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Dear Harold

Thanks for your letter of the 21st april and your comments on the last SNBTS Directors' meeting. The following points arise:-

1. I don't think you should take the content of minute 3 (f), with regard to the introduction of surrogate testing for NANB, too seriously at this stage. I think it would be appropriate to say that it was a decision made with our PESC submission in mind and, I suspect, a view that we have often expressed - that the results of the UK study are unlikely to have a material affect on future operational practice.
2. Thanks for the correction with regard to the SNBTS contribution to the UK study. I suspect we were short, on the day, of accurate recording of the discussion - I apologise: the Chairman should have picked this one up.
3. I will refrain from rising to "the fly" contained in the last paragraph of your letter! Suffice it to say that as Edinburgh have agreed to contribute to the UK study and this has the SNBTS Directors' support then SHHD's locus in funding the SNBTS contribution is not likely to be relevant - how's that for an organisation with terms of reference, a management structure, etc. etc.!

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

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