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Dear Dr Reid

**NON-A, NON-B HEPATITIS ATTRIBUTABLE TO BLOOD TRANSFUSION
OR ADMINISTRATION OF BLOOD PRODUCTS**

We understand that blood transfusion or administration of blood products give rise upon occasion to "non-A, non-B hepatitis", and that this might happen less often if all donations were tested; a liver function test is mentioned, since evidently no one specific test could be used to detect a medley of heterogeneous agents.

After discussion with Dr McIntyre, I would be glad of your opinion on this matter, and particularly of information upon:

- (a) The likely incidence in Scotland of this group of disorders;
- (b) The proportion attributable to blood transfusion or administration of blood; and
- (c) How far any proposed test could reduce this proportion.

I understand that Dr Follett already had access to some relevant work, and would of course be ready to discuss it with you. I look forward to receiving your view.

Yours sincerely

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DR JOHN FORRESTER