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Dear Professor Ludlam

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I saw this man with hepatitis C at the clinic today. It is many years since he had a short trial at treatment, but had to discontinue partly because of side effects and partly he says because of stresses and strains related to his business at the time. At the discussion with him about the success of pegylated Interferon and Ribavirin, particularly in patients with genotype 3, I believe he is quite keen to go ahead with treatment. There is obviously going to be some delay for this and we should check that he does remain PCR positive. His liver function tests quite often are normal, although when they were last checked his ALT was 61, so I suspect he will be PCR positive. I suspect that this man going through treatment will need a lot of help and support, but I can think of no contraindication to him being started. Because of the mild derangement of his liver function tests and the fact that his laparoscopy some years ago showed only mild problems, I think it unlikely that he is cirrhotic, so treatment at present will be preventative and at the age of 62 it is quite likely that he will never run into problems related to advanced liver disease and hepatitis C.

Kind regards
Yours sincerely

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