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Dear Dr Lloyd

HEPATITIS C TESTING

Thank you for your letter of 2 May copied to Dr Gunson and Professor Cash. I had already heard of your decision from them since I am a member of the National Advisory Committee on the Virological Safety of Blood and also the Transfusion Transmitted Disease Committee chaired by Dr Gunson.

I am well aware of the controversy concerning Hepatitis C Testing. At the present time we are engaged in assessing the differences, if any, between the Abbott Generation 1 test and Abbott Generation 2 test. I presume you have started using the most appropriate test which you have validated on the results of the current three Centre evaluation of the 2nd Generation tests. I know that these results will be discussed very soon and an informed judgement made for the UK as a whole.

Kind regards, best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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Director

cc Dr HH Gunson
Professor JD Cash

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