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Dear Mr Marzouk

Thank you for your recent visit at which we agreed that I would put the provisional protocol for the trial of heat-treated Koate H.T. to the Central District Ethical Committee for their approval. This is now underway.

We also discussed my October 4th letter to you in which I outlined proposals for our future experimental work on Factor VIII stability and level in heparinised plasma, and invited Cutter to give us financial support, as our local research fund grant has not been renewed.

Can I clarify some points in that letter. While I asked if financial support for two years might be possible, I would be more happy to receive support for one year, possibly with an option on Cutters part to renew it for a second year depending on the results. The direction of our future work has not been settled, but it could certainly be further slanted towards problems of mutual relevance. During our first year we have found evidence, which we hope to publish, that the current assay system for Factor VIII in heparinised plasma, which has never been scientifically validated, and which contains a number of assumptions and possible errors, is unlikely to be giving an accurate estimation of the FVIII content of the heparinised plasma. An assay method which avoids these undesirable features is being developed by Tony Cumming.

Further to our request for access to the Haemosciences "Autopheresis-C" plasma separator, I have contacted Mr Batham, the UK representative, and he is prepared to loan me a machine for sufficient time to enable us to complete that part of the experimental work which requires fresh cell-free plasma.

Finally, I was most interested to hear of the progress of Dr Blagdon's work at Cambridge BTS, U.K. Do you know if he has published any of his findings recently?

I look forward to hearing again from you.

Yours sincerely

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