our active engagement with the appropriate use of medicines and patient safety.

Yours sincerely

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