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Dear Ian,

NANB: Surrogate Testing

I have a feeling that as the drums are beating louder and louder in other parts of the world on this topic the Brits remain fast asleep. I may be wrong but I would like to be better briefed on the matter.

You will recall that I raised the issue at an SNBTS Directors meeting some months ago and we agreed that you would explore the idea of setting up a UK prospective trial. I recall you saying to me that you pursued this at the NBTS Directors' Meeting (I'm afraid I wasn't there) and it went down like the proverbial lead balloon!

I'm bound to conclude that I feel we cannot leave the matter as it is and would value your comments on the suggestion that we (you and I) get down in the near future to plan a 'consensus meeting' designed to look at the issues associated with NANB donation testing. I believe we should invite people from abroad - Harvey Alter for instance. The purpose of the meeting; to which all UK BTS Directors would be invited, would be to see whether we can reach conclusions which would enable us to make some clear operational decision and that these would be transmitted to the various Departments of Health.

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

John D Cash