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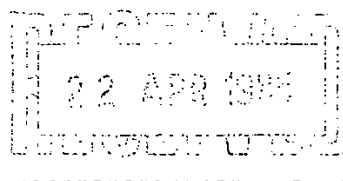


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Dear John,

Re: Heat Treated Factor VIII - Trial in Edinburgh Haemophilics

I have just received a copy of Christopher Ludlam's letter to you of the 4th April.

I think I ought to put on record in writing that Christopher's statements in the second and fifth paragraphs are not entirely representative of the truth. I am prepared to comment quite unreservedly that my conversations with Christopher concerning the latest factor VIII materials available for trial made it quite clear to him that this material was more extensively heat treated and was protected with sucrose which would result in a final concentration of about 5% in the infusate. I will admit that I did not give any more details and also that I did not commit these details to writing. Nevertheless his initial response was not unfavourable and I was slightly surprised with his earlier letter to you expressing concern to you about compensation by the SHHD.

As far as his comments in the fifth paragraph, namely that I did not refer the proposed protocol to him for comment etc, I must confess to being more than a little surprised. He and I have been in close contact concerning the general principle of the protocols that have been used and I always gave him every opportunity to comment on them and modify them in ways which would still be acceptable to me. I am, of course, perfectly aware of practical limitations such as the number of venepunctures that can reasonably be performed on haemophilics whose veins are precious, but I am not exactly inexperienced in this field.

I am pleased to see that Christopher is willing to resume trials of the products and as soon as I receive the copy of the details of the present factor VIII product so that I can be on precisely the same wave

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length as Christopher, I will contact him and thrash out a mutually acceptable protocol. I might comment that we have in the past also assisted at the practical end as far as arranging the infusion and collection of the samples is concerned, and I would intend to continue this as much as is practicable.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,



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