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Dear Professor Hayes,

Today's mail brought an appointment to be seen at your clinic on the 7th January. This has prompted much reflection on what possible choices and decisions I need make, and also reminded me that I have not responded to your letter of reply to my GP Dr Sutherland, who contacted you regarding GRO-C

I was not particularly surprised to read your thoughts on this subject, but was disappointed to read of your surprise at my need for anything stronger than 'simple analgesia'.

My medical records show that arthritic and spine pain has been a constant feature. Severe headaches over the last couple of years, have at times, disabled me.

I have been using a huge amount of painkillers, with little effect, for some time. NSAID's cause gastric problems. Codeine based products exacerbate the nausea and vomiting that has been a more constant problem. Tramadol has proved to be the best of a bad choice. Diazepam is helpful when my back and legs go into spasm – but a drug I would prefer to need much less. Aspirin and Paracetamol have been used as a 'top up'.

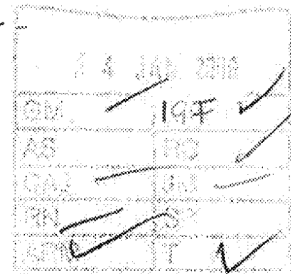
I have been concerned at the amount of toxins these drugs must leave behind, and always try out any 'alternatives' first. I am no longer able to afford the many therapies I was using for pain control, and am beginning to feel resentful, at not only having to spend more than I can afford, but also having to continually fight for validation of my condition. It can feel as though this damn virus gets all the attention and the 'host' is completely ignored.

Whilst visiting a disabled friend this summer, I watched her regain some control over her life, by GRO-C I decided to try it, and immediately felt the benefits. I had my first unbroken nights sleep in a long time, I managed to start enjoying food, rather than force feeding myself, vomiting all but disappeared. I have not had one muscle spasm – therefore not needed any Diazepam. (I was using approx. 15x5mg per month) Arthritic pain is much reduced, and indeed *now* can be controlled by simple analgesia! Only when I am unable to buy GRO-C do I need to use Tramadol, and the dose is massively reduced. The GRO-C has all but 'cured' the headaches.

Perhaps the scientific evidence does not support the use of GRO-C for HCV per se, but it most certainly should be looking at more than a virus and acknowledging the many disabling conditions that appear to arise in people with HCV.

You are correct in assuming that I will continue to use GRO-C and it should be noted that I do so simply to improve the short and long-term quality of my life. The short term being my

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most immediate comfort, the long term being my concern at what damage traditional pain relief will cause my liver.

Feeling somewhat disillusioned at the scientific approach, I would like to take some real time away from it all, and would prefer to spend next year trying to find some peace and make some sense of it all. I would rather not attend appointments at the moment, and wonder if blood tests can be done locally here in the Borders? I have called Sister Miller, and asked her to cancel my appointment, and I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr Sutherland and Dr Eade.

I sincerely hope that this decision does not prejudice any future contact I may have with yourself and your department?

Yours sincerely,

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