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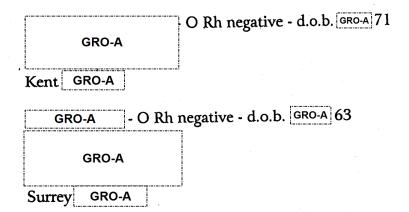
Dear Sue

Re: Post-transfusion Hepatitis B Enquiry - GRO-A
(Our Ref: JEB 92/2

This is a jaundice enquiry that has been going on for almost three years now. The patient was a leukaemic at UCH whom we found in April 1992 to be Hepatitis B surface antigen positive, and whose marrow was stored in a liquid nitrogen tank while infectious. The Hepatitis B virus was then transmitted to four other patients. It took about two years to persuade UCH that there was a related cluster of infections, and this is why the whole matter has dragged on for so long.

We thought we had solved the problem on two occasions, but both donors have proved to be negative on subsequent retesting. I am writing to you now because Richard Tedder asked me to go through with a fine toothcomb all our non attending donors, and I am ashamed to say that I now see what I should have seen before - that four of these donors live in South London. Tom Crusz tells me that three at least of these are now registered with you. I do apologise for not having thought before of notifying you of this matter and obviously can only keep my fingers crossed that none of them are anti-core positive. Our archive sample was tested for and negative for Hepatitis B surface antigen and anti-core.

The donors details are:



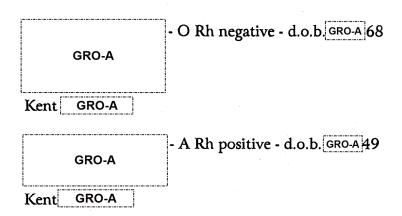
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Tel.: BRENTWOOD 223545 (STD Code 0277)	BRENTWOOD, ESSEX CM15 8DP
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Mr GRO-A is actually on our records as having transferred down to you, but Tom Crusz couldn't find him as a currently active donor. If you have any archive samples on any or all of these donors which we could test for anti-core, we would be extremely grateful, as it would help us finally to bring this enquiry to a conclusion. There is legal action pending and obviously the patient is likely to become increasingly irritated as the matter drags on.

Once again I am really sorry that these donors addresses hadn't 'clicked' with me earlier - my only excuse is that we have closed (and reopened) this enquiry on at least three occasions, as new evidence has come to light - not to mention new lists of donation numbers from UCH. However I have now written it into my procedure that I must check the addresses of lapsed donors in case they are attending you or Colindale.

Apologies once again.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

