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FACTOR 8 AND THE OBSERVER ARTICLE

Dr Walford has confirmed that the value to severe haemophiliacs of clotting factors 8 and 9 far outweigh the possible, and as yet unproven hazards of the transmission of acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The NHS is about to commit about £20 million to building a new blood laboratory to manufacture (among other products) factor 8 with a target production capacity of 100 million I.U factor 8. This is well known in the haematology world. I do not think you need worry about the draft which can stand as written.

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