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Dr. Bruce Cuthbertson, Microbiologist, Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service, Protein Fractionation Centre, Ellen's Glen Road, Edinburgh EH17 7QT

Dear Dr. Cuthbertson,

Bill Turnbull, Chief in the Hepatitis Laboratory, tells me that the recent history of hepatitis testing in this Centre is as follows:-

From 7.2.78, donors samples were put together into pools of 10, each pool being tested by R.I.A. using Abbott reagents. Each donor sample was also tested individually by a haemagglutination method. In that year, three H.A. test methods were used, the Edinburgh inhibition method, Wellcome Hepatest, and Abbott Affscell.

From 2.5.79, donor samples were tested individually by R.I.A. using Abbott reagents.

The current assay kit, used here since November 1981, is Hepatube (R.I.A.) from Wellcome.

I hope this is the information you require.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr. Ewa M. Brookes Regional Director