

**MEETING OF UKBTS/NIBSC  
STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BLOOD COMPONENTS  
NORTH LONDON BLOOD CENTRE, COLINDALE  
25 FEBRUARY 1998**

**MINUTE**

| SACBC 98.1 | 1.1   | <b>PRESENT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Action</b>         |
|------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|            |       | Dr L Williamson, Chair                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | LW                    |
|            |       | Mr M Bruce, Secretary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | MB                    |
|            |       | Dr C Dash                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | CD                    |
|            |       | Dr K Forman                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | KF                    |
|            |       | Dr P Metcalfe                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | PM                    |
|            |       | Dr D Pamphillon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | DP                    |
|            |       | Dr C V Prowse                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | CVP                   |
|            |       | Mr A Slopecki                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | AS                    |
| SACBC 98.1 | 1.2   | <b>APOLOGIES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
|            |       | Apologies were received from Mrs M Ashford and Mr P Garwood.<br>LW/MB apologised for any confusion which arose over the meeting venue.                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
|            | 1.3   | <b>MINUTES OF 12 DECEMBER 1997 MEETING</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
|            |       | There were no corrections to the above which were approved as a true record.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
|            | 1.4   | <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
|            | 1.4.1 | Formal declarations of interest had still to be received from CD and CVP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| SACBC 98.1 | 2     | <b>INDEMNITY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
|            | 2.1   | MB/CVP advised that final sign off within SNBTS was anticipated within the next few weeks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
|            | 2.2   | LW/KF explained the complications that had arisen in seeking indemnity for KF from her employing authority. Dr Robinson will be proposing to NBA Executive and Board that they should indemnify any SAC members from English Trusts. It was hoped that other 'territories' of UK would function in a similar manner. |                       |
| SACBC 98.1 | 3     | <b>PROTOCOLS FOR COMPONENT EVALUATION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
|            | 3.1   | The SAC discussed these 5 documents and the individual authors undertook to make the necessary corrections and send to MB for editing.                                                                                                                                                                               | CVP/DP<br>LW/AS<br>MB |
|            | 3.2   | MB to re-examine the platelet count of FFP. Current Red Book specification relates to recovered plasma.                                                                                                                                                                                                              | MB                    |
|            | 3.3   | It was agreed that the evaluation protocols should include appropriate references.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | LW/DP                 |

- 3.4 MB agreed to notify the SAC which reference numbers should be used for the two documents tabled by AS. **MB**  
 Generic Protocol M98/15  
 Blood Pack Evaluation M98/16
- 3.5 The SAC needs to consider whether Chapter 5 requires a new section on dealing with the initial introduction of new components. MB to keep on the agenda. **MB**
- 3.6 AS agreed to raise the issue of sign off of new apheresed components with the Apheresis Strategy Group (AS is a member of that group). **AS**
- 3.7 LW to ask the Red Book Executive whether the NBS Apheresis (Technical) Group should become a UK Group reporting to the SAC on Blood Components. **LW**
- 3.8 Re Blood Pack Evaluations, MB advised that for operational reasons, SNBTS had adopted an approach that was based on the NBS document but which reflected SNBTS procedures. After discussion, it was agreed that the document produced by AS, initially accepted by the SAC, should be made more generic in approach. AS/MB to advance. **AS/MB**
- SACBC 98.1 4 **HAEMOLYSIS IN SALVAGED RED CELLS** **LW**  
 The SAC discussed L91 and agreed that they were not in a position to set levels for haemolysis in salvaged red cells. LW agreed to reply, proposing that the hospital concerned should set up routine monitoring to establish local standards and limits.
- SACBC 98.1 5 **ADDENDA TO NEONATAL COMPONENT SPECIFICATIONS**
- 5.1 The SAC discussed M98/07 and various amendments were suggested. MB to revise.
- 5.2 Paper M98/07 raised a number of issues that were considered to be more appropriately covered by the BCSH Blood Transfusion Task Force. MB/LW to request these matters are put on next Task Force agenda (30 March 1998). This to include: **MB/LW**
- any concerns about transfusing one donation (ie split) to more than one recipient;
  - considerations of age of component for large volume transfusions (ie must such components be < 5 days?);
  - considerations of using Red Cells in Additive Solution for large volume (and exchange) transfusions.
- 5.3 DP would discuss the shelf life of Platelets for Intrauterine Transfusion with Mike Murphy and report back (ie can this be extended to 48 hours?). **DP**

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**6 VIRUS INACTIVATED PLASMA**

6.1 LW reminded the SAC that this was a joint NBA / SNBTS project (with Baxter) that was due to enter phase 3 - full production for one month with GMP audit by AS/MB. As a result of prioritisation, NBS had decided to put their phase 3 evaluation and implementation processes on hold. SNBTS plan to implement around April 1998.

6.2 CVP will draft component specifications for MBT FFP / Cryo once phase 2 validation was complete. **CVP**

6.3 MA to analyse the Factor VIII and Fibrinogen data for the 200 NBS pack evaluation to gauge 75% cut-off value for specifications. CVP would use this for the component specifications. **MA**

6.4 MB to write to Paul Kelsey / Jenny Duguid to request that MBT FFP is put on next Task Force agenda. **MB**

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**7 FUTURE MEETINGS**

7.1 It was agreed that wherever possible, meetings scheduled for London would take place in the West End Donor Centre.

**7.2 Date, Time, Venue and Content of Meetings for 1998**

22 April 1998 West End Donor Centre - Leucocyte Depletion  
(LW will invite members of SACTTI to join us) **LW**  
17 June 1998 Edinburgh (venue to be announced)  
General Meeting  
10 Sept 1998 West End Donor Centre - Quality  
04 Nov 1998 \* Newcastle - General Meeting  
17 Dec 1998 \* West End Donor Centre

\* The necessity for both meetings will be kept under review.