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Dear Denisia

I reviewed your liver biopsy taken at the time of surgery with Dr Paul Conn recently and I am very pleased to report to you that the changes in the liver are both mild and non-specific and certainly do not amount to anything advanced or serious. There are undoubtedly some inflammatory changes within the liver & these almost certainly result from the chronic type C virus infection, but at present these changes are not sufficient to warrant an attempt at eradicating this infection, which is quite exacting and not exactly trouble-free form of therapy.

I know that it has been suggested you might see one of the hepatologists at Addenbrookes Hospital. I am frequently in touch with them about other liver patients and I know that my colleague there, Dr Graham Alexander, is looking at the possibility of starting a study using a different form of Interferon for the treatment of this virus than has been used hitherto. However, patients entering this study need to have quite advanced liver disease before such treatment will be deemed appropriate. Thankfully, this does not apply to you.

I would like to suggest, therefore, that we keep in touch with each other over this matter and that you come to see me from time to time for this purpose in

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my clinic at Colchester General Hospital. Assuming that this will be acceptable to you, I am enclosing details of such an appointment. As you will see, this is scheduled for 23 November which gives you plenty of time to recover from the continuing effects of your recent surgery and will also give more time to show in which direction the abnormalities are going.

If there are any problems or uncertainties about these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact me through my secretary at Colchester General Hospital.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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