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Dear John

HCV DONATION TESTING
YOUR REF C/L/B1190109 27 NOVEMBER 1990

1. Start date. The technical aspects of testing could be introduced at very short notice, subject to the purchase of another microplate washer.

The establishment of a counselling system is a very much more complicated matter and I would need to employ a session Medical Officer for perhaps one session per week for the first year and one session per month subsequently to deal with donors living within the Inverness area.

I enclose a copy of my letter to Dr Zentler-Munro, Consultant Physician here, with an interest in hepatic disease for reference. I am awaiting a reply and will chase him up. It would then be necessary for me to negotiate with Consultant Physicians far afield. I would suggest that the counselling arrangements would take perhaps 2 months to be established.

2. Which kit. We have no option but to use the Ortho kit being the only one that is suitable for microplate technology.

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other responses*

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3. Costings. I understand the cost of kits is being negotiated by J Francis, Nationally. We would require 23,000 per year (the same as HIV).

A new microplate washer cost about £3,000 is required.

£250 per annum is estimated for disposables.

4. Staff costs. No laboratory labour costs are incurred. A session Medical Officer will be required for 3 hours per week in the first year.

Yours sincerely

Bill

W WHITROW
Regional Director