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Dear John,

re: A Prospective Study of the incidence of acute and chronic hepatitis
in haemophiliacs as a result of first exposure to factor VIII and
IX concentrate or cryoprecipitate

Thank you for the draft protocol of the above study. Apart from a very few minor typing errors it looks fine as far as I am can see. On page 2 the definition of hepatitis mentions symptoms and signs as described in the appendix I. You did not send me a copy of appendix I. Apart from that I have no other comments on your document.

With regard to the acquired immune deficiency state in haemophiliacs I discussed this with Helen Chappell who is the Consultant Immunologist here and she was very interested in the problem and would be quite interested in being involved in any study of our patients.

Shortly after you 'phoned me last week I received a telephone call from a physician in the States asking what our experience in this country was. He had just been to a meeting where the 3 cases of haemophilia with AIDS already publicised were discussed along with another one or two possible cases presented at the meeting. Apparently the whole problem has caused quite a stir in the haemophilia world in the States so much so that one very senior physician has withdrawn his factor VIII concentrates from the accident room and insists on vetting the patients himself before any dose is given. I feel the whole thing should be looked at urgently if only to clear the air and dispel some of the apprehension that has been stirred up.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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