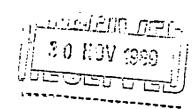


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Dear Professor Cash

I am pleased to be able to inform you that the Export Permit for the ORTHO\* HCV antibody ELISA test has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

This means that we can now supply product labelled for "In vitro diagnostic use" instead of "Research use only".

The change will occur with lot number HCV-113 which will be available in December 1989, and represents a major step forward with the test.

I trust that you find this information useful for your future planning.

Yours sincerely

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Peter Savage Product Development Manager

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