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Dear John

During the meeting in Bonn I learnt, for the first time, that Beringwerke are getting rather excited - following chimpanzee studies - that their preparations of factor VIII, made from HBsAg positive plasma (starting at 90 ng/ml), appear to be safe. The reason given is that they are heat treating the product for 10 hours at 60°C in the presence of glycine and sucrose. Apparently the glycine and sucrose protect the VIII from denaturation.

Sounds unbelievable: thought you might be interested.

Kindest regards,

Yours Sincerely,

PROTEIN FRACTIONATION CENTRE

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