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19th August, 1972

Dear Dr. Wilson,

I would be most grateful if the Department would consider a research grant for a prophylactic trial in haemophilia, to be conducted by the Treloar Haemophilia Centre.

I enclose a copy of the Protocol which has been approved by Professor J. Howell, Chairman of the Research Committee of the Wessex Regional Hospital Board.

It has also been approved by a meeting of several haemophilia treatment centre Directors, held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Rosemary Biggs, at Lord Mayor Treloar College.

Some points need clarification:-

1. The request for £20,000 is for the drug bill only. Current nursing, medical and secretarial staff should be able to service the trial.
2. The term "Switch Back Trial" is I think American, which anglicizes to "Cross Over". In other words each boy would act as his own control and where the trial duration is as planned, namely six terms, three would be prophylaxis and three terms placebo.
3. The double blind method is suggested to exclude observer boys, and perhaps even more important, "patient" boys. The haemophilia boys are great adepts at taking the mickey out of doctors and conducting their treatment to suit scholastic and social inconveniences!
4. The Ethical Committee of the North Hampshire Hospital Management Committee have considered the protocol in its earlier form, and I am sending the latest draft again today.

Yours sincerely,

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