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Dear Dr. McCarthy,

Re: Factor V111 preparation

Recent information suggests that tracer viruses like HTLV3 (putative cause of A.I.D.S.) are not destroyed by normal Factor V111 concentrate preparation. If the concentrate available came from New York, Miami, San Francisco or anywhere else, I would like to know that the most recent preparation technique had been used.

I have had no difficulty in obtaining Factor V111 in the past. Either the National Haemophilia Centre or the Blood Transfusion Service have been the source.

Yours sincerely,

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