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Date: Tuesday, 01 February 2000

Dear Sirs,

Re: Hepatitis Generic

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 27th January 2000. I apologise for the omissions. I am chasing them up. I cannot give you a time estimate at the moment but once your letter is with my clients I will be able to get back to you.

Yours faithfully

GRO-C

MRS ANITA JAMES
(Head of Litigation)