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Dear Ms Savage

Product manufactured from a plasma pool, which included a donation from a donor now diagnosed with vCJD

Bio Products Laboratory (BPL) currently sources plasma from the United States. However, until 1998 plasma was sourced from donors of the United Kingdom (UK). BPL has received notification that a UK donor has been diagnosed as suffering from variant Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease (vCJD). Plasma from the donor was supplied to BPL in 1996 and 1997.

The plasma was fractionated into several batches of different products. All of the batches have passed their expiry date. Nevertheless, BPL currently considers it appropriate to notify consignees and the appropriate regulatory body of such products. The affected batches that have been supplied to you are listed below.

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There is no evidence that the vCJD agent has been transmitted by blood products and therefore it is still considered a theoretical risk.

We can confirm that since 1998 BPL has been fractionating plasma solely sourced from the US and therefore this issue does not affect current supplies of BPL product.

If you have any queries regarding the above please ring Customer Services on 020 8258 2342.

Yours sincerely

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