

Witness Name: Royal Free Hospital (Debra Anne Pollard)  
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**EXHIBIT "WITN3094001/12"**

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Dear Dr Riddell,

Re: Nicholas HIRSCH, dob 24.4.76

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I saw this 25 year-old musician today the 6<sup>th</sup> August 02. He has severe haemophilia A with factor VIII of less than 2u/dl. He is HIV negative and is on treatment for hepatitis C. He treats his haemophilia on demand. He has not had any particular bleeds.

On functional enquiry he is well. He has a problem with soreness and hardness on the abdomen where he injects. He has also had some recent problems with hay fever.

He is HIV negative and has good antibodies to hepatitis A and B having been vaccinated. He started on pegylated Interferon and Ribavirin in October 2001. He is due to finish treatment on September 5<sup>th</sup>. He had type 1 hepatitis C. He remains on treatment with 135mcg/week of Interferon and 400mg bd of Ribavirin together with Folic Acid 5mg and GCSF 5mcg/kg.

His neutrophils a month ago were 5.96. He has normal transaminases and had a negative PCR at the end of six months of treatment so it looks as though he will be successful in clearing hepatitis C.

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On examination of his hepatitis C it looks as though there is a small indurated area inferior to the umbilicus which feels like a bruise. I have advised him to use subcutaneous fat on his thighs for injections until the end of his treatment.

Thus, in conclusion, he will continue with Replenate on demand. He is due to finish the Pegasys study in 7 weeks time.

At the end of the consultation I discussed with Mrs. Hirsch, his mother, about their attempts to try and get recombinant factor VIII treatment. She says that there has recently been refusal by the health authority and that they refused a judicial review. The Sunday Times newspaper has been communicating with her and she feels that the last resort now is to go to the press.

I have explained that UKHCDO guidelines are due to be re-issued in September of this year and that these guidelines recommend recombinant factor VIII for the treatment of haemophilia.

Yours sincerely,

Christine A. Lee  
Professor of Haemophilia