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Professor O. James,
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Dear Professor James,

Re: William Murphy (7.11.34)
94 Hilary Avenue, Liverpool, L14 6US. (Tel. 051 429 0913)

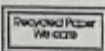
I should be grateful for your early opinion on the suitability of this 59 year old man for liver transplantation. When I visited recently, we discussed the utility of liver transplantation in patients with chronic liver disease and severe haemophilia, and Mr. Murphy falls into this category.

He has severe haemophilia, with less than 1% factor VIII levels. He had hepatitis B in 1978 and is now antibody positive. He presented with bleeding oesophageal varices in 1992. These have been obliterated by repeated sclerotherapy. He has had intermittent ascites over the last two years and has been quite resistant to treatment in the last six months. He is positive hepatitis C antibody on all assays, and his PCR RNA result will be available later this week.

He was in the ward (5X) last month for management of his ascites, and this was reasonably well controlled on Frusemide 120 mgm. o.m. and Amiloride 10 mgm. o.m. (he has been unable to tolerate Spironolactone). On this regime his renal function was normal. However, he was readmitted 48 hours ago in grade II encephalopathy. We treated this as being infective as he had 58 polymorphs per cu.mm. in his ascites but the culture is not yet back. He has woken up quite well.

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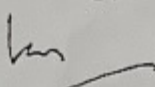
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He has good family support. He has had upper abdominal surgery in 1981 in the form of vagotomy and pyloroplasty for a duodenal ulcer. He has enjoyed very poor health for the last two years with trouble from ascites, poor energy, and most recently encephalopathy. His serum albumin is only 24 g/l., his bilirubin 41 micromol/l. and his prothrombin time 21 seconds.

Kind regards,

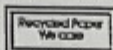
Yours sincerely,


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