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Dear Dr. Perry,

Thank you for your letter of 15th October, 1984. I reported at the BTS Seminar that 13/80 Glasgow haemophilic sera had antibodies to HTLV III virus and that 5 sero-positive patients in whom we had previously measured T cell numbers, had lower numbers of T4 cells compared to 10 (now 12) sero negative patients. We have now checked the records of the patients and sero-positivity is very strongly associated with their having received commercial concentrate (mostly before 1981). We hear that the test for HTLV antibody should be commercially available within the next 2 or 3 months. However, we think the more important thing to look for in Factor VIII concentrate is viral antigen and not antibody, and we are hoping that our contact with Biotech in the States will be able to arrange for this to be done. At the moment I do not know on what scale it will be possible. It may be that we should test the batches of the SNBTS produce that the sero-positive patients have received. We would very much appreciate your collaboration on this if the laboratory is willing to do the test for us.

Meantime I enclose a copy of a letter sent to the B.M.J.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Karin Froebel

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