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Dr. H.L. Lloyd,
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Dear Huw,

RE: ANTI-HBc STUDY

Thank you very much for agreeing to participate in this trial.

I have received acknowledgement from both Abbott and Pasteur and they are both willing to supply you with test kits in order to complete the trial.

I have written to both companies (copies of letters enclosed) asking them to contact you directly to make the appropriate arrangements.

I also enclose with this letter a draft of the study protocol. This has been looked at by members of the U.K. Advisory Committee on Transfusion Transmitted Diseases but if you have any comments I would be pleased to have them as soon as possible.

With respect to routine testing following the results of this trial, a recommendation will be put to the Department of Health. It will be their Advisory Committee on the Virological Safety of Blood who will decide whether we ought to proceed to routine screening of blood donations for this antibody.

I cannot yet anticipate what this Group will say, but I am proposing to write to RTCs within the next day or two advising them that they ought to make provisions for this screening starting sometime later in 1993.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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