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COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

DEWAYNE JOHNSON,

Plaintiff,

vs.

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MONSANTO COMPANY, et al.,

Defendants.

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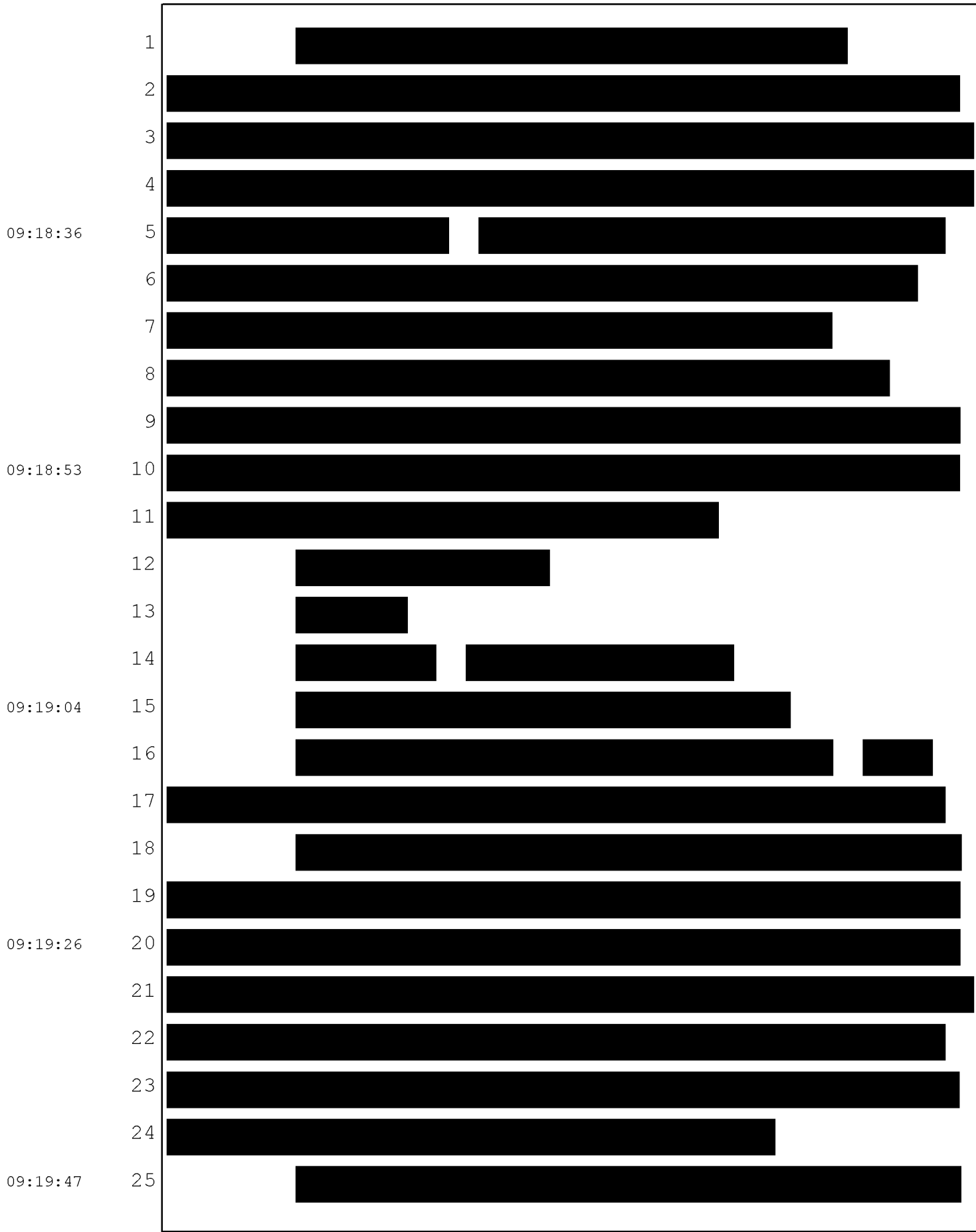
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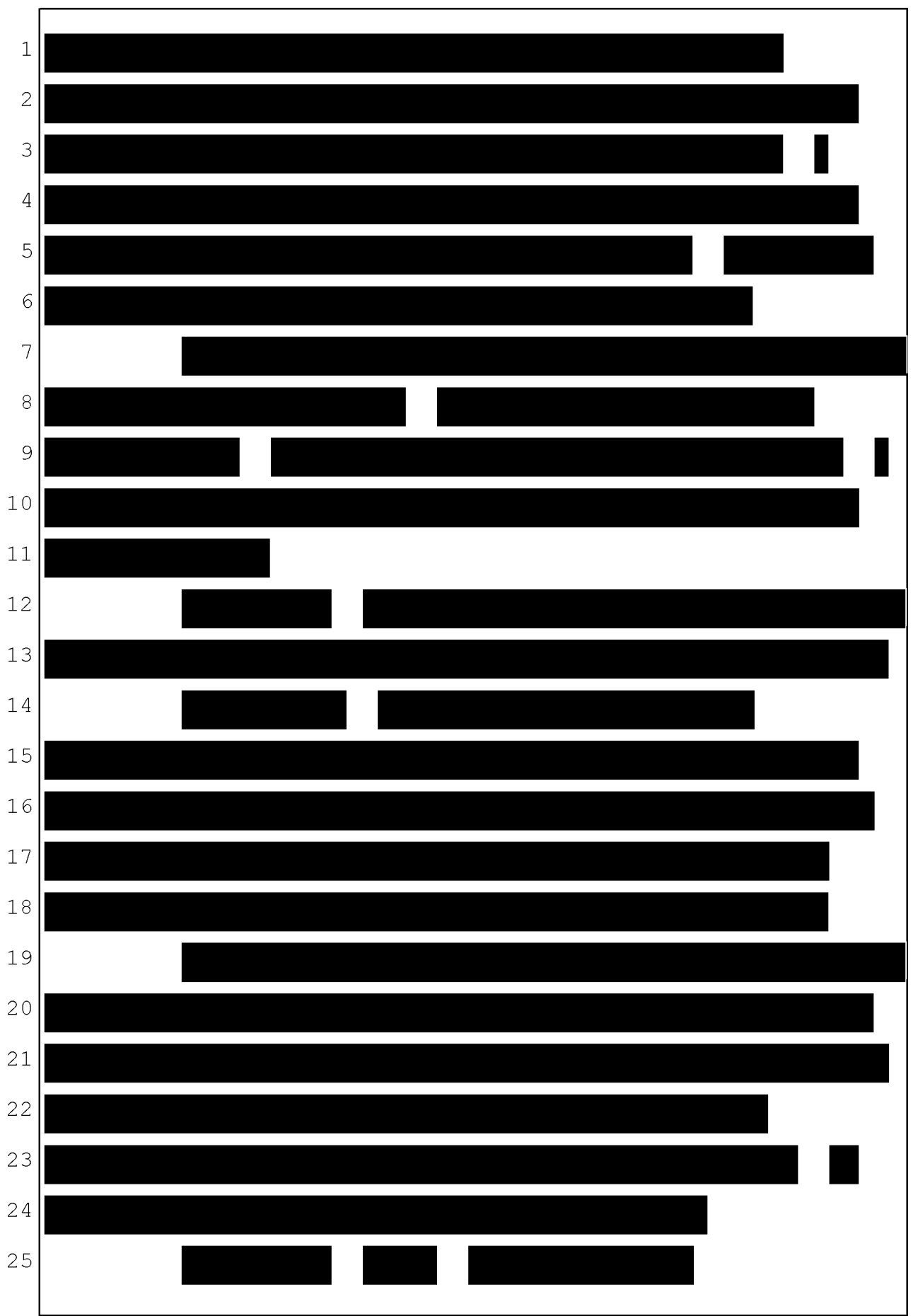
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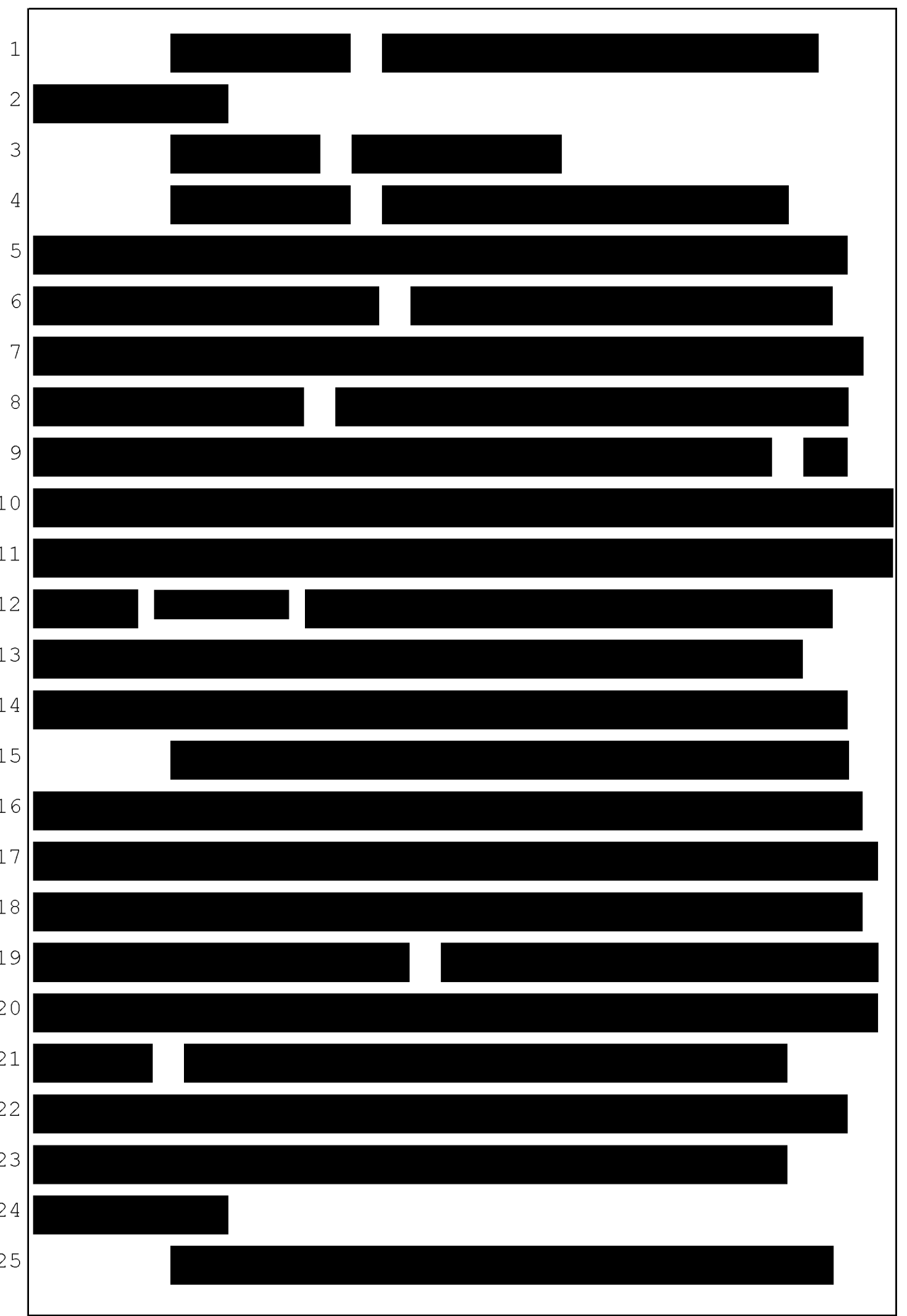
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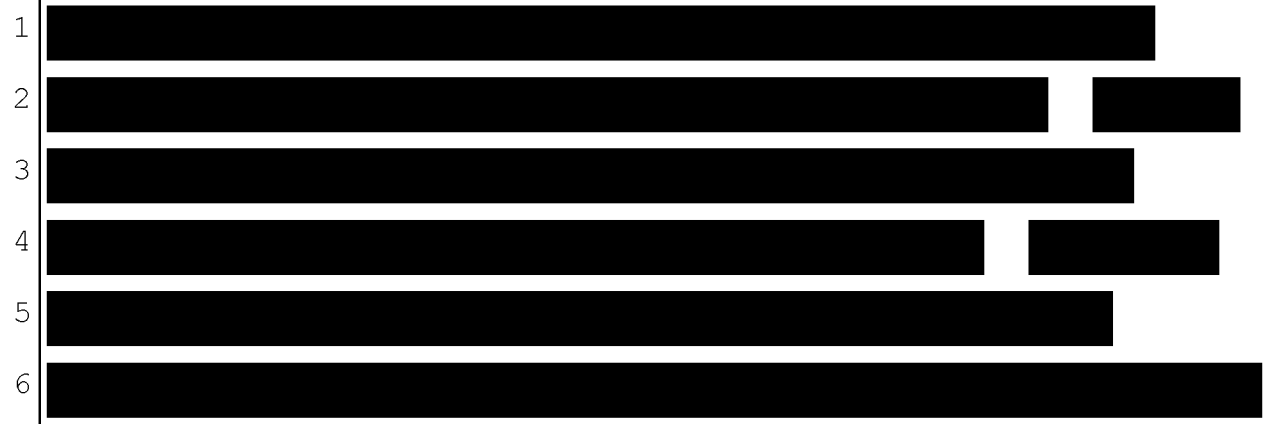
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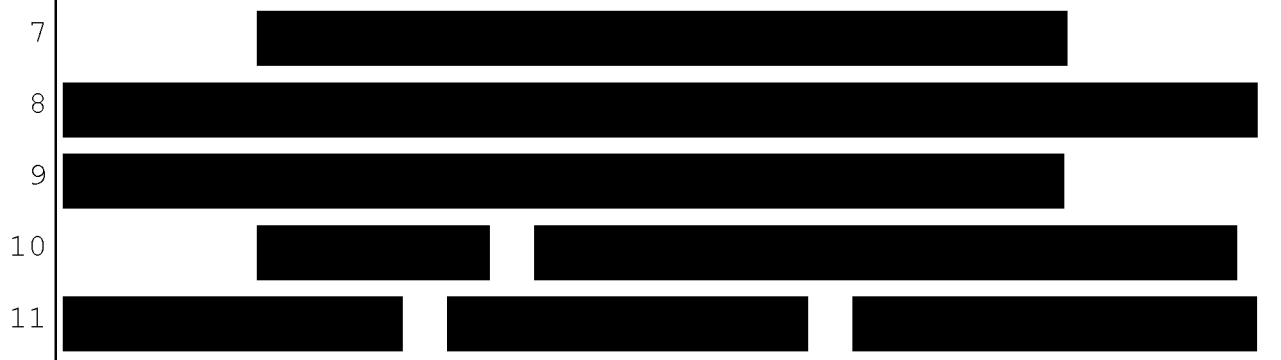
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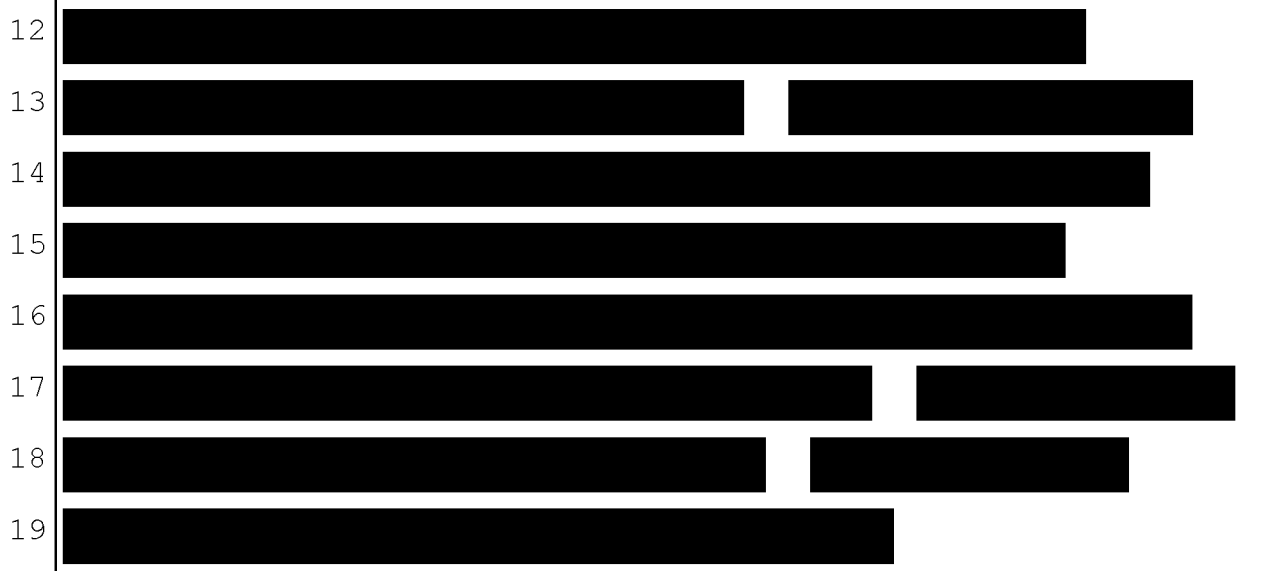
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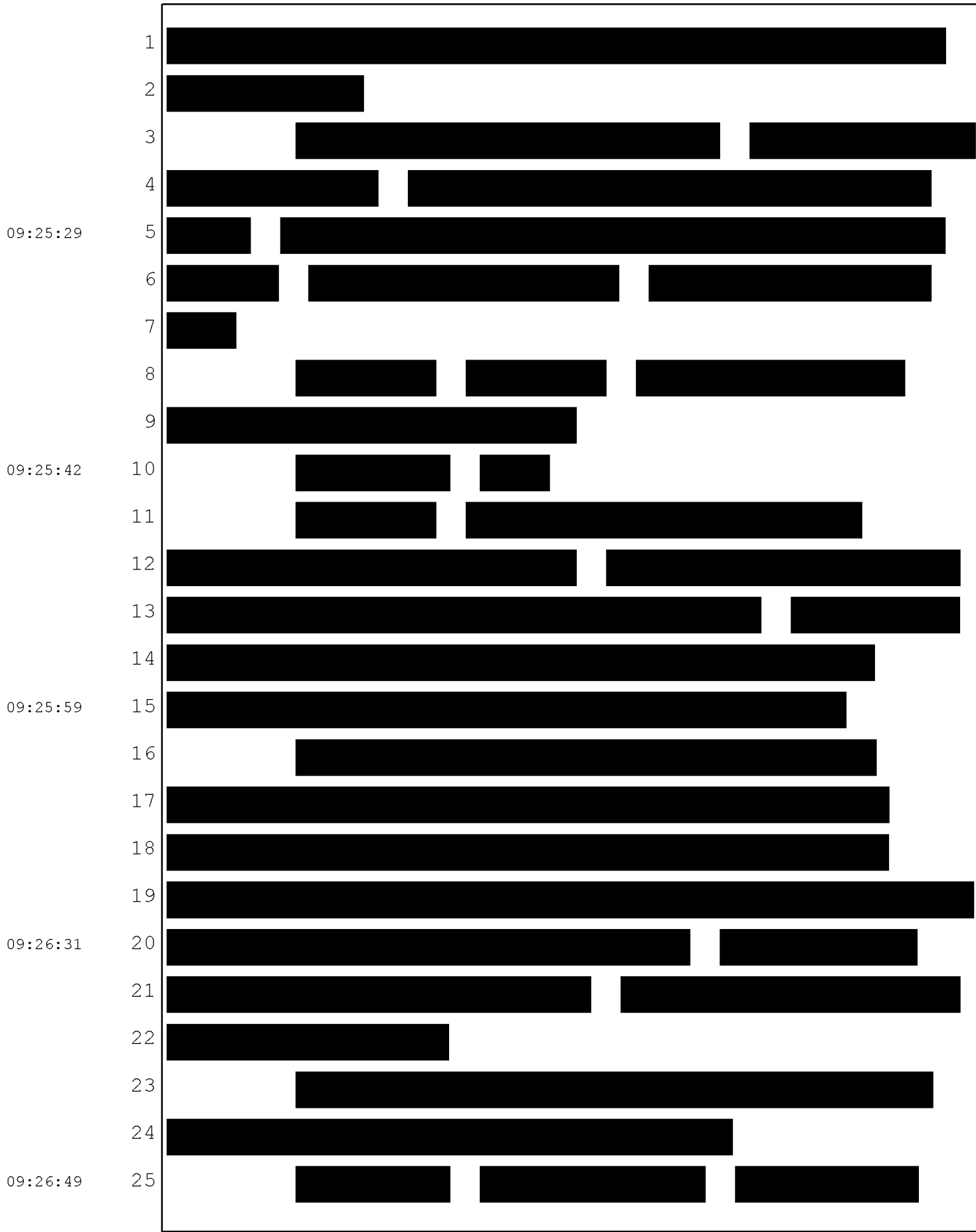


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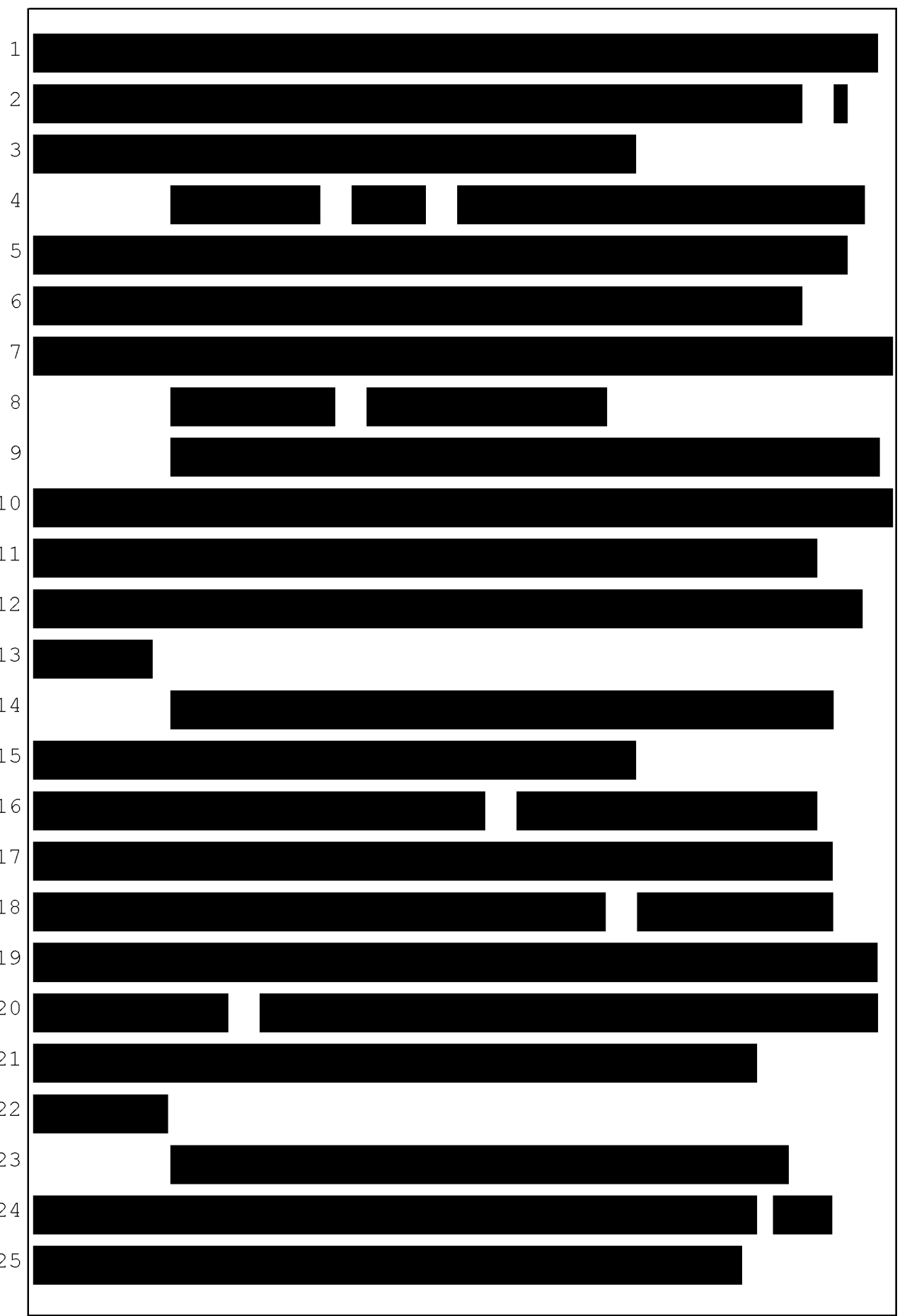
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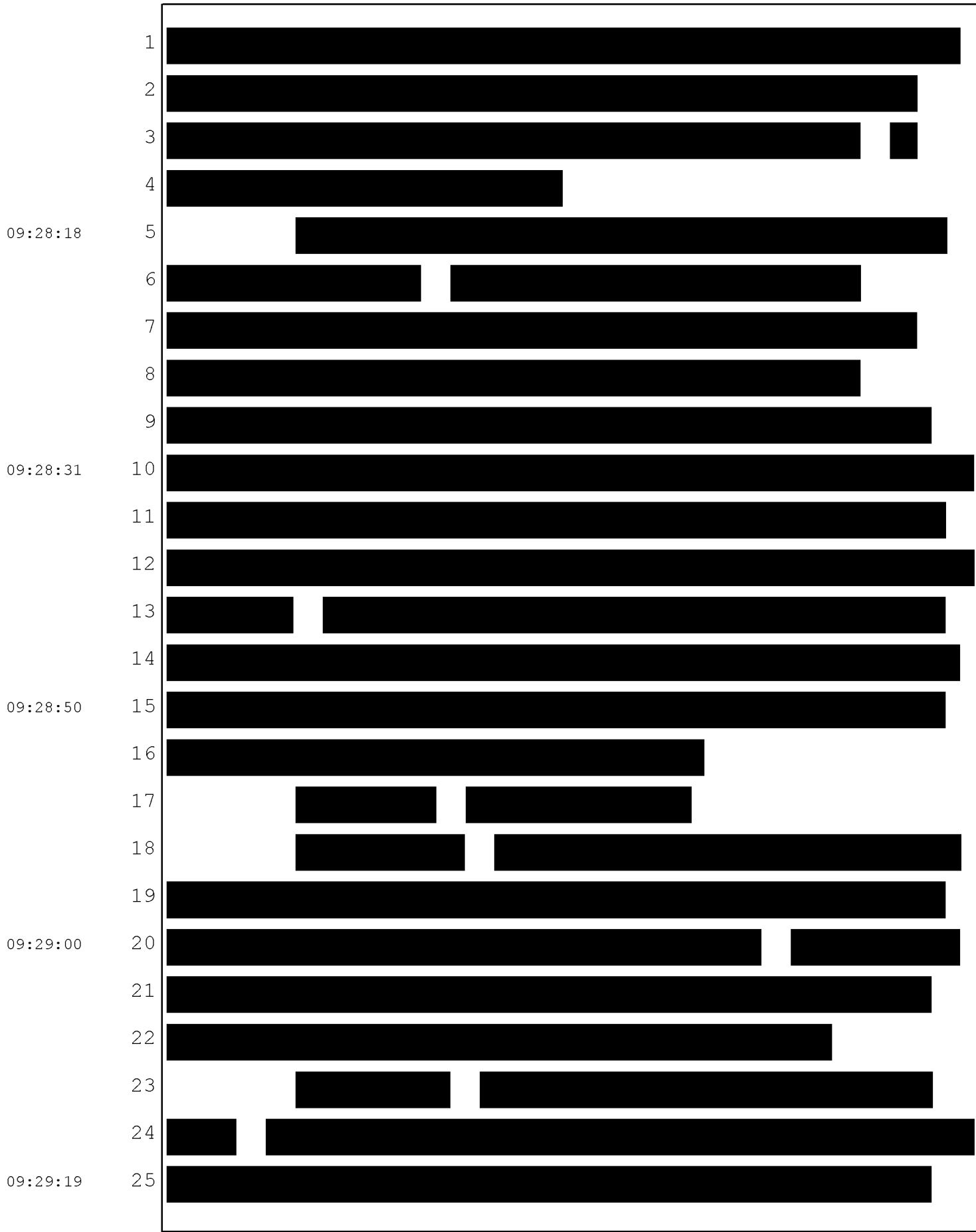
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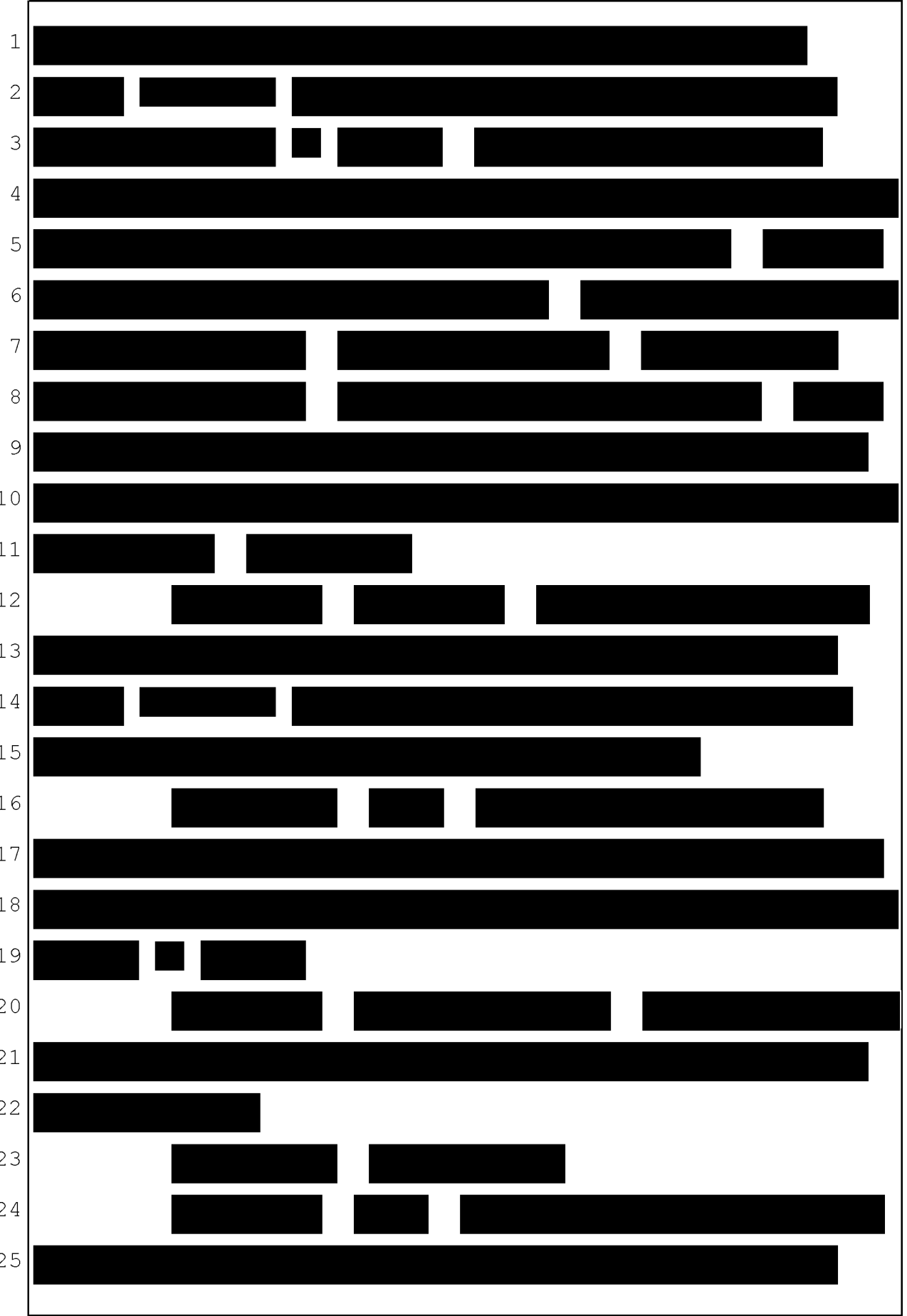
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(Jury enters courtroom.)

THE COURT: Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a good weekend.

Dr. Portier remains on the witness stand, and he remains

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under oath.

1 And, Mr. Griffis, when you're ready.

2 MR. LOMBARDI: Your Honor, there's a juror that  
3 had a question.

4 (Interruption in proceedings.)

09:34:01

5 MR. WISNER: Your Honor, may I approach with a  
6 cup of water for the witness?

7 THE COURT: Yes.

8 All right. Mr. Griffis, when you're ready, you  
9 may --

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10 MR. GRIFFIS: I have one more binder for, your  
11 Honor.

12 THE COURT: Thank you.

13 MR. GRIFFIS: May it please the Court.

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15 CROSS-EXAMINATION (Continued)

16 BY MR. GRIFFIS:

17 Q. Good morning, sir.

18 A. Good morning.

09:34:45

19 Q. On Friday we talked for a while about the issue  
20 of multiple testing and the multiple testing problem that  
21 arises in the animal studies, but also in any kind of  
22 study, including mechanism studies, where there are many  
23 tests that are done and, therefore, the possibility of  
24 multiple false positives; right?

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25 A. There's a possibility of false positives even



1 when there are few tests.

2 Q. And there are -- it's a bigger problem when  
3 there are more tests; right?

4 A. Usually, yes.

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5 Q. And that's because a person who does not know  
6 about or correct for the multiple testing problem may  
7 say, "Oh, I've got a bunch of positives, the overall  
8 outcome must be positive or this must be a positive  
9 indicator," when, in fact, it might just be false

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10 positives that you would expect, given the number of  
11 tests that were run; right?

12 A. It could be either, but there are two ways to  
13 address false positives, not just correcting the p-value.

14 Q. There are a bunch of tests that are done, and

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15 these are done every day by lab scientists who run  
16 multiple tests like the false detection rate correction,  
17 the Bonferroni correction, the Holm-Bonferroni  
18 correction, the Sidak correction, et cetera; correct?

19 A. That's one of the ways in which this can be

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20 done. The other way is the way the National Toxicology  
21 Program does, which is run all of the p-values at 05 or  
22 01, depending on what they're looking at, and then  
23 consider whether these are false positives after the  
24 fact.

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25 Q. Considering using biological criteria?

1 A. Well, both biological criteria and statistical  
2 criteria.

3 Q. Now, you mentioned biological and statistical.  
4 Those are the two main areas -- the two main disciplines  
09:36:39 5 that go into analyzing this sort of thing; right?

6 A. Well, that's the two main disciplines that go  
7 into -- into the development of any experimental study.

8 Q. Okay. And you're more on the statistics side.  
9 You've done a bunch of statistical analyses, you've been  
09:37:00 10 here talking about those statistical analyses, and you've  
11 been, in fact, consulting occasionally when you have a  
12 question with pathologists, like Dr. Weisenburger an  
13 expert witness for Plaintiffs, and people like that when  
14 they need a consult on the biology; right?

09:37:14 15 A. I've had exactly one consult on the biology, and  
16 that was that one email sent to Dr. Weisenburger. There  
17 are no others. And I would not characterize myself as a  
18 statistician -- solely as a statistician. I have  
19 credentials in toxicology. I have credentials in  
09:37:32 20 molecular biology. So I don't feel I need constantly to  
21 consult with anyone over the biology involvement in this  
22 particular case.

23 Q. You're fully qualified to comment on the biology  
24 in the case?

09:37:42 25 A. With the exception of complicated pathology and

1 in cases where I've said that's beyond my area of  
2 expertise.

3 Q. You didn't do a false detection rate correction  
4 or any of the other statistical corrections I discussed;  
09:37:57 5 right?

6 A. That's not true. I'll repeat it again. I did  
7 the same thing that is usually done by the National  
8 Toxicology Program, and that is to calculate the  
9 probability that these are all false positives or these  
09:38:11 10 are in a particular set of studies just to get a feel for  
11 whether they're false positives or not.

12 But the reason not to do a false positive  
13 correction is because you're looking for -- when you're  
14 doing an animal tox study, you're looking for patterns.  
09:38:28 15 You're not there definitively saying, "If I see a  
16 significant p-value, that is a real finding," which is  
17 what you're doing with a false positive correction.

18 Can I take a minute to explain this to the jury,  
19 as to what a false positive correction is?

09:38:47 20 Q. You're going to explain what a false detection  
21 rate correction is?

22 A. It's just one of the many false positive -- ways  
23 of correcting for false positives, like Bonferroni. So  
24 when you do an animal study and you do -- let's take a  
09:39:00 25 simple case and do 20 tests -- statistical tests on the

1 data and each one is tested at the .05 level. Well,  
2 that's 1 in 20. That's what .05 is or 5 percent, 1 in  
3 20.

4           So on average, you would expect one positive  
09:39:19 5 finding just by chance. Doesn't mean you get it. You  
6 could get two or you could get none. You just -- it's a  
7 chance that you could get it. So one way to correct for  
8 that is called -- the simplest one is Bonferroni  
9 correction, but the false detection rate is another, and  
09:39:38 10 that is to change your p-value based upon how many tests  
11 you're going to do, so that when you see something at  
12 this level, you're more certain that it really is a  
13 positive finding.

14           Q. Those are the tests you did not run?

09:39:52 15           A. What?

16           Q. Those are the tests you did not run, false  
17 discovery rate, Bonferroni, et cetera; right?

18           A. Those are the corrections to the p-values I did  
19 not run. And the reason -- the reason it's not done by  
09:40:05 20 most people running toxicology studies is because they're  
21 not looking for the most definitive p-value. For  
22 example, I might run -- if I ran the 20 tests, then my  
23 correction would probably take my p-value down to, say,  
24 .03, let's say, just for sake of argument. I could get 4  
09:40:30 25 positive -- 4 findings at .04, but I would exclude those,

1 because they're all above .03, when, in fact, if it's  
2 something that looks like, let's say, leukemias,  
3 lymphomas and lung tumors, all right, three of those  
4 four, well, it's already known in the literature that  
09:40:51 5 leukemias, lymphomas and lung tumors are related to each  
6 other biologically, so you would miss that if you  
7 declared all of those to be not there.

8           You want -- you keep pushing that the p-value is  
9 a definitive "yes" or "no." It is not. It is a guidance  
09:41:08 10 to tell you where the important findings are in the  
11 database.

12           Q. I want to talk to you about your patterns, your  
13 biological patterns in a moment, sir. But the answer  
14 about the false discovery rate, Bonferroni, et cetera,  
09:41:23 15 you didn't go that route; right?

16           A. I definitely did not go that route.

17           Q. Now, you did, in your expert reports -- and we  
18 talked about the issue of multiple tests and how when  
19 you're looking at a whole bunch of animal studies, in  
09:41:37 20 each one of which you could find -- potentially the  
21 pathologist could find tumors in all sorts of different  
22 organ systems. We looked at some of the charts very  
23 briefly and saw some of those lists of data.

24           When you have that, you have -- you're  
09:41:53 25 essentially running multiple tests, and you compute it --

1 based on Dr. Haseman's guidance, which you decided to  
2 pursue in creating your expert report -- that there were  
3 over 500 potential tests that were run for purposes of  
4 doing the statistics; right?

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5 A. I'd have to look at my expert report to give you  
6 the exact number.

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7 Q. And both times that you did this -- you made  
8 some corrections at some point. We won't get into the  
9 weeds about the details of that. But both times, you  
10 calculated how many overall positives you would expect by  
11 chance alone, and both times it was over 20; right?

12 A. Again, I'll repeat what I told you earlier. In  
13 the text, I pointed out that the correct way to evaluate  
14 false positive rate is by sex species group.

15 Q. Okay. Well --

16 A. And so I never had a single sex species group  
17 that I'm aware of that expected 20 tumors.

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18 Q. Let me tell you why I'm asking you about all of  
19 them at once. We had boards put up that showed all of  
20 them at once --

21 A. That was --

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22 Q. -- and if you put the boards up with them all at  
23 once corresponding to the lines on your chart, sir, where  
24 you calculated what the numbers would be all at once,  
25 both times you did that math, you came up with more than

1 20 that would be false positives; right?

2 A. The boards that were put up were color coded at  
3 the top by species and strain. So I'm not going to agree  
4 that we just threw them all up. There we had a board of  
09:43:27 5 rats broken up into Sprague-Dawley and Wistar, and we had  
6 a board with mice broken up into CD-1 and the single  
7 Swiss albino study.

8 My discussion -- the reason for putting all of  
9 the mouse on one picture is to look at the -- the  
09:43:47 10 agreement across the whole picture on various organs for  
11 various tumors.

12 Q. Okay. My point's just that -- and we're going  
13 to talk about your patterns in a moment. We are. But my  
14 point is just this: We had a little exchange where we  
09:44:00 15 put up a board -- and we put up both boards for you --  
16 and you put some X's on them to show some of the ones  
17 that you were less persuaded by or that you didn't really  
18 feel were real persuasive on carcinogenicity, et cetera.  
19 We'll get to that. You didn't put 20 X's up, though;  
20 right?

21 A. I don't know how many X's I put up.

22 Q. Okay. So let's get to your pattern.

23 We've got five mouse studies and seven rat  
24 studies that you consider to be of high enough quality to  
09:44:33 25 consider for purposes of this analysis; right?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. And you were telling us which ones you thought  
3 were more likely to be false positives and which ones  
4 you -- were more likely to be true. And because you're a  
09:44:50 5 statistician, you weren't saying, "Yes, yes, no, no, no."  
6 You were -- you were being more general than that. You  
7 were more confident in this one and less confident in  
8 this one. But that was the exercise we went through;  
9 correct?

09:45:03 10 A. No. The exercise was not just a statistical  
11 exercise. The exercise also dealt with the biology, as I  
12 pointed out. Noting that you saw patterns across the  
13 various studies where you had statistically significant  
14 and marginally significant findings that, when put  
09:45:19 15 together, point towards a much more strong finding than  
16 any statistics would pull out of that analysis.

17 Q. As an example, for the rats, the one finding  
18 that you considered to be persuasive and important -- you  
19 identified five total. The one for the rats was skin  
09:45:38 20 keratoacanthoma; right?

21 A. That is correct.

22 Q. And you pointed out to the jury that that was  
23 probably the strongest finding in the rat data, but they  
24 are benign tumors; right?

09:45:46 25 A. That is correct.



1 Q. And you said if you're looking for carcinogen,  
2 that technically these aren't carcinogenic findings;  
3 right?

09:45:55 4 A. Let me be clear. They're benign tumors that  
5 can, on occasion, become malignancies. But, yes.

6 Q. Okay.

09:46:08 7 A. An agency that was looking for carcinogenic  
8 potential of a substance would weight benign lesion  
9 findings lower than malignant lesion findings. But  
10 they'd still weigh them.

11 The guidelines clearly state that if you see --  
12 for example, if you look at the European guidelines, if  
13 you see multiple benign findings, they're likely to call  
14 that a carcinogen.

09:46:21 15 Q. Let's look at the mice.

16 A. Okay.

09:46:33 17 Q. The four that you identified -- the four tumor  
18 types that you identified were hemangioma,  
19 hemangiosarcoma, lymphoma and then kidney  
20 carcinoma/adenoma; right?

21 A. Correct.

09:46:47 22 Q. Okay. And the others on the mouse chart, you  
23 told us -- you told us about various weaknesses. Like  
24 for lung, you know, carcinomas, you said the evidence was  
25 not strong enough that it pull you forward. The same

1 with harderian gland. You said you didn't use multiple  
2 malignant tumors to make your decision. That wouldn't  
3 typically be done, et cetera.

09:46:59 4 We're going to focus on the four that you wanted  
5 to focus the jury on; right?

6 MR. WISNER: I'm going to just object to -- the  
7 lawyer's testifying. There's, like, five sentences in  
8 there. I don't know if I disagree with all of them, but  
9 there's a lot in that question. It's cumulative.

09:47:10 10 I'm sorry. Compound.

11 THE COURT: Overruled. He may answer, if he  
12 understands the question.

13 THE WITNESS: I would love to hear the question  
14 again.

09:47:18 15 Q. BY MR. GRIFFIS: Sure.

16 You were talking about the strengths and  
17 weaknesses of the mouse studies. We also did the rat  
18 studies. And you identified the skin keratoacanthoma.  
19 And for the mouse, you found significant and told the  
09:47:35 20 jury that they should consider significant, hemangioma,  
21 hemangiosarcoma, lymphoma. And then kidney  
22 carcinoma/adenoma put together; right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. And you were pointing -- you were also  
09:47:50 25 pointing out at the same time various weaknesses in some

1 of the findings on that chart. Like, for example, for  
2 lung adenocarcinomas, you said the evidence wasn't strong  
3 enough that it would pull you forward; right?

09:48:05 4 A. Correct. Because there wasn't even -- there  
5 wasn't marginal findings even in the other studies.

6 Q. And you said the same for harderian gland. It  
7 wasn't strong enough that it would pull you forward?

8 A. Correct.

09:48:15 9 Q. Another example is you said there were several  
10 up there that said multiple malignant tumors. And you  
11 said you wouldn't use that to make your decision. That  
12 wouldn't typically be done; right?

13 A. Well, I'm not going to rule them all out.  
14 They're -- they're part of the evidence I'm looking at.

09:48:29 15 And I think you skipped the part where I said  
16 that the pituitary adenomas and carcinomas in a single  
17 study, because it was both sections, had to carry greater  
18 weight for that one study.

09:48:46 19 Q. Okay. Now I want to talk now about the five --  
20 the four in mice that you identified. Let's start with  
21 malignant lymphoma.

22 That is in male mice, not females; right?

23 A. Correct.

09:48:58 24 Q. Okay. So for each one of those studies -- and I  
25 know the information was kind of on there, but it's not

1 like the column was divided in half. For every one of  
2 those, there were both male groups and female groups in  
3 the study. True?

4 A. I'm not sure I understand your question.

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5 Q. Okay. When you do a rat study, like the medium  
6 dose group, there are 50 males, 50 females; right?

7 A. In -- we went through this. In any study  
8 typically for regulatory approval, you're looking at  
9 three exposure groups, one control group, 50 animals per  
10 group, males and females.

09:49:33

11 Q. Okay. And the malignant lymphoma results are in  
12 the male groups and not the female groups?

13 A. That is correct.

14 Q. Okay. There were three CD-1 studies: Atkinson,  
15 Sugimoto and Wood; and one Swiss albino, Kumar, that you  
16 considered significant with regard to malignant lymphoma;  
17 right?

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18 A. I'd have to look in my expert report or the  
19 picture.

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20 Q. I'll show you the picture (indicating).

21 A. I can see it. That's fine.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. Now, when I did those circles, I had notes in  
24 front of me. Could I bring those notes back up?

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25 Q. Yeah.

1 A. If I could find them.

2 THE WITNESS: Does anyone know what exhibit this  
3 was? Oh, 1020.

4 MR. GRIFFIS: 1020.

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5 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

6 Q. BY MR. GRIFFIS: Do you have notes on your copy  
7 of 1020?

8 A. I've got notes on my copy, yes.

9 Okay.

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10 Q. All right. So malignant lymphoma: Atkinson,  
11 Sugimoto, Wood, Kumar; right?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. And for all three, you circled male, male, male,  
14 male. Because it wasn't found in the females; right?

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15 A. That is correct.

16 Q. Kumar -- the Kumar study here has been flagged  
17 by multiple regulators as suspect because of a virus  
18 problem in the study; right?

19 A. No regulator that I know of has owned up to that  
20 fact in writing saying they clearly had a virus. Both  
21 EFSA and the EPA have backed off of that statement.

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22 Q. Okay. Well, let's look at the OPP report, the  
23 Office of Pesticide Programs report, of EPA from 2016.  
24 You'll find it in your Regulatory Binder Number 2.

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25 A. Let's have the most recent report, because

1 they've backed off on that statement. That's the point.

2 Q. They said it's not a virus?

3 A. They no longer state that there was a virus in  
4 the colony.

09:52:50 5 Q. Okay.

6 A. Because they couldn't -- they had no proof.  
7 They were challenged on it at their SAP meeting.

8 Q. Okay. Let's look at 2016 first, sir, on page  
9 78.

09:53:02 10 A. Of this one (indicating)? The new one?  
11 What's the --

12 Q. 2841.

13 A. Okay. Which folder is it in?

14 Q. It's Regulatory Binder Number 2, sir.

09:53:50 15 A. I have it.

16 Q. Page 70.

17 MR. WISNER: What exhibit number?

18 Is it 2481?

19 MR. GRIFFIS: Yes.

09:54:20 20 THE COURT: What page, Counsel?

21 MR. GRIFFIS: I'm sorry. We are on page 70,  
22 7-0, of Exhibit 2841, which is in the regulatory binder.

23 MR. WISNER: Just for the record, it's 2481,  
24 not --

09:54:38 25 THE COURT: 2481, page 70.

1 Q. BY MR. GRIFFIS: Okay. You're there?

2 A. I am there.

3 Q. On page 70, they say at the top, sir, "These  
4 studies and justification for not including them in the  
5 analysis are listed below."

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6 And you've read this and seen this many times;  
7 right?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. You're very familiar with this report?

09:55:05

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. You've critiqued parts of it, too; right?

12 A. Including what we're about to discuss, I guess.

13 MR. GRIFFIS: I move the admission, your Honor,  
14 of 2481, so it may be displayed to the jury, and they can  
15 follow along.

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16 THE COURT: You're moving the entire report into  
17 evidence --

18 MR. GRIFFIS: I am, your Honor.

19 THE COURT: -- or are you just asking to  
20 publish?

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21 MR. GRIFFIS: Both. I'm asking to move it into  
22 evidence and to publish.

23 THE COURT: All right.

24 Any objection?

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25 MR. WISNER: Yes, your Honor. It's hearsay.

1 THE COURT: Counsel, can you approach?

2 MR. GRIFFIS: Certainly.

3 (Sidebar.)

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THE COURT: So the objection's sustained.  
You may continue, Mr. Griffis.

MR. GRIFFIS: Yes, your Honor. We will publish  
so the jury can follow along.

THE COURT: But the relevant portions of the  
document may be published to the jury.

MR. GRIFFIS: Thank you, your Honor.

Q. So this is Exhibit 2481, page 70. So on this  
page, the EPA in 2016, the Office of Pesticide Programs,  
talks about a number of animal studies and the  
justification for not including them in the analysis;  
correct?

A. This is the 2016 document.

Q. Yes.

A. And for these four studies, this is their

1 justification.

2 Q. Okay. Now, let's look first at Number 4,  
3 "Carcinogenicity Study in Swiss Albino Mice, Kumar 2001."  
4 This study was not included due to the presence of a  
10:00:07 5 viral infection within the colony, which confounded the  
6 interpretation of the study findings"; correct?

7 A. That's what it says, correct.

8 Q. And they go on to talk about how malignant  
9 lymphomas were found in all those groups. But malignant  
10:00:24 10 lymphomas in mice are correlated with viruses in various  
11 ways; correct?

12 A. If we're going to read this, let's discuss it.  
13 They talk about malignant lymphomas. Then they talk  
14 about lymphomas. It's not the same as malignant  
10:00:41 15 lymphomas all the time. But they -- again, this is part  
16 of my comments to them.

17 The -- the reference they give breaking it down  
18 is not Swiss albino mice. So when they're talking about  
19 lymphomas being a common tumor in mice, they're not  
10:01:03 20 talking about CD-1 mice, and they're not talking about  
21 Swiss albino mice. They're predominantly talking about  
22 B63 F1 mice in the Brayton article. And they're  
23 generalizing in the Brayton article.

24 But if you look at the historical controls  
10:01:21 25 for the CD-1 mice -- I might not be right about the

1 Swiss albino. But if you look at the CD-1 mice, it's  
2 virtually 0 background.

3 Q. This is something that you've been very -- one  
4 of the many things you've been very critical about EPA  
10:01:33 5 about; right?

6 A. They're somewhat loose in both their references  
7 and their generalized statements, yes.

8 Q. Okay. So you have a disagreement with them, but  
9 this is what the EPA said in 2016 about why they  
10:01:47 10 considered Kumar not worthy of being included in the  
11 analysis; correct?

12 A. Yes, this is what they say.

13 Q. Yes, sir.

14 And while we're here, so we don't have to come  
10:02:11 15 back to this document later in the day, right above is  
16 another study they didn't consider in their analysis.  
17 And that's the George study, that tumor skin promotion  
18 study you talked about in your direct examination; right?

19 A. That's correct. But they wouldn't have included  
10:02:29 20 this study anyway.

21 Q. And they say, "Study deficiencies included:  
22 Small number, 20 of animals, tested only males and lack  
23 of phytopathological examination"; right?

24 A. That's what it says. But I will point out that  
10:02:43 25 EPA was doing an assessment of glyphosate only. So they

1 would not have included this study in their assessment  
2 anyway.

3           And as for their small numbers and testing only  
4 in males and lack of his pathological examination, they  
10:02:57 5 obviously don't know the literature in skin painting  
6 studies, since almost all of them are 20 animals per  
7 group, predominantly done in male. And when you're just  
8 looking at pathalomas, you don't bother to do a  
9 phytopathological examination, which is what George did.

10:03:13 10           Q. That's another one you disagree with a lot.

11           A. And I will point out again this is not their  
12 final document.

13           Q. Yes, sir.

14           Let's put up 2486, because you didn't want me to  
10:03:23 15 look at 2016, because you said we should go to the OPP  
16 2017 report; right?

17           A. Correct.

18           Q. Okay. So let's do that. That's Exhibit 2486.

19           MR. GRIFFIS: And I move to publish page 70 of  
10:03:36 20 that.

21           MR. WISNER: One second, your Honor. Let me  
22 take a look at it.

23           Your Honor, this isn't a document that  
24 Mr. Griffis is referring to.

10:04:03 25           THE COURT: 2486, page 70?

1 MR. WISNER: That's right. Dr. Portier referred  
2 to the paper that was issued after the SAP. This is  
3 still pre-SAP. It actually says it right there, issue  
4 paper (indicating).

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5 MR. GRIFFIS: Mr. Griffis, are you asking for  
6 2486, page 70?

7 MR. WISNER: Am I on the right document?

8 MR. GRIFFIS: I am. December 12th, 2017.

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9 THE COURT: All right. Well, is there any  
10 objection to publishing 2486, page 70?

11 MR. WISNER: Notwithstanding our previous  
12 objections, your Honor, no objection.

13 MR. GRIFFIS: Let's show the first page of it  
14 first, the cover page, so we have it identified for  
15 everyone.

16 This is a document from -- titled "Revised  
17 Glyphosate Issue Paper: Evaluation of Carcinogenic  
18 Potential."

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19 Q. So this whole thing is about carcinogenesis;  
20 right, sir?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs --  
23 that's the OPP; right?

24 A. That's correct.

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25 Q. December 12th, 2017?

1 A. That is correct.

2 Q. Okay. And page 70, we can be brief on page 70,  
3 because paragraph 4 and paragraph 3 -- paragraph 4 being  
4 about Kumar and 3 about George are the same; right, as in  
10:05:28 5 the 2016 paper?

6 A. Yes, it's the same.

7 Q. Okay. Sir, I have a blue sheet put on this one,  
8 so it would be easy to find.

9 Will you pull that out, please, and turn to

10:06:18 10 3185? Tell me when you're there, please.

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. Okay. So it's just a bar chart showing some of  
13 the data from the CD-1 mouse studies, i.e., Knezevich,  
14 Atkinson, Sugimoto and Wood.

10:07:05 15 Do you see that, sir?

16 A. It's showing something. I'm not sure what it  
17 is.

18 Q. It's showing the maximum dose from those  
19 studies, the names of the studies, the dates of the  
10:07:16 20 studies, the duration of the studies and the incidence of  
21 lymphoma reported in the male mice in those studies.  
22 Does that look correct to you, based on your notes?

23 A. There's no denominator in the incidence counts.  
24 These are just numbers. I'd have to see what the  
10:07:33 25 denominators are, but, yes, this is what you've just

1 described.

2 Q. Okay. I mean, those are the -- those are the  
3 counts from which you calculate the scores. Like, the  
4 number and the --

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5 A. Well, you have to use the denominator -- you  
6 have to use a number of animals in the dose group as well  
7 as the number of animals with the tumor.

8 Q. Okay. It was 50, 50, 50, 50 for all of these;  
9 right?

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10 A. I'm not certain. I'd have to look at my notes.  
11 It varied from study to study.

12 Q. Okay. Are there any numbers here that aren't  
13 consistent with your notes?

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14 A. I'd have to look at my notes to make sure your  
15 numbers are correct.

16 MR. GRIFFIS: Move to publish Number 3185, the  
17 demonstrative exhibit, so that I may question Dr. Portier  
18 about it.

19 THE COURT: Any objection?

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20 MR. WISNER: Yes, your Honor. It's not his  
21 demonstrative. He just said he doesn't know if these  
22 numbers are correct. I -- I don't know how we can do  
23 that.

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24 THE COURT: All right. Counsel, can you  
25 approach, please?



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MR. GRIFFIS: Yes.

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Q. BY MR. GRIFFIS: Okay, Dr. Portier, please consult your notes and see if any of the numbers on that chart are incorrect, in your opinion.

A. Could I have a pencil so I can make notes?

MR. WISNER: Does a pen work?

THE WITNESS: A pen would work, yes. Thank you.

MR. WISNER: (Indicating.)

THE WITNESS: Okay. Yes, the number's correct.

THE COURT: All right. Very well then. With that confirmation, the Exhibit 3186 may be --

MR. GRIFFIS: 3185, I believe.

THE COURT: All right. So 3185 may be published.

Q. BY MR. GRIFFIS: Okay. Now that the jury can see it, sir, this is -- we have the Knezevich, Atkinson, Sugimoto and Wood studies, which are the four studies in CD-1 mice; correct?

A. Correct.

Q. Okay. There's a little bit of information about the date and duration of the studies under here, and then the high-dose groups are shown in the studies; correct?

A. Correct.

Q. Okay. So, for example, the Knezevich study, the

1 high-dose group was dosed at 4,945 milligrams per  
2 kilogram per day; Sugimoto, 4,348; Atkinson, 988; Wood,  
3 810; correct?

10:12:45 4 A. Correct, except for the Knezevich & Hogan, there  
5 was a disagreement on what that dose was between EFSA and  
6 EPA. EFSA put it at 4,841 minor difference.

7 Q. Okay. That would be like there instead of --

8 A. Almost the same.

10:13:04 9 Q. Okay. Nothing turns on the exact numbers in my  
10 questioning, sir.

11 Now, there is a red line there that says OECD  
12 dose limit of 1,000 milligrams. If there's a treatment  
13 period for animals -- this is under the OECD guidelines,  
14 which you've talked about. You haven't talked about the  
10:13:19 15 specific one, I think, but you've talked about the OECD  
16 guidelines in general.

17 If there is a treatment period of less than  
18 14 days, then the OECD has a dose limit of  
19 2000 milligrams per kilogram per day, and for longer  
10:13:33 20 studies, like all these, you have 1,000 milligrams per  
21 kilogram per day; right?

22 A. I don't think they call it a dose limit, but we  
23 could bring up the OECD guidelines, if you wish. This is  
24 a -- first to begin with, OECD guidelines change over the  
10:13:53 25 years.

1 Q. Right. These didn't violate them at the time --

2 A. Knezevich & Hogan, they were all done in  
3 agreement with the OECD guidelines when they were done.  
4 Recently OECD has said if it appears that there is not  
10:14:08 5 likely to be any carcinogenic finding below 1,000  
6 milligrams per kilogram per day, even though that is not  
7 the maximum tolerated dose, companies could use that dose  
8 limit, or whatever they called it, in their bioassays.  
9 But it's not a hard, set limit.

10:14:27 10 Q. The idea of having an OECD limit is that higher  
11 doses are much less relevant to human experiments; right?  
12 Humans are absolutely never going to be exposed to levels  
13 like that?

14 A. I'd have to look at the OECD guidelines and see  
10:14:45 15 what justification they used.

16 Q. Okay. I'm going to approach and hand this to  
17 you. Take a look at the front cover first. This is an  
18 August 31, 2015 guidance document on revisions to OECD  
19 genetic toxicology test guidelines.

10:16:16 20 A. Okay. All right.

21 Q. Okay. And is this applicable to animal studies,  
22 sir?

23 A. This is not their carcinogen guidelines.

24 Q. Okay.

10:16:33 25 A. So this is genetic toxicology. This is relevant

1 to tests for DNA damage.

2 Q. Okay. Let me come back to this then.

3 Tell me again what the OECD guideline for animal  
4 carcinogenicity of 1,000 is.

10:16:51 5 A. I have that in my notes. Would you like me to  
6 find the reference?

7 Q. Yeah, sure.

8 A. My references, my full set of references are not  
9 in here.

10:18:00 10 Q. Okay. Well, I don't want to hold us up. It's  
11 not a big deal, sir.

12 A. It has a number 245, OECD guideline 245 or  
13 something like that.

14 Q. Okay. When you give a dose that is worrisome  
10:18:13 15 about cytotoxicity, will you please tell the jury what  
16 that means?

17 A. The dose can kill cells.

18 Q. Okay. And what is the problem with giving doses  
19 high enough to cause cytotoxicity when you're looking for  
10:18:30 20 genotoxicity, when you're trying to assess whether a  
21 substance is capable of causing DNA damage?

22 A. So we're going away from the animal bioassay  
23 discussion now back towards the mechanistic proposal?

24 Q. We are, yes.

10:18:41 25 A. Okay. So in a petri dish, when you dose the

1 cells that are just in a little dish, if the dose is too  
2 high, it will kill the cells and you won't be able to see  
3 DNA damage.

10:18:57 4           If it's only killing some cells, the killing --  
5 the damaging -- the cytotoxicity, the cell killing,  
6 there's a lesser version of that that can damage DNA.  
7 And so you can get a false reading if there's  
8 cytotoxicity. And the same holds true for oxidative  
9 stress.

10:19:15 10           Q. Okay. The Knezevich and Sugimoto studies, the  
11 two older studies, have doses much, much higher than  
12 Atkinson and Wood; correct? Over four times higher?

13           A. Well, the studies are in order of year. So  
14 Sugimoto is not that much older. In fact, it's quite a  
10:19:39 15 bit younger than the Atkinson study, but it has higher  
16 dose.

17           Q. And in Sugimoto, with this dose, the trend that  
18 you observed is due to the high-dose group; correct?  
19 2206?

10:19:56 20           A. Probably, yes, but I -- yeah, I'm sure it is.

21           Q. Okay.

22           A. But the two and two there I think are extremely  
23 close. The control dose was -- this is Sugimoto; right?

24           Q. That's right.

10:20:13 25           A. Right here. So the control dose was zero, of

1 course. The next dose was 165. The dose after that was  
2 838, and the high dose was 4348.

3 So the fact that the two twos are very close to  
4 each other is what -- it also contributes to the trend  
5 static here.

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6 Q. Okay. And there's a little bit of strange  
7 dosing going on at the bottom end, too?

8 A. The distance between the control and the lowest  
9 dose is substantially smaller by an order of, what, 10,  
10 20? It's 20 times closer to control than it is to the  
11 high dose. So it's -- in essence in a statistical  
12 analysis, it's almost a control.

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13 Q. Lymphoma is a common spontaneously occurring  
14 neoplasm in mice; right?

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15 A. Not in all mice. The historical control rate in  
16 the 18-month studies was .26 percent. So that's like  
17 three tumors in every thousand animals.

18 Q. Would you turn to 2320 in your regulatory binder  
19 1, please.

10:21:33

20 And these are PCHA ECHA findings from 2017;  
21 correct?

22 A. Yes, that's what it looks like.

23 Q. Okay.

24 MR. GRIFFIS: Ask for permission to publish this  
25 to the jury so they can follow along.

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1 THE COURT: I'm sorry, is this Exhibit 2320?

2 MR. GRIFFIS: It is 2320 in regulatory binder 1,  
3 the ECHA PCHA report from that year.

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4 THE COURT: All right. Any objection to  
5 publication?

6 MR. WISNER: Your Honor, could we have a quick  
7 sidebar about something?

8 THE COURT: Yes.

9 (Sidebar.)

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1 (End sidebar.)

2 THE COURT: All right. You may continue,  
3 Mr. Griffis.

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4 Q. BY MR. GRIFFIS: Yes. Page 38, sir. Are you  
5 there?

6 A. Yes, I am.

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7 Q. Okay. Now, this is where ECHA is going through  
8 various tumor types and discussing their reasons for  
9 their ultimate conclusion that glyphosate is not a human  
10 carcinogen. And at the bottom of 38, they're talking  
11 specifically about malignant lymphoma; right?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. And the first sentence is: "In mice lymphoma is  
14 a common spontaneously occurring neoplasm." Right?

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15 A. That is what it says.

16 Q. Let's go over to 41. This is where they are  
17 summing up. Are you there?

18 A. Yes.

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19 Q. Okay. Top of the page, they say: "The  
20 biological and human relevance of the findings" -- and  
21 we're talking about mouse malignant lymphoma findings --  
22 "is uncertain for the following reasons."

23 Correct?

24 A. That's what it says.

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25 Q. Okay. "One, the maximum incidences are regarded

1 to be within the historical control range for the CD-1  
2 mice although adequate historical control data were not  
3 available for all studies."

4 That's what they said; right?

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5 A. That's what it says.

6 Q. Okay. And "maximum incidences" means the high  
7 numbers, like five in that one, six in that one, six in  
8 that one, five in that one. And when they say they're  
9 within the historical control ranges, they mean that when

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10 control mice in multiple experiments over time were  
11 looked at, they had similar numbers; correct?

12 A. I'm sorry, could you say that again?

13 Q. Yes, sir. I'm just asking what the sentence --  
14 asking about what the sentence means. They say the

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15 maximum incidences were regarded to be within the  
16 historical control range for the CD-1 mice.

17 And what that means is that these numbers are  
18 within the historical range of just spontaneously  
19 occurring malignant lymphomas in CD-1 mice, untreated  
20 mice; right?

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21 A. They give no references for that statement.

22 Q. It's what the sentence means, though; right?

23 A. I guess that's what it means, but they give no  
24 references. How can I judge the quality of the

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25 statement?

1 Q. Two. I'm reading the second item. "The  
2 increases in malignant lymphoma incidences appear to be  
3 confined to the high dose groups in the CD-1 mice."

4 A. That's what it says.

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5 Q. "Three: The incidence of malignant lymphomas is  
6 known to be related to the age of the animals."

7 And you were telling us yesterday that for many  
8 cancers, maybe all cancers, the older the animals get,  
9 the more cancers you would expect; right?

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10 A. Correct.

11 Q. "However, significant associations between  
12 exposure to glyphosate and induction of malignant  
13 lymphomas were not observed in the 24-month studies.  
14 Furthermore, there was no reduction in overall survival  
15 in the exposed groups."

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16 Correct?

17 A. That's what it says.

18 Q. And: "Four, no parallel increases were observed  
19 in female CD-1 mice."

10:26:43

20 And we talked earlier about how we're seeing  
21 this in males and not in females; right?

22 A. No, I don't remember us talking about -- well,  
23 yeah.

24 Q. You had identified --

25 A. In males, correct.

1 Q. But one would expect to see it in females just  
2 by chance alone; right?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Because females are more likely to develop  
10:27:06 5 spontaneous malignant lymphomas than male mice; right?

6 A. I would have to look at a historical control  
7 data set to answer that question.

8 Q. Okay. Let's talk about hemangioma now. You can  
9 take this slide down.

10:27:26 10 A. I will repeat again that this is without  
11 reference, except the last one, which you didn't read the  
12 reference.

13 Q. Would you like to?

14 A. I'll be happy to read the whole -- the whole  
10:27:41 15 thing through.

16 Q. After where I stopped reading. It says Son and  
17 Gopinath, 2004 ASB2015-2533. That's the reference?

18 A. That's the reference. It says: "Is known that  
19 female CD-1 mice are usually more prone to develop  
10:28:00 20 spontaneous malignant lymphoma than male mice," giving  
21 that reference. "The lymphoma incidences were generally  
22 higher in females than in males, but no glyphosate  
23 variant increases were seen in female CD-1 mice."

24 Now even though tumors increase with age, your  
10:28:18 25 ability to detect them may not increase with age. A

1 small increase that you see at 18 months could easily  
2 disappear at 24 months because all of the sudden you've  
3 got a lot more spontaneous tumors.

4           And so the noise gets bigger and the statistical  
10:28:36 5 p-values are harder to see a significant increase. In  
6 other words, a fivefold increase from zero to five --  
7 take the Wood example. From zero to five in Wood at  
8 18 months, at 24 months, even if it's still the same  
9 numbers, it could be 10 to 15, which is harder to pick up  
10:28:56 10 statistically.

11           The absolute climb is not -- is not the only  
12 thing that drives a statistical test.

13           Q. Okay, sir. I want to talk about the other three  
14 tumors that you identified that we haven't talked about  
10:29:08 15 yet today.

16           First let's talk about hemangiomas.

17           A. Okay.

18           Q. And you reported that in -- you detected that  
19 with your statistical analyses that you ran in the Greim  
10:29:21 20 data and gathering information from EPA, EFSA, ECHA,  
21 et cetera, in female mice and not in the males; correct?

22           A. The hemangiomas, that is correct.

23           Q. That's a benign tumor; right?

24           A. Again, it's -- it's the same as the other one.  
10:29:37 25 It's typically benign. And I don't know of it's

1 malignant counterpart. So from my knowledge, it's a  
2 benign tumor.

3 Q. Okay. It's those little red -- I mean, in  
4 humans, you can see it most easily in those little red  
10:29:52 5 dots you can get on your skin, and as you get older, they  
6 can appear overnight for no apparent reason, and your  
7 dermatologist says don't worry about it?

8 A. I don't know.

9 Q. I have two right there (indicating.)

10:30:04 10 And you said that this showed -- this was in  
11 Sugimoto. One study was in the Sugimoto study; right?

12 A. No. Atkinson also.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. No, that's a hemangiosarcoma. I'm sorry. I'm  
10:30:22 15 looking at the wrong one. Yeah, Sugimoto.

16 Q. Okay. One study, and it's the Sugimoto study;  
17 right?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. And that's one of the studies that's a  
10:30:33 20 relatively high-dose study compared to the others here;  
21 right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. Let's move on to hemangiosarcoma. This  
24 is a very common tumor in -- first of all, this is in the  
10:30:48 25 male mice, not in the females; right?

1 A. I'm sorry, I'm still trying to make sure that we  
2 didn't make a mistake up there with the one hemangioma.

3 Q. Oh, there it is in Kumar. We did, sir. Here it  
4 is in Kumar.

10:31:06 5 A. Right.

6 Q. So it's in the Swiss Albino Kumar study. That's  
7 the one we were talking about earlier that -- EPA said in  
8 the OPP report, there was a virus, and that's why they  
9 weren't looking at it?

10:31:21 10 A. That's what they said.

11 Q. Okay. And ECHA did look at it in its 2017  
12 evaluation, and it reached the ultimate conclusion that  
13 there aren't any significant patterns here that point  
14 towards carcinogenicity; right?

10:31:34 15 A. I would have to read their report to see exactly  
16 what they said.

17 Q. Okay. It's what we were just looking at. They  
18 were considering Kumar in that group, do you know? Do  
19 you remember?

10:31:45 20 A. Again, probably, but I'd want to look.

21 Q. Okay. The hemangiosarcoma then, Atkinson,  
22 Sugimoto and Kumar. And Atkinson is the study that you  
23 described as limited; right?

24 A. Correct, because of the way they did the  
10:32:03 25 pathology.

1 Q. Right. Sugimoto is the high dose?

2 A. But let me be clear.

3 Q. Yes.

4 A. That doesn't pertain here because

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5 hemangiosarcomas are -- are tumors that you find by  
6 inspection. And so the fact that they didn't do  
7 histopathology on every animal isn't affected by that  
8 because they did histopathology on every blood tumor they  
9 found.

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10 And so the denominator there is all the animals  
11 as compared to some of the other cases where the  
12 denominator is much smaller because they look at all the  
13 animals.

14 Q. Okay.

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15 A. So it doesn't affect this particular finding.

16 Q. Okay. Does it affect that one?

17 A. No. Same issue.

18 Q. It's not limited for purposes of this chart?

19 A. Correct.

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20 Q. Okay. Sugimoto is a relatively high-dose one  
21 and Kumar is the one that EPA considers to be a virus  
22 issue; correct? But was considered again by ECHA and  
23 others and found by them not to be a problem?

24 A. It was two -- that was a very compound question.

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25 Q. Okay. The regulators we've talked about, like



1 ECHA and EFSA and BfR and EPA, disagree with your  
2 evaluation of these studies; right?

10:33:24 3 A. Let me think. Have I ever gotten anything back  
4 from them that said they disagree with me? Certainly  
5 they reached a different conclusion, if that is the  
6 question you're asking.

7 Q. All right. And I showed you -- the few things  
8 that I showed you, I don't think you agreed with anything  
9 we put up on the screen; right?

10:33:34 10 A. That's, again, too broad of a question.

11 Q. Okay. Let's talk about kidney adenoma  
12 carcinoma.

13 A. Okay.

14 Q. Again, male mice, not females; right?

10:33:51 15 A. Correct.

16 Q. Okay. And adenomas are benign. They can  
17 transform but don't necessarily transform into  
18 carcinomas, which are not benign; right?

19 A. True, but unlike an angioma, if I were running a  
10:34:08 20 two-year bioassay and I saw kidney adenomas, I would  
21 almost certainly consider that a malignant finding  
22 because they're -- they're almost certain to go onto  
23 carcinomas at some point.

24 Q. Adenomas are more -- kidney adenomas are more  
10:34:20 25 alarming than hemangiomas are?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. Okay. For you this was a -- well, let's skip  
3 that.

4 For all of the tumors in the mouse chart and the  
10:34:40 5 rat chart, the original researchers didn't find these to  
6 be compound related for various reasons; correct?

7 A. I don't know because I do not have the reports  
8 of the original researchers. Those are proprietary and  
9 have not been presented to me. I know that from  
10:34:58 10 ECHA's -- from EFSA's response to me, I know some of them  
11 were actually found. I don't know why they weren't  
12 included.

13 Q. The George study, sir, this is -- we discussed  
14 it briefly because we were looking at what OPP said about  
10:35:16 15 not considering it, and this is the one where skin  
16 papillomas appeared in the study, and you said they are a  
17 benign tumor, and you said that you're interpreting it as  
18 a papilloma finding and you're using it to give an  
19 indication of some of the mechanistic underpinnings of  
10:35:36 20 this particular chemical. That's right?

21 A. Again, very compounded sentence.

22 The George study is of a glyphosate formulation,  
23 and I'm interpreting it as saying that glyphosate can act  
24 as a promoter.

10:35:58 25 Q. Okay. And you said it's a papilloma finding,

1 not a carcinoma finding; right?

2 A. That's correct because they didn't do any  
3 histopathology to determine if there were skin carcinomas  
4 in that. But since carcinomas arrive from papillomas,  
10:36:13 5 regardless of what the bump was, there was a papilloma  
6 there at one time.

7 Q. Start with 3183 -- or wait a minute. Slide 316.  
8 This is slide 3183 in your binder, sir. Slide 316 for  
9 us, I believe.

10:37:11 10 You know, we talked on Friday about your being  
11 very critical of the scientific evaluations,  
12 methodologies of a number of national and international  
13 agencies; right, sir?

14 A. I don't believe I criticized the methodology of  
10:37:30 15 JMPR.

16 Q. Yes, sir. I want to get to JMPR. I do want to  
17 ask you about that.

18 A. That's the only international one.

19 Q. Okay.

10:37:36 20 A. The two I have criticized are the EFSA and EPA  
21 reviews. I think I sent criticism to ECHA as well.

22 Q. And by "criticism," I don't just mean -- I mean  
23 in your heart. I mean you sent them a letter. Let's put  
24 it up.

10:37:56 25 You said EPA was so amazingly wrong, EFSA was

1 astonishing and so amazingly wrong, their analysis was  
2 totally illogical. ECHA got one -- you pointed out one  
3 thing they got right. I forget what it was, but they got  
4 one thing right.

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5 A. Historical control usage.

6 Q. But otherwise, it was kind of the same as the  
7 other ones.

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8 BfR was basically the same as ECHA and EFSA in  
9 their wrongheadedness about this carcinogenicity issue,  
10 and JMPR is what I want to ask you about. That's Joint  
11 Agency of World Health Organization and the UN Food and  
12 Agricultural Organization, and you said that they were  
13 focused on -- tell me if I don't have this quite right.  
14 They're focused on food exposure so it may be that if I  
15 showed you their exact wording in the conclusion, you  
16 might agree with them on glyphosate not being a human  
17 carcinogen via that route of food exposure.

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18 Is that what you said?

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19 A. I don't know if I said that, but I certainly  
20 wanted to see the exact wording. But was there a  
21 question on this picture here?

22 Q. You've answered them.

23 A. I didn't answer all of them. I'm not sure  
24 you've --

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25 Q. Well, for BfR --

1 A. -- gave me an opportunity to answer a question  
2 on this. You just stated -- you criticized them and then  
3 threw it up there, but you have yet to ask me what my  
4 criticism is.

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5 Q. No, I didn't ask you that.

6 A. Okay.

7 Q. I said -- because we went over that at some  
8 length on Friday.

9 A. No, we didn't.

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10 Q. You have got a greater length than that?

11 A. No, but I would like to summarize the five  
12 points that make them all wrong in the way they did their  
13 evaluation.

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14 Q. EPA you said is so amazingly wrong. EFSA, ECHA,  
15 BfR, you're pretty much lumping them together, with the  
16 exception of ECHA doing the historical controls right;  
17 correct?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. Go ahead and tell us your five.

10:39:48

20 A. Improper use of historical controls. They -- we  
21 just read it. Within the range of historical controls.  
22 We read that statement for EPA. That's just an incorrect  
23 way of analyzing the data, and that's about 30 percent of  
24 the tumors that they discarded because of that incorrect  
25 assumption.

1 In fact, even if you look at the OECD  
2 guidelines, the EPA guidelines, and the IARC guidelines,  
3 they all warn against using that approach, and yet it  
4 rejected 30 percent of the tumors.

10:40:19 5 Q. They are getting their own guidelines wrong, in  
6 your view?

7 A. It's absolutely clear they're getting their own  
8 guidelines -- they're not using them appropriately. I  
9 like the guidelines; they just aren't using them.

10:40:32 10 The second thing they require is that as the  
11 dose increases, the tumor incidence must increase or at  
12 least not go down. And so what they say is that -- the  
13 wording they use is that there's non-increasing dose  
14 response or not a clear dose response, I think is what  
10:40:51 15 they used. That throws out a bunch of them.

16 The next one is no precursor lesions. Now, that  
17 doesn't pertain to malignant lymphomas, hemangiosarcomas,  
18 and hemangiomas because I know of no precursor lesions  
19 for those. But even then, there's good reason to believe  
10:41:13 20 that doesn't have to happen or even if it's happening,  
21 you're not observing it. And I would -- that's a much  
22 more detailed difficult explanation.

23 The next one after that, fourth one.

24 Q. I promised Mr. Wisner I would get you home  
10:41:36 25 today.

1 A. It's okay.

2 Q. Tell me if you want.

3 A. You've got the most important three. Thank you.

10:41:48

4 Q. Binder 3 of the -- regulatory binder 3 has the  
5 JMPR statement. You wanted to see that. Are you there?

6 A. Yes, I am.

10:42:36

7 Q. Okay. So this is the 2016 report of the JMPR,  
8 and on Friday you told me that you might possibly agree  
9 with them if you could see their exact conclusion. So on  
10 page 24 -- are you there?

11 A. Yes, I am.

12 Q. There's a -- there are two paragraphs, the first  
13 one starting "in view of the absence of carcinogenic  
14 potential."

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15 Do you see that?

16 A. No.

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17 Q. Okay. It's the third from the last paragraph in  
18 the top section on page 24. And I'm going by the page  
19 numbers of the original document, sir, in the upper  
20 left-hand corner.

21 A. Okay. "In view of the absence." I have it.

10:43:23

22 Q. Okay. "In view of the absence of carcinogenic  
23 potential in rodents at human relevant doses and the  
24 absence of genotoxicity by the oral route in mammals, and  
25 considering the epidemiological evidence from

1 occupational exposures, the meeting concluded that  
2 glyphosate is unlikely to pose a carcinogenic risk to  
3 humans via exposure from the diet."

4 A. Okay.

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5 Q. Okay. So I read that correctly?

6 A. You read it correctly.

7 Q. Do you agree with it?

8 A. No. The absence of genotoxicity by oral route  
9 in mammals is incorrect.

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10 Q. So you would add JMPR to the agencies you  
11 disagree with?

12 A. For a different reason.

13 Q. What's the different reason?

14 A. You asked me about this one paragraph, which is

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15 all I'm commenting on, and the -- this one paragraph,  
16 they talk about the absence of genotoxicity by oral route  
17 in mammals, which I disagree with.

18 I haven't studied every other bit of their  
19 evaluation --

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. -- to be able to tell you if they mess up  
22 controls, et cetera.

23 Q. Fair enough. I mean, when we've been talking  
24 about EPA and ECHA and EFSA, BfR, you've had lots of  
25 criticisms immediately, and you're intimately familiar

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1 with the documents. That's not true for JMPR; is that  
2 fair to say?

3 A. That's correct. That's not true for JMPR.

4 Q. All right. Let's take a look, sir, at the -- at  
10:44:53 5 OPP's bottom line, the Office of Pesticide Programs at  
6 the EPA. That's Exhibit 2481.

7 A. Okay. Where am I looking?

8 Q. 01, page 140. You can put this up on the  
9 screen. 2481, page 140. And I just want to look at the  
10:45:39 10 first paragraph on the page.

11 MR. WISNER: Your Honor, objection. Violates  
12 the evidence code. But since it's already on the screen,  
13 just let him proceed.

14 THE COURT: Very well.

10:45:59 15 Q. BY MR. GRIFFIS: We do have a ruling on this.

16 "Overall there is not strong support for the  
17 suggestive evidence of carcinogenic potential cancer  
18 classification descriptor based on the weight of  
19 evidence, which includes the fact that even small  
10:46:14 20 non-statistically significant changes observed in animal  
21 carcinogenicity and epidemiological studies were  
22 contradicted by studies of equal or higher quality. The  
23 strongest support is for not likely to be carcinogenic to  
24 humans at the doses relevant to human health risk  
10:46:32 25 assessment for glyphosate."

1 And do you disagree with the Office of Pesticide  
2 Programs on that, sir?

3 A. Oh, yes, I do.

4 Q. Page 131. I'd like to call your attention to  
10:46:56 5 the bottom paragraph on that page.

6 "Overall there is remarkable consistency in the  
7 database for glyphosate across multiple lines of  
8 evidence. For NHL" -- which is non-Hodgkin's lymphoma --  
9 "observed associations in epidemiological studies were  
10:47:17 10 non statistically significant and were of relatively  
11 small magnitude. Chance and/or bias cannot be excluded  
12 as an explanation for the observed associations."

13 Then they talk about all other cancer types,  
14 which is not what we're here for. Skip that.

10:47:37 15 "Across species strain and laboratory, tumor  
16 incidence was not increased at doses less than 500  
17 milligrams per kilogram per day, except the testicular  
18 tumors, which were only seen in one study. Observed  
19 tumors were not reproduced in other studies, including  
10:47:54 20 those conducted using the same strain at similar or  
21 higher doses. The genotoxicity studies demonstrate that  
22 glyphosate is not directly mutagenic or genotoxic  
23 *in vivo*."

24 And you disagree with that statement by the  
10:48:08 25 Office of Pesticide Programs, sir?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Who is Dr. Jose Tarazona?

3 A. He is the -- I think the head of the Pesticide  
4 Unit at EFSA, I believe.

10:48:32 5 Q. Did I pronounce his name right?

6 A. Probably.

7 Q. I thought you'd know. This was a subject of --  
8 and he and you wrote an article together.

9 A. No. We wrote separate articles to the same  
10:48:49 10 weekly science magazine or monthly science magazine.

11 Q. It was like a little debate between the two of  
12 you?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. And we talked about that on Friday. I guess you  
10:48:59 15 didn't sit down together to do that. You just both sent  
16 it in -- sent in your suggestions?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. And we talked about -- we saw in the opening  
19 statement of Mr. Wisner and on your direct examination a  
10:49:11 20 published article by you talking about the differences  
21 between EFSA's evaluation and IARC's evaluation; right?  
22 That's your August 2016 published article with --

23 A. The 96 -- 96 scientists article?

24 Q. Yeah, that one.

10:49:29 25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And Dr. Tarazona also wrote and published an  
2 article on the differences between IARC's assessment and  
3 EFSA's assessment; correct?

4 A. I don't know if that was the focus -- if he did,  
10:49:48 5 I don't know what article you're talking about.

6 Q. Okay. Take a look at 3039 in your blue binder.  
7 (Interruption in proceedings.)

8 THE WITNESS: Okay.

9 Q. BY MR. GRIFFIS: This is an article in the  
10:50:27 10 Archives of Toxicology from April 2017 by Dr. Tarazona  
11 and a number of his colleagues at EFSA, the pesticides  
12 unit; correct?

13 A. That is correct.

14 Q. Okay. And one of the co-authors is from the  
10:50:43 15 BfR; right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay. And the title is "Glyphosate Toxicity and  
18 Carcinogenicity, a Review of the Scientific Basis of the  
19 European Union's Assessment and Its Differences With  
10:51:03 20 IARC."

21 Right?

22 A. That's what it says.

23 Q. There's a table on the third page comparing IARC  
24 and EU's regulatory assessments -- well, their relative  
10:51:16 25 roles and the assessments that they made on glyphosate;

1 right?

2 A. There's a table. I read this article. I just  
3 didn't realize they spent any time at IARC.

4 Q. Okay. So you're familiar with the article?

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5 A. I wrote a comment to the -- to the article.

6 MR. GRIFFIS: I move to publish this article.

7 MR. WISNER: No objection, your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Very well. This may be published.

9 Q. BY MR. GRIFFIS: Let's go to page 1 first.

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10 THE COURT: And Mr. Griffis, before we get too  
11 deep into this article, we do need to take the morning  
12 recess at some point. Should we do that now?

13 MR. GRIFFIS: Sure, we can do it now.

14 THE COURT: Okay.

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15 All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to  
16 take the morning recess now. We'll be in recess for  
17 15 minutes and resume again at 5 after 11:00 on the wall  
18 clock. All right? Thank you.

19 (Recess.)

11:07:14

20 THE COURT: Welcome back, Ladies and Gentlemen.

21 Dr. Portier remains under oath, and,  
22 Mr. Griffis, when you're ready, you may proceed.

23 MR. GRIFFIS: Thank you, your Honor.

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24 Q. So, Dr. Portier, we were starting to discuss the  
25 article by Dr. Tarazona and his colleagues at EFSA and

1 BfR on glyphosate toxicity and carcinogenicity, and the  
2 EU's evaluation thereof; right?

3 A. We were reviewing this article, yes.

4 Q. I'd like to start out with the abstract, and the  
11:07:50 5 second sentence of the abstract starting, "Since  
6 glyphosate was introduced in 1974."

7 It reads: "Since glyphosate was introduced in  
8 1974, all regulatory assessments have established that  
9 glyphosate has low hazard potential to mammals. However,  
11:08:08 10 the International Agency for Research on Cancer, IARC,  
11 concluded in March 2015 that it is probably carcinogenic.  
12 The IARC conclusion was not confirmed by the EU  
13 assessment or the recent joint WHO FAO evaluation," and  
14 that's a reference to JMPR; right, sir?

11:08:28 15 A. You're just talking about WHO?

16 Q. Right, WHO FAO.

17 A. That is the JMPR.

18 Q. Okay. "Both using additional evidence.

19 Glyphosate is not the first topic of disagreement between  
11:08:40 20 IARC and regulatory evaluations, but has received greater  
21 attention."

22 Have I read that correctly?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And do you agree with it?

11:09:03 25 A. I don't know whether all regulatory assessments

1 have established that glyphosate has low hazard  
2 potential.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. But the rest is just statement of fact.

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5 Q. We don't know if he's referring beyond EFSA,  
6 ECHA, BfR and JMPR, but we've talked about all of those,  
7 and they certainly found that glyphosate has low hazard  
8 potential to mammals and concluded it wasn't a human  
9 carcinogen; right?

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10 A. I don't know about low hazard potential to  
11 mammals.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. That's the other endpoint that they evaluated.  
14 I have not spent time looking them over carefully.

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15 Q. Oh, I see. So you're focused on the toxicity  
16 endpoints when you -- when you make that statement?

17 A. Low -- where's the statement again?

18 Q. Well, it says, "low hazard potential."

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19 A. Low hazard potential there is not just cancer,  
20 as far as I'm reading this. He's talking about  
21 everything.

22 Q. Okay. And just so that we know what you're  
23 talking about, this -- we're mostly interested in  
24 carcinogenicity in this case and not acute toxicity, but  
25 there's all sorts of testing and evaluations that go on

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1 about acute toxicity, like whether a substance causes eye  
2 irritation, whether it makes you sick to your stomach if  
3 you swallow it, whether it causes rashes if you get it on  
4 your skin, whether it makes mammals or humans acutely ill  
11:10:31 5 if they drink too much of it. That sort of thing; right?

6 A. And affecting immune system, affecting  
7 development, affecting reproduction.

8 Q. Right. So this next sentence I'm going to read  
9 is about long-term toxicity/carcinogenicity. It's one  
11:10:50 10 sentence down. "Use of" -- starting: "Use of different  
11 data sets, particularly on long-term  
12 toxicity/carcinogenicity in rodents, could partially  
13 explain the divergent views, but methodological  
14 differences in the evaluation of the available evidence  
11:11:11 15 have been identified."

16 And, sir, we've talked at some length about the  
17 difference in the data sets that the Working Group 112  
18 came up with conclusions about two mouse studies, because  
19 it didn't have available to them even the Greim tables or  
11:11:28 20 didn't have available to them enough time to review the  
21 Greim tables that you spent more than six months  
22 reviewing, didn't have, certainly, individual animal  
23 data, whereas these regulators did have all of that;  
24 correct?

11:11:44 25 A. That's a correct statement of fact, yes.



1 Q. Okay. Turn to the third page of the article,  
2 please.

3 I'd like to look at the first column towards the  
4 bottom, starting with the sentence: "Regarding data  
11:12:00 5 sources." Let's get a little deeper into the data  
6 sources. "Regarding data sorts" --

7 A. I don't know where you are.

8 Q. Okay. It's the last two sentences of that long  
9 paragraph right there.

11:12:14 10 A. I've got it.

11 Q. "Regarding data sources, IARC assessments are  
12 primarily based on published evidence, i.e., scientific  
13 publications and regulatory assessments," and we saw that  
14 the other day when we were looking at the Monograph on  
11:12:30 15 the mouse studies. There was -- reference after  
16 reference was to EPA, was to the EPA violations; correct?

17 A. And one was to JMPR.

18 Q. Yes. So scientific publications, meaning things  
19 that are in the published literature and regulatory  
11:12:47 20 assessments.

21 "Industry-sponsored studies are used when  
22 reviewed and reported in regulatory evaluations, becoming  
23 a relevant secondary source for regulated agents such as  
24 pesticides."

11:12:59 25 And then he goes on to talk about what the EU

1 looks at. "Both scientific publications and mandatory  
2 industry-sponsored studies were primary sources in the EU  
3 evaluation."

4 And that's a correct description of the  
11:13:15 5 difference in data sources between the two; right?

6 A. Yeah, that's a pretty adequate description.

7 Q. Okay. Let's go to page 5, and I am under the  
8 section "Carcinogenicity in Animals" in the right-hand  
9 column, "Information Sources." And about -- on the  
11:13:49 10 second sentence it talks about, "Two additional published  
11 studies on glyphosate formulations," and it mentions the  
12 George study and a study Seralini. It says, "These were  
13 considered inadequate by IARC and EFSA for  
14 carcinogenicity assessments." And it cites EFSA 2012 and  
11:14:16 15 IARC 2015?

16 A. That's what it says, yes.

17 Q. And then the next -- and then we go on,  
18 "Consequently, industry-sponsored studies required by  
19 several jurisdictions worldwide have constituted the  
11:14:25 20 basis for the assessment of animal carcinogenicity by  
21 both IARC and EFSA. As expected for regulatory  
22 assessment, EFSA assessed the original study reports.  
23 According to their principles, IARC used unpublished  
24 studies based on secondary sources, i.e., the information  
11:14:42 25 on the studies as published by JMPR and the US EPA."

1 Just like you were telling us a few minutes ago; right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Turn to page 6, I'm in the right-hand column,  
4 the second paragraph, first sentence. "Due to the large  
11:15:09 5 number of studies, the assessment of chance results is  
6 particularly relevant."

7 Do you see that sentence?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And we've been talking, sir, about multiple  
11:15:19 10 testing, and this sentence raises the issue that when you  
11 have 12 well-designed studies that are good enough for  
12 carcinogenicity assessment, rather than the regulators'  
13 required two, which you would normally have or often have  
14 when evaluating a substance, you have a bigger multiple  
11:15:41 15 testing problem to overcome than you would with just two;  
16 right?

17 A. I'm sorry. That was a long question.

18 Q. Okay. We've talked about the notion that  
19 looking at animal studies that are looking at multiple  
11:16:00 20 organ systems involve many, many tests, and you could get  
21 false positives in any or most of those tests, and that  
22 needs to be addressed in some fashion; right?

23 A. Yes, correct.

24 Q. Okay. Well, that problem gets bigger when you  
11:16:14 25 have a whole bunch of animal studies instead of just two;

1 right?

2 A. No. The problem is the same. No matter how  
3 many studies you have, the problem is the same. It  
4 doesn't get bigger. It's just you'll have more tumor  
11:16:28 5 sites that arise, and some of those are more likely to be  
6 false positives.

7 Q. You'll have more false positives in your group  
8 that you're looking at and trying to assess; correct?

9 A. You are likely to have more false positives.

11:16:45 10 Q. Statisticians always say that.

11 A. You never know whether you have false positives  
12 or not.

13 Q. Statisticians always say that, because it's  
14 conceivable that we could have all those studies and just  
11:16:57 15 one positive or zero positive, although it's really,  
16 really, really, really unlikely. Generally speaking, the  
17 more studies you have, the more false positives you have  
18 to deal with. That's accurate; right?

19 A. That is accurate.

11:17:09 20 Q. Okay. Turn to page 9, please. And again,  
21 right-hand column, starting with the first sentence in  
22 the second paragraph. We're talking about animal studies  
23 here, sir. "Excessive toxicity, for instance toxicity at  
24 doses exceeding the maximum tolerated dose, can cause  
11:17:36 25 effects such as cell death, necrosis with associated

1 regenerative hyperplasia, which in turn can lead to tumor  
2 development as a secondary effect, unrelated to the  
3 intrinsic potential of the substance itself to cause  
4 tumors at lower and less toxic doses."

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5 Did I read that right?

6 A. Yes, you did.

11:18:06

7 Q. Okay. And that's talking about the general  
8 principle that we discussed briefly earlier, that when  
9 doses get too high, you can lose the ability to detect  
10 what the chemical is actually doing to genes, because  
11 you're starting to get gross cellular damage that is  
12 generating tumors by ways that are not of concern in  
13 carcinogenicity assessment; is that right?

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14 A. Not -- not really. That's not what this is  
15 saying, because it has nothing to do with the genetics.  
16 You can kill cells without damaging the genetics.

17 Q. Yes.

18 A. This is a theoretical statement.

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19 Q. Right. You could induce tumors with a substance  
20 that only irritates cells, has no carcinogenicity,  
21 doesn't damage DNA, doesn't cause oxidative stress,  
22 doesn't do -- doesn't by any mechanism cause cancer,  
23 there are multiple tests that shows it doesn't cause  
24 cancer in humans or animals, but if you put enough of it  
25 on a group of cells or injected it into peritoneal, into

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1 someone's abdomen cavity, you can do enough damage to  
2 cells and cause enough irritation that they become  
3 acutely ill and/or develop cancer because of that gross  
4 insult to their body; right?

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5 A. It's theoretically possible. It does not always  
6 work that way. There's no guarantee, and you would know  
7 it, because you would see the hyperplasias in the  
8 tissues, and so you would see an increase in hyperplasias  
9 at doses that were producing that type of effect.

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10 Q. You'd see sick animals; right?

11 A. Not necessarily, but you'd see -- hyperplasias  
12 is the cell tissue looks inflamed, like you would get  
13 with lymph nodes growing bigger in your neck or something  
14 like that.

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15 Q. Let's go down a little farther. "It has been  
16 suggested."

17 "It has been suggested that almost all  
18 chemicals, including those non-genotoxic and without  
19 structural alerts for carcinogenicity" -- I should have  
20 just read that instead of tried that last sentence I  
21 told you -- "would produce statistically significant  
22 trends if testing at or above the maximum tolerated dose  
23 in a sufficient large number of animals."

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24 Would you agree with that, sir?

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25 A. I agree that Gaylor said that and suggested it.

1 I don't agree with the suggestion.

2 Q. You don't agree with Gaylor on that?

3 A. I don't agree with Gaylor -- Dave Gaylor that  
4 this is going to happen commonly, which is, I think, the  
11:20:49 5 tone of the sentence.

6 Q. Okay. Let's keep reading.

7 "Significant trends for tumor induction" -- and  
8 now we're talking about the actual glyphosate results.  
9 "Significant trends for tumor induction were observed in  
11:21:03 10 two mouse studies, but only at very high doses, well  
11 above the proposed top dose for carcinogenicity studies,  
12 OECD 2012, of 1,000 milligrams per kilogram body weight  
13 per day. Clear indications of toxicity were observed at  
14 these high dose, such as reduced body weight,  
11:21:24 15 pathological changes in the bladder and liver and other  
16 toxic signs. Consequently, the tumor induction trends  
17 were considered confounding effects due to excessive  
18 toxicity."

19 Did I read that correctly?

11:21:38 20 A. That's what it says.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. That's not what it says in the EFSA document,  
23 but that's what he wrote here.

24 Q. On page 11, sir, we have a large table that I  
11:22:00 25 will not go into in detail, as we haven't got enough

1 time. "Comments on IARC assessment," is the right-hand  
2 column, and I'd like to look at Point E, which is  
3 question, "Whether responses are in single or both  
4 sexes," and that is something that investigators consider  
11:22:20 5 when evaluating animal carcinogenicity studies; right?  
6 It's the criteria?

7 A. If you see a tumor significantly increased,  
8 biologically increased in two sexes in the same study, it  
9 adds strength to the finding.

11:22:35 10 Q. And the comments on the IARC assessment with  
11 regard to that issue, whether responses are in single or  
12 both sexes, says, "All trends were significant only in  
13 one sex, but no sex-mediated mode of action is  
14 discussed."

11:22:49 15 What's a sex-mediated mode of action?

16 A. For things we understand, there are tumors that  
17 arise that are related to specific hormones. For  
18 example, you would -- or specific tissue types. You  
19 could see testicular tumors in males, but, of course,  
11:23:11 20 never in females. And in humans, women get breast cancer  
21 much more readily than males do, even though they both  
22 have breasts, and that has to do with hormonal levels,  
23 but, of course, there are many, many examples of  
24 chemicals that only cause tumors in one sex, and there  
11:23:28 25 are no sexually-related issues that anyone understands



1 why it happens.

2 Q. Okay. Do you have any explanation for why  
3 tumors show up in -- primarily in males and not in  
4 females in the tumors that you've flagged for  
11:23:49 5 significant?

6 A. Let me think them through for a minute.

7 There could be some explanations in terms of the  
8 spontaneous rates in these controls, but if you're  
9 looking for a mechanistic consideration that would say  
11:24:07 10 why females didn't get malignant lymphomas and males did,  
11 I don't have that explanation.

12 Q. Okay. The tumors that you identified are not  
13 like testicular or breast cancer, et cetera, in that they  
14 are ones you considered important and that they are  
11:24:21 15 sex-linked; correct?

16 A. There's no indication of a sex-linked mechanism  
17 within these tumors that I've looked at.

18 Q. Okay. Last item in this article, sir, is on  
19 page 18, the last page of text.

11:24:38 20 It's the last paragraph in the middle, starting,  
21 "From a health assessment perspective."

22 Do you see that?

23 A. Page 18.

24 Q. Yes, right there (indicating).

11:24:54 25 A. On the right-hand side.

1 Q. Yes.

2 "From a health assessment perspective, the IARC  
3 EFSA scientific divergence is at lower dose levels that  
4 are in reality of limited, if any, relevance. The  
11:25:12 5 toxicological reference cited proposed by EFSA provide a  
6 margin of protection of about four orders of magnitude  
7 for the trends in tumor induction and genotoxic damage at  
8 toxic levels reported by IARC. Those effects are  
9 expected only in concomitance with other signs of  
11:25:29 10 toxicity and at exposure levels orders of magnitude  
11 higher than the toxicological reference values  
12 recommended by EFSA.

13 Do you have any disagreement with that, sir?

14 A. I'm a bit confused by what he's stating here,  
11:25:54 15 since by European law he's not talking about  
16 carcinogenicity here. He's talking about something else.  
17 In European law, if a pesticide is a hazard for cancer,  
18 you don't calculate risk. It's banned.

19 Q. Okay.

11:26:11 20 A. And here he's talking about risk and order of  
21 magnitude safety. He can't be talking about cancer.

22 Q. Okay. Genotoxicity. You talked about your  
23 agreement with Working Group 112's conclusion that there  
24 is strong evidence of glyphosate and glyphosate-based  
11:26:31 25 substances being genotoxic and having oxidative stress;

1 correct?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. Now, there are ten mechanisms of carcinogenesis  
4 that IARC considers to be relevant; right?

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5 A. No. IARC -- there's a list of ten  
6 characteristics of carcinogenesis that are the ways in  
7 which chemicals can start tumors, but those ten are for  
8 categorization, and there are others probably that just  
9 didn't get -- didn't get captured in those ten

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10 categories.

11 Q. Okay. Well, there's a document that you and  
12 others have worked on that -- the ten key characteristics  
13 of carcinogenesis. Is that --

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14 A. Correct. We were trying to find groupings of  
15 mechanistic data that would allow us easier to review it.

16 Q. Okay. And those are the ten that Working Group  
17 112 applied to its analysis and other Working Groups  
18 applied to their analysis. They said, "Let's look at the  
19 mechanistic data and see what we find in those ten  
20 categories"; right?

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21 A. Correct. Although, to be fair, genotoxicity,  
22 oxidative stress have always been categories for the last  
23 25 years.

24 Q. Okay. Sure. You didn't make up these ten?

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25 A. The other -- no.

1 Q. You just wrote an article and listed the ten and  
2 said this is what we're going to look at?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. Okay. And two of them were what Working Group  
11:27:58 5 112 considered to be significant, genotoxicity and  
6 oxidative stress?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Not, for example, immune mediation?

9 A. No data.

11:28:07 10 Q. No data; right?

11 So genotoxic doesn't mean mutagenic; right?

12 A. No, it does not.

13 Q. Okay. And mutagenic would mean causing cell  
14 mutations; right?

11:28:20 15 A. On -- yes. Mutagenic would mean that you had  
16 a -- you have DNA, DNA has a sequence, and mutation would  
17 mean that the sequence of DNA and every other cell in the  
18 body is different than this one, so that's a mutation.

19 Q. And that's one of the steps in cancer, that  
11:28:41 20 something leads to a mutation and needs to be the right  
21 kind of mutation, because we have all sorts of mutations  
22 in our bodies all the time, but if it's the kind of  
23 mutation that makes a cell not take itself out of  
24 commission after a while but continue to be immortal or  
11:28:57 25 to reproduce rapidly and create many more of itself,

1 then ultimately that can lead to trouble if the body's  
2 many defensive mechanisms against that sort of thing  
3 don't work; right?

4 A. Boy, there was a lot there.

11:29:11 5 Q. Was I right anyway?

6 A. I'm not sure. I know you're not totally  
7 correct.

8 Q. Okay. How so?

9 A. A mutation is generally necessary for the  
11:29:22 10 formation of a cancer, at least that's been our theory  
11 for the last 50 years. However, there now is an  
12 epigenetic literature out there, so that means outside of  
13 genetic material, that has been arguing certain tumors  
14 may actually arise by turning on a gene using other  
11:29:45 15 things than the gene itself, but the sequence is there,  
16 that are only there early in life and should be turned  
17 off later in life, and inappropriately get turned on, and  
18 that leads to growth that shouldn't be there, and it gets  
19 a tumor, so --

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. -- but typically, most people think it's -- the  
22 mutation theory is most of the cancers out there.

23 Q. Right. Is epigenetic one of the ten key  
24 characteristics?

11:30:08 25 A. Yes, it is.

1 Q. And IARC didn't find that --

2 A. No data.

3 Q. -- in glyphosate; right? No data.

4 We've talked about cytotoxicity and how just  
11:30:18 5 irritating the cell, damaging the cell, insults to the  
6 cell, can cause genetic damage that's unrelated to  
7 genotoxicity, which is a separate concept; right?

8 A. It can cause the tissue to be inflamed, yes, and  
9 that's independent of the DNA damage.

11:30:43 10 Q. And what you're doing when you're looking for  
11 key characteristics, when you're looking for mechanisms,  
12 is finding ways in which this substance might do  
13 something to cells that might lead to cancer; is that  
14 fair?

11:30:56 15 A. But you're looking at the consistency and  
16 strength of that literature in supporting a cancer  
17 finding.

18 Q. Right. It could not alone show that something  
19 causes cancer?

11:31:06 20 A. That is correct.

21 Q. And that's because --

22 A. At least my understanding to date. That would  
23 be my opinion.

24 Q. Okay. And that's because you're just seeing,  
11:31:16 25 oh, here's a pathway by which that might work. We don't

1 know if it does work that way, but we found a pathway by  
2 which it could do that?

3 A. In this case, yes.

4 Q. Okay. And cautioning damage to DNA, even if  
11:31:30 5 that's really something that happens with glyphosate,  
6 causing damage to DNA does not necessarily mean that that  
7 leads to mutation, does not necessarily mean that the  
8 mutations are of the right sort to cause immortal cells  
9 or rapidly dividing cells, does not necessarily mean that  
11:31:52 10 it leads to cancer. There are many steps left in the  
11 process; right?

12 A. Again, a lot there. DNA damage as it's measured  
13 in a laboratory is exactly what that is, it's a damage to  
14 DNA. You argued that that doesn't always lead to  
11:32:09 15 mutations. I might take offense at that statement, but  
16 it may not lead to critical mutations that are important  
17 for carcinogenesis. That is certainly true.

18 Q. Well -- I'm sorry.

19 A. No, I'm done.

11:32:24 20 Q. It's fair to say -- I mean, so that the jury  
21 gets some understanding of what's going on in our bodies  
22 and the repair mechanisms in our cells, we have DNA  
23 damage happening in us, you and I both do, maybe us more  
24 than others, and everyone else also right now; right?

11:32:43 25 A. You -- you consistently have damage to your DNA.

1 Q. A lot?

2 A. A lot.

3 Q. Thousands and thousands and thousands. All the  
4 time; right?

11:32:50

5 A. Well, it depends. It depends on the organ. It  
6 depends on a lot of different things. DNA damage in  
7 peripheral blood is -- you can measure it. It's there.  
8 But it's not directly measuring where you want it to  
9 measure.

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10 You want DNA damage in bone marrow, because  
11 that's where the blood comes from. And once the blood is  
12 formed, it stays for a period of time and goes away.

13 Other tissues like liver, the tissues are always  
14 there. So damage there matters a lot, et cetera.

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15 So it's -- there's a lot of it going on; some of  
16 it important, some of it not.

17 Q. Okay. And almost always when DNA damage  
18 happens -- and it happens because of age; it happens  
19 because of cosmic rays; it happens because we ate potato  
20 chips instead of broccoli for breakfast. It happens for  
21 lots of reasons. Including lots of reasons we'll never  
22 know. It almost always, like 99.999 percent of the time,  
23 the organelle in the cell, whose job it is to fix, do  
24 their job and fix it; right?

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25 A. Again, it depends upon the cell type. But there



1 is repair machinery. It's fairly efficient. You're  
2 asking me for more specifics about doing 99.999 percent.  
3 Mutations will definitely be occurring. Hopefully those  
4 mutations are in non-coding gene areas or things that  
5 don't really matter in the genome, but you don't know.  
6 And I don't think anybody's measured it.

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7 Q. Okay. Let's go back to Exhibit 2481 in your  
8 regulatory binder. I'll tell you which one. It's  
9 Regulatory Binder 2. It's the OPP 2016 record.

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10 A. Which one is it? 24?

11 Q. 2481.

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. Turn to page 97, please.

14 MR. GRIFFIS: Permission to publish this page,  
15 your Honor?

11:35:45

16 THE COURT: Any objection?

17 MR. WISNER: Yes, your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Let's not --

19 Can you approach, please?

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20 (Sidebar.)

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(End sidebar.)

THE COURT: All right.

You may proceed.

Q. BY MR. GRIFFIS: I'm in the second paragraph.

And at the end of the second paragraph, where it describes, under FIFRA -- and that's -- that's the organizing statute for the Office of the Pesticide Programs; correct?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. Under FIFRA, OPP requires genotoxicity tests of  
3 the technical grade active ingredients for the  
4 registration of the -- sorry about that -- for the  
11:37:52 5 regulation of both food and nonfood use pesticides.

6 So this is describing what OPP requires  
7 manufacturers of pesticides, which includes herbicides,  
8 to submit to them in order to get registered. Stuff they  
9 want to look at to review the products; correct?

11:38:12 10 A. That is correct.

11 Q. "The current genotoxicity test battery," and  
12 they give a citation to the -- to the statute. "The  
13 current genotoxicity test battery for pesticide  
14 registration consists of," and then we have a list.

11:38:33 15 And Number 1 on the list is something called a  
16 bacterial reverse mutation test. And the jury's heard  
17 you talk about that as the Ames test; correct?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. Okay. The second one is *in vitro* mammalian  
11:38:45 20 forward gene mutation and *in vitro* mammalian chromosomal  
21 aberration test; correct?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. And three, *in vivo* test for micronucleus  
24 induction. And it further elaborates on that. Or *in*  
11:39:01 25 *vivo* chromosomal aberration test, and it further

1 elaborates on what it wants there; correct?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. So there are three categories of tests that are  
4 required by EPA to be submitted to it; correct?

11:39:17 5 A. This is for?

6 Q. For genotoxicity.

7 A. For submission of a new -- new agent that isn't  
8 in the environment already, that is correct.

9 Q. Okay. And EPA has received testing in all of  
11:39:33 10 these categories from Monsanto and from multiple other  
11 companies that wished to market glyphosate-containing  
12 substances; correct?

13 A. As I said, I -- I don't know where all the data  
14 comes from, et cetera.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. But there is -- there is data along these lines  
17 that is proprietary, that the regulatory agencies have  
18 that have been summarized in documents that I've been  
19 able to look at.

11:40:04 20 Q. You haven't paid much attention to who generates  
21 what, but --

22 A. Some cases, I don't even know.

23 Q. Okay. Go to page 100, please.

24 And we have a three-page table listing studies  
11:40:24 25 that have been submitted to EPA. In the first category,

1 the Ames test; correct?

2 A. That is correct.

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3 Q. 5.2 -- Table 5.2, sir, *in vitro* mammalian gene  
4 mutation assays. So we're following the categories that  
5 we just read. And this is the list of studies that EPA  
6 has received in that category; right?

7 A. Yes, it is.

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8 Q. Okay. 5.3 and 5.4, as you continue flipping  
9 through pages 108 and 109 and 110, are the next category;  
10 right?

11 A. Well --

12 Q. More studies that EPA has?

13 A. 5.3 is chromosome abrasions. And 5.4 is  
14 micronuclei.

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15 Q. Right. 5.5 and 5.6 are *in vivo* chromosomal  
16 aberration and micronuclei induction; correct?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. The first was *in vitro*. This is *in vivo*?

19 A. That is correct.

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20 Q. And then finally, 5.7 is assays for detecting  
21 primary DNA damage; right? Several pages of that table.

22 A. Yes. These are mostly literature studies, not  
23 regulatory studies.

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24 Q. Okay. EPA certainly considers literature  
25 studies when they exist; right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. Turn to -- hang on -- your binder, 3181,  
3 please.

4 A. Different binder.

11:42:34 5 Q. The blue binder, sorry.

6 A. Okay.

7 Q. Okay. And what we have, sir, here is a  
8 demonstrative exhibit in the categories that we've just  
9 discussed. It's, sort of, a table. It's titled

11:42:55 10 "Glyphosate Studies Considered By EPA."

11 We have, along the left-hand column, Ames test,  
12 then *in vitro* mammalian gene mutation assays, the second  
13 category we just discussed. Then *in vitro* tests for  
14 chromosomal abnormalities and micronuclei induction in  
15 mammals. And then *in vivo* tests for chromosomal  
16 aberration and micronuclei induction in mammals. And  
17 then the last thing we were just discussing from the  
18 tables, assays for detecting primary DNA damage.

11:43:21 19 And then in the table, we have little icons  
11:43:38 20 showing the studies from the tables that we just looked  
21 at; right, sir?

22 A. Probably. I don't know if they were all here or  
23 whatever, but that's certainly a reasonable  
24 interpretation of this.

11:43:52 25 Q. Okay.

1 MR. GRIFFIS: I move to publish 3181, a  
2 demonstrative exhibit of EPA's glyphosate studies  
3 considered.

4 THE COURT: Any objection?

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5 MR. WISNER: Yes, your Honor. Sidebar.

6 (Sidebar.)

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7 (End sidebar.)

8 THE COURT: You may proceed.

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9 Q. BY MR. GRIFFIS: Sir, we've made a deal. We can  
10 put up the chart, but you aren't validating the accuracy  
11 of chart. I hereby certify that.

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12 So 3181. And what this shows, for your  
13 information -- and I'm not going back on my promise --  
14 but you can look up any of these you want with the tables  
15 that we just did.

16 We took the tables from the OPP report in these  
17 various categories. And the categories are what I want  
18 to ask you about.

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19 And for the studies that they listed, for each  
20 one we put up a little icon in the right spot in the  
21 chronology, so that we could get an idea how much  
22 material they looked at.

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23 So the Ames test that corresponded to Table 5.1  
24 from the OPP's 2016 report, sir, is talking about Ames  
25 test. Those are the mutagenicity assays that you told



1 the jury about on Friday. And these have historically  
2 been used to assess whether substances can cause  
3 mutations in cell lines that have been bred and designed  
4 over the years for that purpose; is that fair?

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5 A. In -- in bacteria, not --

6 Q. Yes.

7 A. Not cell lines. It's a bacteria.

8 Q. I'm sorry. Okay. I knew I'd get it a little  
9 bit wrong.

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10 These are bacteria that have been bred over the  
11 years for this purpose, because they're good at it;  
12 right?

13 A. There are a number of different salmonella  
14 substrains that have specific genetic mutations in them  
15 that were not implanted but identified through selection  
16 that are used in this.

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17 Q. Precisely what EPA and EFSA and ECHA and so on  
18 require in the area of mechanism studies can change over  
19 time, but EPA has consistently, over the decades,  
20 required these Ames tests be done; correct?

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21 A. Yeah. It's cheap. It's simple. And it allows  
22 a comparison across multiple chemicals over time.

23 Q. And these tests of mutagenicity for glyphosate  
24 are overwhelmingly negative; right?

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25 A. Yes, they are overwhelmingly negative.

1 Q. Table 5.2 corresponds to *in vitro* mammalian gene  
2 mutation assays, which was table -- I'm sorry -- what do  
3 you need?

11:49:12 4 A. I'm trying to figure out what table you're  
5 looking.

6 Q. Oh.

7 A. I don't have that book open anymore.

8 Q. I'll tell you what page to go to. This is in  
9 the 2016 OPP report.

11:49:31 10 A. I've got it.

11 Q. Page 104. Yeah, the information on the blue  
12 line comes from Table 5.2.

13 These are *in vitro* mammalian gene mutation  
14 assays. And if you would just tell the jury in a  
11:49:46 15 sentence or two what an *in vitro* mammalian gene mutation  
16 assay is.

17 A. You're -- you're basically looking at the same  
18 thing. It's a -- it's a reverse mutation in a mammalian  
19 cell line that's been, in this case, transgenically  
11:50:08 20 altered.

21 Q. And you have Table 5.2 in front of you?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. You see the EPA reports the results as negative,  
24 negative, negative, negative for those four?

11:50:17 25 A. That's what EPA reports.

1 Q. Let's go to the red line, *in vitro* test for  
2 chromosome abnormalities for micronuclei induction in  
3 mammals.

4 A. I'm not certifying that EPA is correct on the  
11:50:32 5 negatives here, because I evaluated these same studies.  
6 And for example, I think the Chinese hamster ovary cell,  
7 I think that was one positive.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. Okay. Where are we now?

11:50:46 10 Q. Tables 5.3 and 5.4. That's on pages 108 through  
11 110.

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. These are *in vitro* tests for chromosome  
14 aberrations in mammalian cells for Table 5.3 and *in vitro*  
11:50:59 15 tests for micronuclei induction in mammalian cells for  
16 5.4; correct?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. And these are mostly negative for the Table 5.3  
19 and fairly mixed for 5.4; is that right?

11:51:19 20 A. The EPA's decision?

21 Q. EPA's description.

22 A. Give me a minute to look through.

23 Q. Yes.

24 A. Yes, it's fairly mixed.

11:51:34 25 Q. Okay. Tables 5.5 and 5.6 correspond to the

1 orange line -- so we were just talking about *in vitro*  
2 tests, and now we're talking about *in vivo* tests -- for  
3 chromosomal aberrations, Table 5.5, and micronuclei  
4 induction, Table 5.6, in mammals; right?

11:51:55

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. The *in vivo* tests for chromosomal aberrations in  
7 mammals were all negative; right, as reported by EPA?

8 A. That is correct.

11:52:22

9 Q. And Table 5.6, there are a couple positives, but  
10 almost all negatives; correct? Three positives. They're  
11 almost all negatives; correct?

12 A. Give me a minute.

13 Q. Sure.

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14 A. They list a few positives, and all the rest are  
15 negative.

16 Q. Okay. Table 5.7 corresponds to the purple row  
17 that starts on page 122.

18 A. Yes.

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19 Q. And these are a number of -- there are some  
20 negative, some positive. And those are the only two  
21 categories, negative and positive.

22 A. They're virtually all positive. I think there's  
23 three negatives in that -- in that batch.

11:53:37

24 Q. The first two, the first one's negative, the  
25 second one is negative in kidney, positive in liver. The

1 last three are negative?

2 A. Yes. Last two are negative. Three? Three.

3 Okay. And so there may be four negatives in this, five.

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4 Q. And do you see "test end point" in the left-hand  
5 column, sir?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Sister chromatid -- oh, I'm sorry. I'm on  
8 page 124. They seem to be sorted by test end point.

9 A. Correct.

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10 Q. And there are four sister chromatid exchanges;  
11 right?

12 A. Four studies of sister chromatid exchange in  
13 human -- three are human lymphocytes, one is cow.

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14 Q. And sister chromatid exchanges, since I believe  
15 2014, are no longer required by the regulators because  
16 how to interpret them is questionable; is that right?

17 A. I've heard that. I haven't read -- I haven't  
18 read the document.

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19 Q. Okay. Now, sir, one could take this chart and  
20 compare it to the studies considered by Working Group 112  
21 and remove the things that Working Group 112 didn't look  
22 at. Would you be able to do that by looking at this?

23 A. It would take several hours.

24 Q. Okay. We'll skip that, then.

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25 MR. GRIFFIS: I can carry on with the next

1 chart, or we can break five minutes early for lunch, your  
2 Honor.

3 THE COURT: All right. Why don't we recess now.

4 Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to break now  
11:55:21 5 for the lunch recess. Please remember: Do not discuss  
6 the case with anyone. Please do not do any research.  
7 And we will see you again at 1:30.

8 And, Counsel, could you please remain?

9 (Jury leaves courtroom.)

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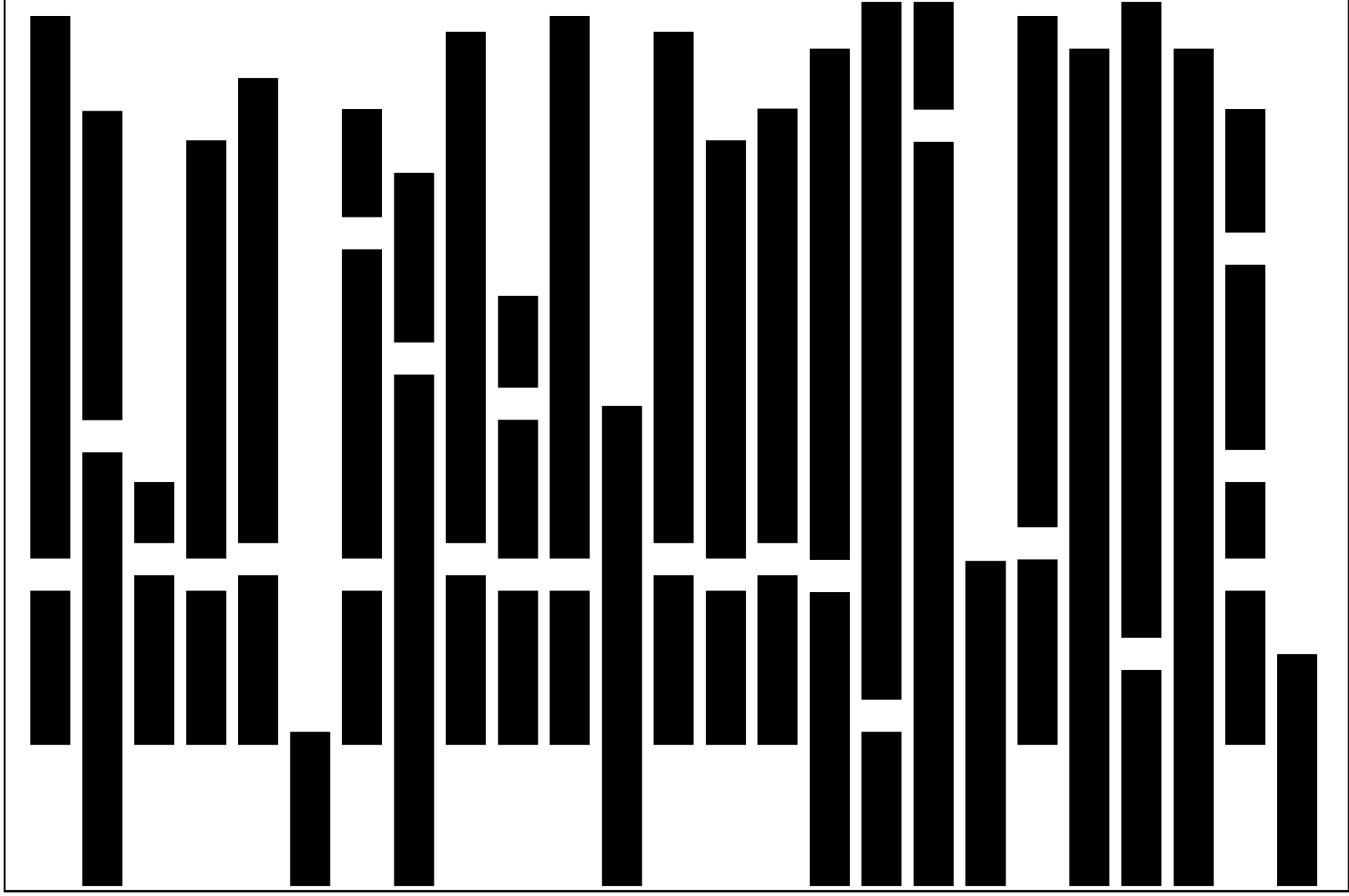
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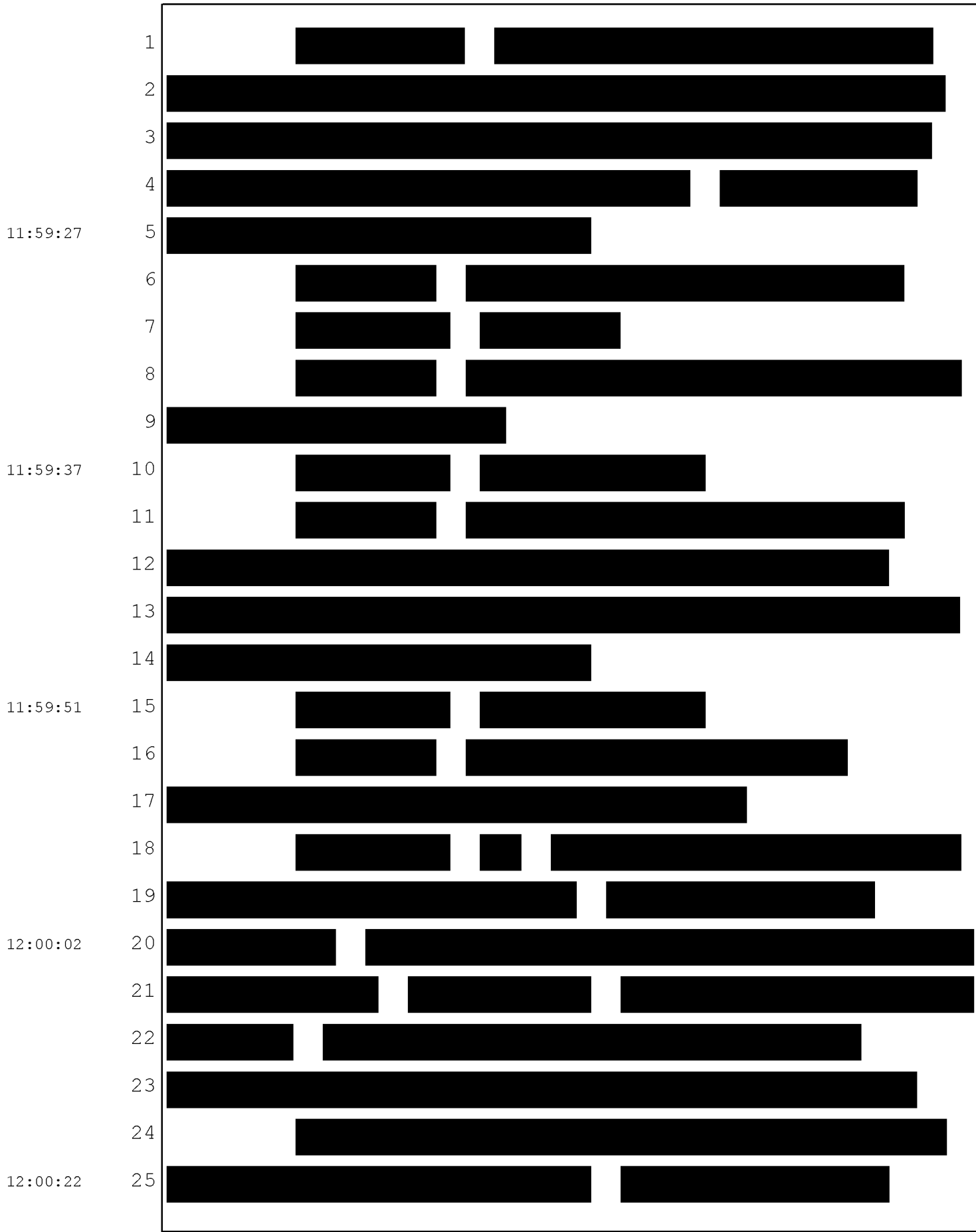
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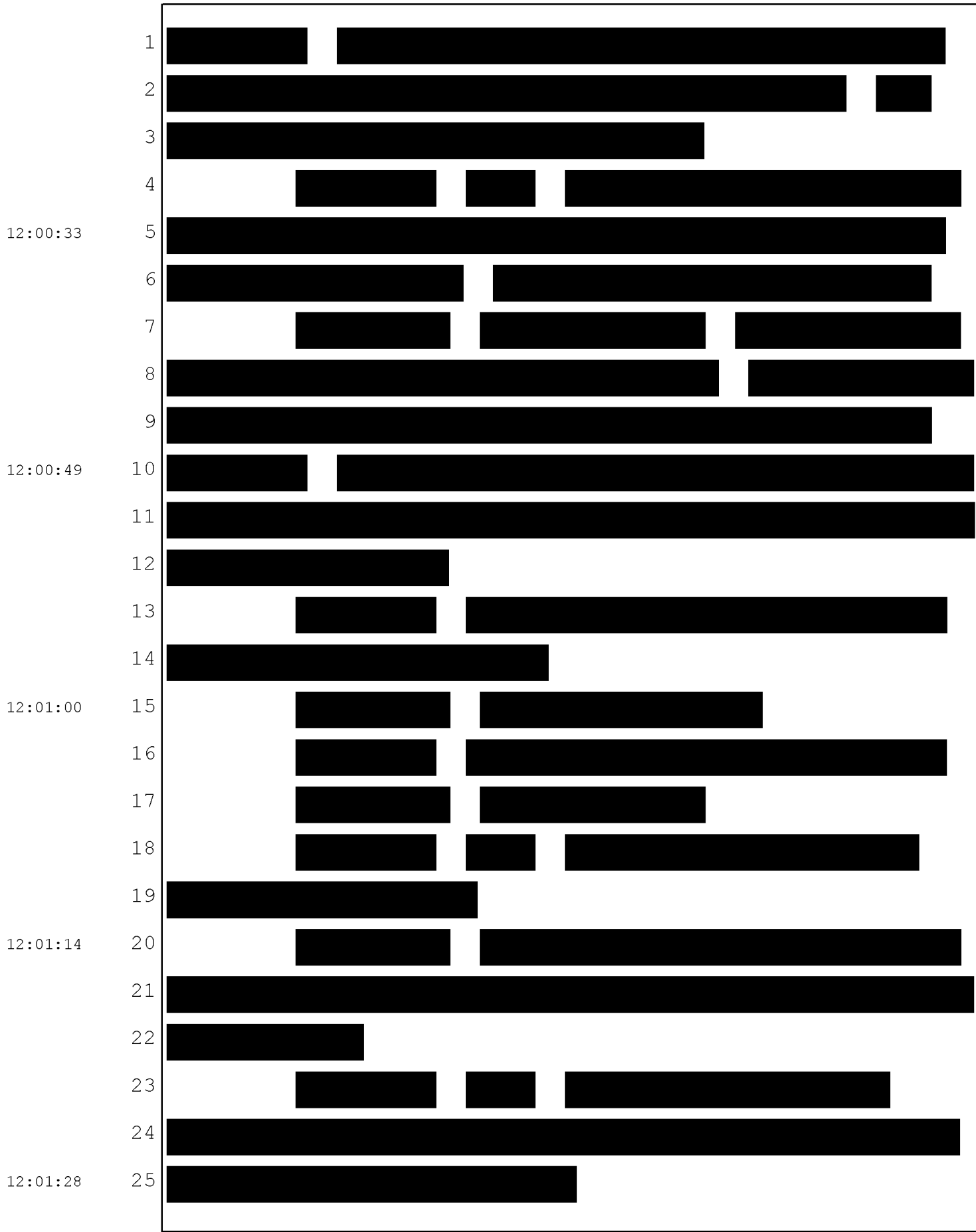
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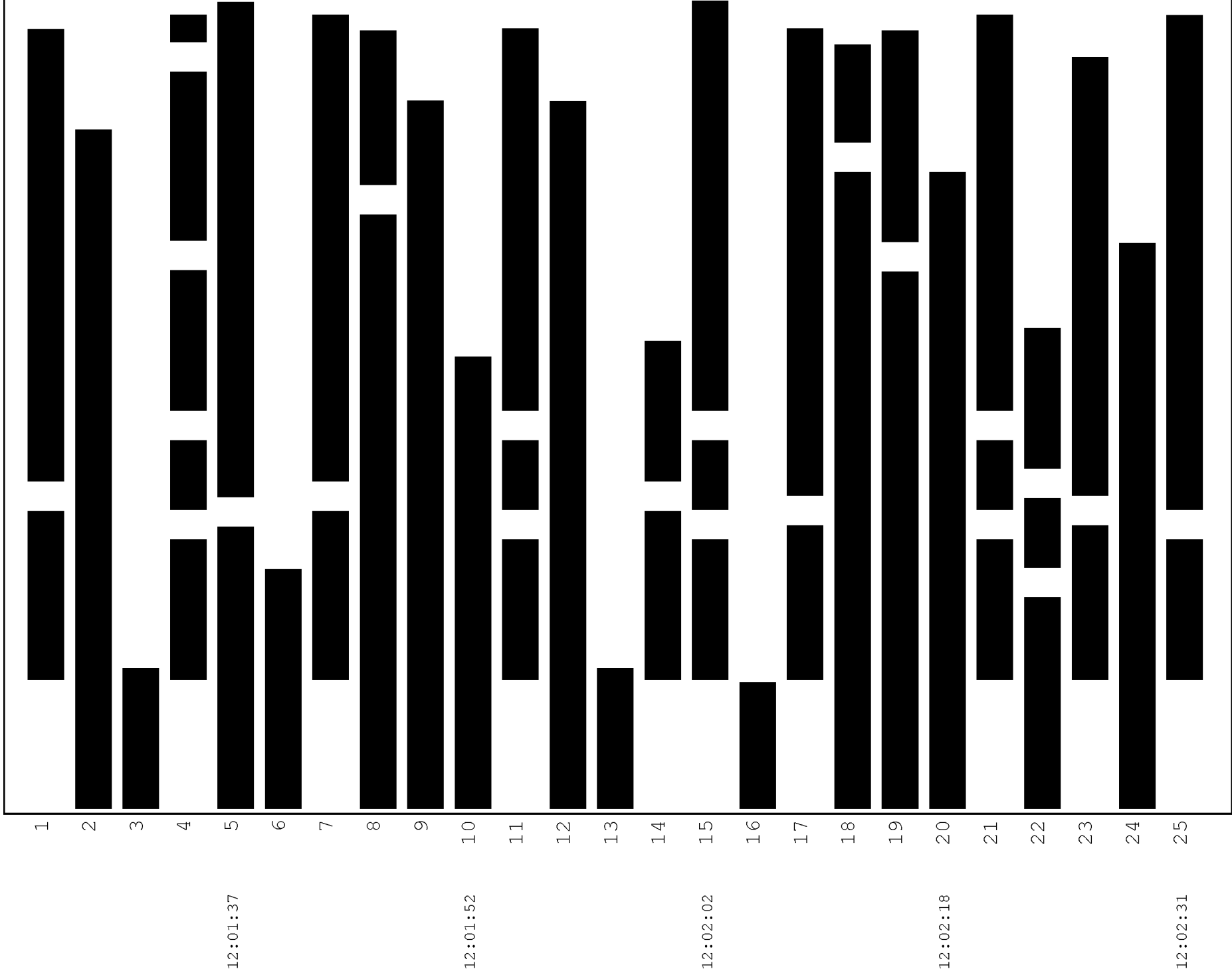
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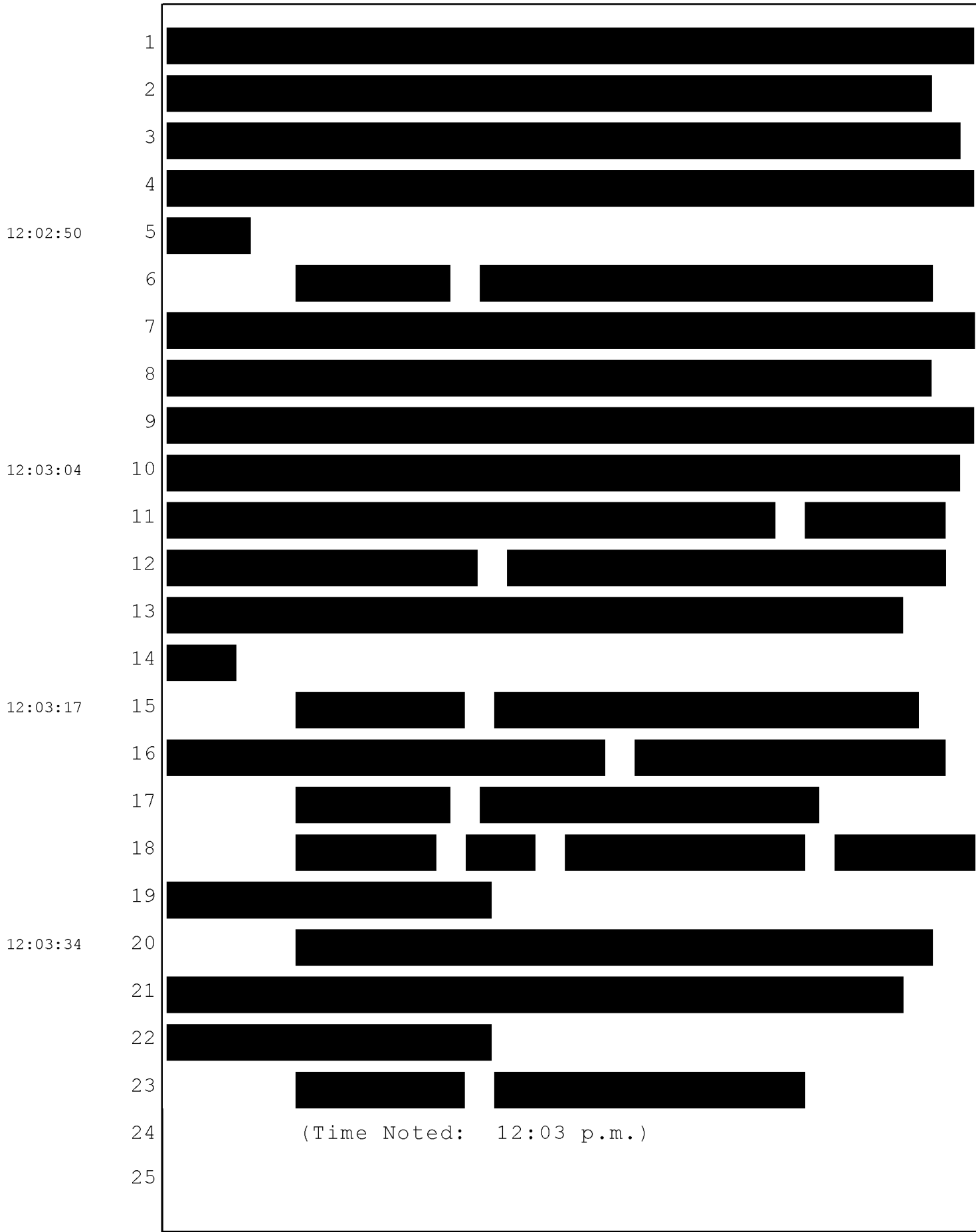
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