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Dear Dr. Swinburne,

I apologise for the delay in answering your January 2nd letter, but I have been overseas for the past two weeks.

Until we have some clinical evidence, I believe it is right to confine the use of Hyate:C to life saving situations in inhibitors. However, we believe that the product is now of a sufficiently high purity for it to be used ahead of Feiba. Indeed, many of your colleagues in other Units have expressed this opinion.

Unfortunately, we still await our first case. We have shipped material out on three occasions during the past few weeks, but in each case, in the end, it was not necessary to use porcine.

Our hesitation about recommending Hyate:C for more general use, is due to lack of knowledge on the antigenicity. Platelet aggregation should definitely be a thing of the past, since PAF levels are extremely low and undetectable without the presence of ristocetin.

Total pig protein is well below 1 milligram per ml., so reactions should be minimal. However, until the material has been used in a patient we cannot be sure.

I will make sure that you are kept informed as the situation develops and much appreciate your interest.

Concerning human material, I do hope that we will be able to get back on your list of suppliers during 1980. I believe our price of 10 pence per unit for Koate is competitive, although this can be reduced slightly for large quantities.

I will be coming up to Leeds later this month and will give you a call nearer the time, in the hope that you have a few minutes to spare.

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Yours sincerely,

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Director