

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN

0175



Dr. J. Hamer
Head of Haematology
YORKHLL, GLASGOW G3 8SJ.

Our Ref.:

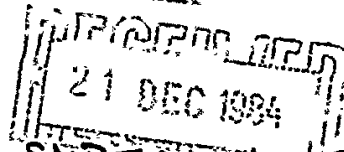
Your Ref.: JDC/FMM
17.12.84

Enquiries to:

TELEPHONE:

041-339

19.12.84



Dear Dr Cash re: SNBTS HT-Factor VIII

Thank you for your recent letter. We will do our best to take samples from our children although I cannot guarantee that their frequency will be great. Certainly this will produce a significant increase in workload for us. I do still wonder whether, in the 'origin' cases the frequency of testing will be enough to document the Non-A Non-B problem especially as LFT's, EBV, CMV, Hep B, Hep A etc are not mentioned. In addition, I wonder how useful a vague efficacy study will be.

I would just like, at this time, to express my own ethical and professional doubts at the way in which this major change has been instituted. The impression generated to the parents is that their children will now be protected from AIDS & that prior products were dangerous. Is it really felt that adequate studies of neo-antigen formation, efficacy and other safety issues have been fully

studied. Certainly we would not accept any other ethical product for use in children with a lesser test.

I also wonder if you will actually (in the near future) end up knowing whether your heat treatment is effective (i.e. completely/partially etc). Do you actually know the seroconversion rate etc?

Yours Sincerely
Caylon