Anti-HBc Screening Project Study Group meeting Tuesday, 26th September 1995

Present:

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Barbara Cant

David Wenham, Ian Reeves

Prof J-P Allain, Dr Lorna Williamson

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East Anglian Blood Centre Division of Transfusion Medicine

Apologies:

Prof R Tedder

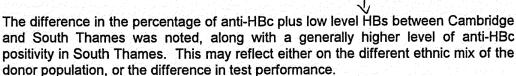
1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th August 1995 were agreed.

2. Matters Arising

- a) The protocol for testing of patients by Dr Barbara was confirmed to include both IMX and Murex, with overnight incubation. Samples will also be tested on PRISM.
- b) Correspondence between Professor Allain and Professor Tedder (see attached). It was confirmed that, as in the protocol, all donations with anti-HBc without anti-HBs, or with anti-HBs <0.1 iu/ml, were being discarded, irrespective of subsequent PCR data. The cut-off of 0.1 iu/ml is 10 times that specified by CDC and is in fact 0.13 iu/ml because of the choice of standard.

3. Results Update



Action:

- 1) BC to obtain information on ethnic mix of South Thames donor population.
- 2) South Thames samples to be retested for anti-HBs in Cambridge, when other markers are performed.

Testing is now complete in Cambridge, and approximately half-way complete in South Thames who should finish in the second half of December.

4. Look-back Study

a) The Ethics Committee at Addenbrooke's Hospital had just approved the protocol, subject to two or three minor modifications. Applications would now be prepared for the other hospitals in East Anglia.

Action: LW

The Ethics Committee at King's does not meet for a further month but South Thames hospital applications are less urgent. Dr Knowles is also obtaining forms for St. George's.

b) Research Nurse Appointments

 A good number of applications had been received for Cambridge and three for Tooting.

Action: LW/JPA to short list for Cambridge, with interviews to be held on 10.10.95. Tooting applications to be sent to Dr Hewitt for short listing.

- ii) John Chambers, EABC Accountant, was in contact with Abbott, Chicago, to set up an account for the nurse salaries and other expenses.
- iii) Dr Chris Moore at NLBC had offered to train the nurses in congr counselling, and had also made available a useful detailed lifestyle questionnaire. This was primarily designed for donors, but will also be helpful to exclude other risk factors for hepatitis B in patients.

5. Any Other Business

LW suggested that since many of the Study Group would also be involved in the PRISM evaluation, we could in future follow the HBc meeting with a PRISM review meeting for relevant personnel. Two hours should therefore be allowed for the next meeting.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 1st November 1995, 09.00, East Anglian Blood Centre.

LW/cmh 27th September 1995

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