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Dear Morag

HEAT TREATED FACTOR VIII

At the BTS Sub-Committee Meeting on February 22nd PFC submitted a preliminary estimate of the costs (revenue and capital) for the introduction of this development in the coming year. At that time it was our belief that the method of choice for recovering Factor VIII after treatment would be ultrafiltration which does not have a significant revenue implication. However, recent work has indicated that precipitation may be a more appropriate technology which in contrast carries a greater revenue implication with regard to processing chemicals (approximately £23 000 at maximum plasma throughput of 60 tonnes). This has not been allowed for in our original estimate since at that time this option had not been explored in sufficient depth or detail.

Thus, although we have not yet taken a final decision it seems likely that this may be the method of choice. This leaves us with a problem within the year 1984/85 since our chemical budget would not stand such an unbudgeted increase. For future years (1985 onwards) I would request that the recurring figure of £23 000 be included in our development estimate for 1985/86 in order to cover this recent unexpected development.

Clearly within 1984/85 the requirement would be less than £23 000 since the development will be phased reaching a maximum in 1985.

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I would be grateful for your advice on how best to proceed before costing in detail the consequences in 1984/85.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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