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Dear Andrej,

HEPATITIS C VIRAEemia IN U.K. BLOOD DONORS:
A MULTICENTRE STUDY

I attach to this letter a fax of my response to Dr. Garson.

I have included most of the points you raised in your letter. However, I do not think we should attempt in a scientific article to try to justify any alleged delayed introduction of anti-HCV screening. I have asked for the last sentence of the first paragraph to be deleted since, again, I do not think this contributes to the scientific content of the paper.

Also, I am sure that the tests were performed using RIBA-II but I have asked for clarification. I do not think any delay was caused by RIBA-II not being available. There was a delay between the two phases of the study but this was caused by the sheer logistics of transferring samples from three RTCs to each of their confirmatory laboratories and the fact that 65 PCRs took a long time to complete.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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