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Dear Professor Cash

### SECOND GENERATION HEPATITIS C ASSAYS

I am writing to inform you that Ortho Diagnostic Systems is introducing its new Second Generation ELISA assay for detection of antibodies to Hepatitis C.

The new assay replaces the First Generation assay, and offers increased sensitivity and specificity through the inclusion of new structural and non-structural antigens, namely C-22 and C-200.

The Second Generation ELISA assay represents a significant advance for the screening of blood, and is complemented by the Second Generation RIBA-HCV assay, which is already the subject of publications<sup>1</sup> showing its value in confirming ELISA positive tests.

I enclose a copy of the Direction Circular for the new Second Generation ELISA assay. Members of your staff have already been given copies of the Direction Circular for the Second Generation RIBA assay.

Should you have any questions concerning these new assays, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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### Reference

1. Confirmation of Hepatitis C virus infection by new four-antigen recombinant immunoblot assay. C L Vander Poel, LANCET: Vol 337: Feb 9 1991: Pages 317-319.