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Dr. S.C.M. Sweet,
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Channel Islands.

Dear Dr. Sweet,

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While GRO-A was with us we took the opportunity of sending a blood sample to Colindale to check for the presence of antibody to HTLV 3 (the putative AIDS virus). I understand that the results are equivocal and they wish a further sample to be sent.

I would not like to unnecessarily alarm the mother as the presence of this antibody occurs in almost all severe haemophiliacs. However, it is important to clarify the possibility that he might be negative in which case it would be essential that he be treated only with Heat Treated Factor VIII.

I wonder if you would be so kind as to arrange to forward a sample of serum to the Public Health Laboratory, Epidemiological Research Laboratory, 175 Colindale Avenue, London NW9 5HT; telephone number: 01-205-7041.

Incidentally, it is now pretty well accepted that haemophiliacs who are severe should be switched to Heat Treated Concentrate and I do hope that funds will be made available in Guernsey for your own patients.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

GRO-C

A. Aronstam

Consultant Haematologist.

P.s. Could the sample please be marked for the attention of Dr. Mortimer.

SCM — I have sent off further blood to Colindale but have not discussed this potential problem with Mrs. Henry.

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