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Dear Mr. Macleod,

COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF HEPATITIS C KITS - PHASE II

Thank you for your letter of 21st March 1991. The general proposals within your letter are entirely satisfactory with two exceptions.

1. The timing of this study has slipped because of the unavailability of test kits. The Ortho 2nd generation tests have only arrived at North London RTC within the past few days and it is unlikely that the Abbott test kits will be available until the middle of April.
2. Because of the means of storage of the samples at North London RTC it would be preferable for the Abbott test kits to be tested there with their samples and at Newcastle and Glasgow with the samples they have in storage. Abbott are putting into North London RTC the appropriate equipment and the staff at that Centre are familiar with its usage.

In order to accommodate the slippage I have, with the agreement of Dr. Metters, postponed the introduction of routine anti-HCV screening until 1st September 1991. I have sent a letter stating this to Mr. Mark Fuller.

Yours sincerely,

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