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Dear Dr. Whitmore,

Thank you for your letter of 10th July.

Your report on the two patients who received Heat Treated Factorate Y69402 is much appreciated, and the results for Patient 1 are of particular interest. This patient is the first to show sero-conversion from HTLV-III negative to positive following administration of the batch of Factorate Heat Treated in question.

Some additional information would be helpful in assessing the situation and perhaps a meeting to discuss these patients would also be valuable.

As you know, the time from challenge with HTLV-III virus to sero-conversion is variable and may be over a month, hence it would be useful to assess any Factor VIII or blood product treatment for a reasonable period prior to 17/1/85.

As I understand the precision of the HTLV-III antibody test, although false negatives are rare, false positives do occur on occasions, hence a confirmatory check may be of value in this specific case.

As patient 2 was also negative prior to receipt of Y69402, a follow up with the clinician in charge of his case at University College Hospital would be helpful. Perhaps you could advise who should be contacted.

I would appreciate an opportunity to discuss these cases with you and will ask my secretary to make an appointment convenient to you within the next month or so.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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