

GASTROENTEROLOGY

Dr J F MacKenzie's Clinic

Direct
Fax

GRO-C

Professor G D O Lowe
Consultant Physician
Haemophilia Centre
Wards 2 and 3
Glasgow Royal Infirmary

GRO-B

Dict 8 May 1995
Typed 10 May 1995

Dear Professor Lowe

GRO-B

- Diagnoses: 1. Severe Haemophilia A
2. Hepatitis C positive

I saw this gentleman in the clinic today on Dr MacKenzie's behalf. As you know, he is Hepatitis C positive and since 1991 has had a mild elevation of his ALT although never more than twice the normal range. The last liver function tests which you checked in January showed the liver function tests to be practically normal. The ALT was only marginally raised at 57. The ultrasound scan was essentially normal.

He is already quite well versed in Hepatitis C and in the clinic today I again explained the overall success rate with Interferon treatment at present is only 25%. I also explained to him that if his liver function tests were normal, we would have difficulty in assessing his response to treatment over the six-months course although it would be possible to give him the full six months of Interferon and recheck his PCR status at the end. I also explained that we were hoping to be in a position to give a combined treatment of Interferon and Pro-Viron in the near future. John is happy to await the possibility of combined treatment at present.

Today I have rechecked his liver function tests as well as his iron status which has recently been shown to influence the success of Interferon treatment.

We will review him in three months when we should be in a position to either start combined or single treatment with Interferon.

Yours sincerely

D K GEORGE
Registrar

cc Angela, Dr J F MacKenzie's Secretary, Wards 8/9, GRI
Dr

GRO-B