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MESSAGE

Dear Harold

HCV CONFIRMATORY TESTING OF DONATIONS

Having thought further about the UKACTTD meeting on Monday, I doubt whether long term anything more than a RIBA 2 or similar test is called for, or will be paid for, by RTCs.

However, Richard, John and I would like to make a proposal which takes up the point John Cash made. I see from the findings of the study of 1st generation kits that only 24 of the 65 donations repeatedly reactive in one assay were reactive in both. It would be very advantageous to make use of this phenomenon especially if, with the 2nd generation screens, there were an even higher proportion of singly reactive donors.

I would like to take the opportunity of talking about this approach on Friday and, if you agree and people are receptive, I would send out a letter such as drafted herewith. See you Friday.

GRO-C

Philip P Mortimer

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