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Dear John

Heat treated Factor VIII: Protein denaturation

Just a note to confirm my fullest support of the points raised by Christopher Ludlam at the meeting of the Haemophilia/Transfusion Directors Working Group and in his letter to you of 24th March, 1983. I believe that it is essential that we make every effort to ensure whether the protein is damaged in the heat treatment process.

To this end I would advise that Christopher's offer of testing product against a variety of inhibitors is an excellent one and should be followed up. I believe it is also essential to submit the non-heated and heated products to cross immunoelectrophoresis. At the same time, I am exploring ways of finding out whether Dr Joan Dawes could establish a radioimmunoassay for the patients' post infusion sera which might crudely explore whether materials had been generated in the patient that bound to the product.

Kindest regards,

Youns sincerely

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