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Dear Richard

BPL RIA TEST

I understand from Dr Walford that you were seeking written confirmation of the arrangements described at Wednesday's Scientific and Technical Committee meeting regarding the distribution of BPL's RIA test. I think that the best "confirmation" I can offer is the minutes of the JMC meeting on 22 October (copy attached) at which that Committee endorsed the way forward which had been agreed within DHSS and ~~was~~ *has been* described by Dr Walford. That arrangement has since been conveyed to Burroughs-Wellcome.

As was reported at the STC meeting, our colleagues in Finance Division are still considering the questions of profit margin and of an advance payment to BPL. We hope to resolve both matters shortly. In the meantime it is clearly important that no action is taken by BPL regarding distribution of its test which might be seen to undermine this arrangement.

Yours sincerely

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