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Dear Madam

Hepatitis Generic

Thank you for your letter of 20th January 2000 enclosing the Minutes of the UK Advisory Committee on Virological Safety of Blood from 4th April 1989 to 9th February 1993, upon which we have the following comments.

Second Meeting 22nd May 1989

- 1 The enclosures at ACVSB 2/1 are missing. Please produce them. ?
- 2 ACVSB 2/5 missing, as is the annex to it referred to on page 79. Please produce both ACVSB 2/5 and the annexure. ✓
- 3 Please produce ACVSB 2/8 and 9. ✓
- 4 At ACVSB 2/7 under the heading of *Surrogate Testing - Licensing Authority* there is a passage:-

Appended are the results of a questionnaire on NANB hepatitis by the Council of Europe and an extract from the report of the Committee of Experts on Blood Transfusion and Immunohaematology (SP-HM) in 1987.

Please produce both the results of the questionnaire and the extract from the 1987 report.

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Third Meeting - 3rd July 1989

- 5 Please produce the annexures at ACVSB 3/1 (referred to in the Minutes as an *EC Directive on Blood Products*).

Fourth Meeting - 6th November 1989

- 6 Please produce annexures ACVSB 4/1✓ and 4/2; 4/5. ✓
- 7 The minutes at pages 197 and 198 consist of two pages only but the paragraph numbers are not consecutive, indicating that pages 2, 3 (and possibly other pages after 4) are missing. Please may we have a complete set of the minutes.

Fifth Meeting - 17th January 1990

- 8 Please produce annexures ACVSB 5/1, 2, 6-10. ✓

Sixth Meeting - 24th April 1990

- 9 Please confirm that the documents at 264A, 269, 276, 278, and 288 are not abstracts produced by Ortho at the London HCV Symposium on 8th February 1990 but notes prepared by Dr Rejman who was then a member of the Department of Health Secretariat supporting the ACVSB.
- 10 Please produce annexures ACVSB 6/3, 6/4, 6/5, 6/6✓ and 6/7.
- 11 Can you confirm that the action chart at page 295 forms part of Professor Zuckerman's note at 290-295?

Seventh Meeting - 2nd July 1990

- 12 Our copies of the annexures for the Seventh Meeting have *lost* the annexure numbers usually indicated in manuscript in the top right hand corner. In respect of the documents at pages 310-339, please state the appropriate annexure number for each page, or group of papers.

Eighth Meeting - 21st November 1990

- 13 Please provide a copy of annexure 8/2. ✓

Ninth Meeting - 25th February 1991.

- 14 Please produce annexures 9/4✓ and 5, 9/7, 9/8, 9/9, 9/10, 9/12✓ and 9/13. ✓

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Tenth Meeting - 29th May 1991.

- 15 At pages 6/11-13 we have a report of a meeting of the UK BTS Advisory Committee on Transfusion Transmitted Diseases relating to HCV testing and counselling. The second page (page 2) is missing. Please make this good.
- 16 Please confirm that the document terminated at paragraph 6.4 and there was no page 4, or subsequent pages.
- 17 Please produce annexures ACVSB 10/5, 10/6, 10/7, 10/8 and 10/9.

Eleventh Meeting - 29th October 1991.

- 18 Please produce annexure 11/1 and 11/5.
- 19 The Minutes of the Eleventh Meeting conclude on page 4 at 947 but there are clearly additional pages as evidenced by the fact there is no reference to the date of the next meeting. Please produce the missing pages.

Thirteenth Meeting - 2nd July 1992

- 20 We appreciate that the meeting originally scheduled for June 1992 was postponed to 2nd July 1992. However, the papers for Thirteenth Meeting held on 2nd July 1992 omit the papers which the Committee considered and which were either circulated in advance or were tabled at the meeting. Please produce those documents, particularly those arising under items 3, 4 and 5 on the Agenda, all of which go to HCV in one form or another.
- 21 Our copy of the minutes of the Thirteenth Meeting held on 2nd July 1992 consists of two pages only terminating at paragraph 4.2 ii. Please produce the balance of the minutes.

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Fourteenth Meeting - 29th September 1992

- 22 As you rightly point out there is a repeat of the minutes of the Twelfth Meeting in the papers for the Fourteenth but more important we do not have the minutes of the Fourteenth Meeting. Please produce them.

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+ 14th circ order.