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Dear Doctor,

Re-call of Zoster Immune Globulin (ZIG) batches GZ32 (A & B),

The Blood Products Laboratory, Elstree has re-called ZIG batch GZ32 (A & B) because the donor pool used in its manufacture included plasma from a donor who at his next donation 9 months later was shown to be LAV/HTLV3 antibody positive.

The batch itself and the plasmapool from which it was made are LAV/HTLV3 antibody negative but the original donation was not available for testing. In these circumstances the Blood Products Laboratory considered it prudent to withdraw the batch.

Please return all unused stock of batch GZ32 (A & B) to CDSC (Immunoglobulin), 61 Colindale Avenue, London NW9 5EQ.

A new batch of ZIG will be available for distribution in the week beginning 20th January, but in the meantime limited supplies of previous stocks are available from CDSC.

Finally, please retain records of patients to whom ZIG batch GZ32 (A & B) has been administered so that nationally coordinated followup can be arranged later.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr. N.S. Galbraith Director