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ALT tested apheresis plasma for i.v. immunoglobulin production

Following the decision to exclude apheresis platelet rich plasma from ALT testing, the national input of this source material for i.v. gamma production is likely to fall below requirements. I have discussed this with Harold Gunson and made the suggestion, to which I have his agreement, that I approach you with the following proposal:

Regional Transfusion Centres who have the potential resources to increase output of ALT tested apheresis plasma for BPL negotiate a contract with BPL to supply this material in accordance with specification and quantity at an agreed price and for an agreed period.

From the circulation list, you will see those Centres who have been approached initially and, following preliminary evaluation of the problem, you might wish to have a joint meeting which I would attend, at which the potential and problems could be discussed.

The matter is urgent since BPL is currently negotiating manufacturing rights for i.v. gamma in response to pressure from the medical specialists in immunology and haematology. An initial target of 100 tonnes a year of ALT tested apheresis plasma needs to be guaranteed for this venture to be successful. I hope you will see this proposal as an opportunity, and I look forward to your response.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

GRO-C

Dictated by Dr. R.S. Lane
but signed in his absence.

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