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Dear Dr. Gunson,

Re: Post-Transfusion Hepatitis Patient

Thank you for your advice regarding follow-up of the donors, one of whom may have caused non-A/non-B Hepatitis.

Further viral studies are being done on samples from the patient and it is possible that we may yet have a more precise diagnosis for this fatal hepatitis. Of course, it may not be related to the transfusion at all.

We tested plasma from eight of the nine donors and one of these was actually a donor of the Welsh Transfusion Services, **GRO-C**. We found no evidence of hepatitis C antibodies; we used the Ortho test. One of the donors had a raised ALT level, 69 units/ml (normal range up to 35). This donor has given blood 37 times.

The seven tested Wessex donors have all given blood previously and there is no evidence that any have previously caused post-transfusion hepatitis.

We have nothing to test from the ninth donor. This was her first donation in our region. She had given blood previously, in 1980, in another region and we are asking for her records to see if there is any mention of post-transfusion problems.

I plan to have all of our donors called again as usual and this will be in August/September. We will carry out checks for hepatitis C antibodies and also measure their ALT levels. As a precaution, I think we will not use any of the donations.

I have not yet passed on this information to BPL but if you think this would be advisable, could you please let me know.

With best wishes, and thanks again for your help.

Yours sincerely,

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