

GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY

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Dr R. A. Willett,
96 Drymen Road,
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Dear Dr Willett,

Rev. David Black, c/o 10 Douglaspark Ave., Bearsden.

Thank you for your recent letter, and for referring this patient. As you say, he was investigated here some years ago and was regarded as having haemophilia. When recently in America, he developed a haemostatic problem and was investigated and treated at Stanford Medical Centre. There, I understand, he was considered to be suffering from von Willebrand's Disease.

He appears to have made a fairly good recovery, though he is left feeling vaguely unwell. Clinically, I found no abnormality, apart from some slight tenderness over the left renal angle. He has no haemostatic problem at present.

I have re-investigated his haemostatic mechanism on two occasions and our findings indicate a diagnosis of haemophilia. On the two occasions tested, his bleeding time has been quite normal, which is very much against the diagnosis of von Willebrand's Disease.

For practical purposes, I feel he should still be regarded as suffering from haemophilia. I have written Dr Judith Pool in California, who was responsible for his investigations there asking for details of her findings. Dr Pool is well-known internationally in the haemostatic field, and I am sure she has very good reasons for regarding him as suffering from von Willebrand's. I will contact him again when I have her reply and write you giving details.

As regards the other aspects, and in view of his recent renal problem and his further ill-health, I wondered if he might have a residual urinary tract infection, but an M.S.S.U. culture was sterile. His blood count was :

Hb.	14.1 G. %
P.C.V.	39%
M.C.H.C.	34%
W.B.C.	6,600/c.mm.
Platelets	144,000/c.mm.
E.S.R.	7 mm in the first hour

I have explained our findings to him and I think he understands the position.

Should he have any problem in the meantime, do not hesitate to send him back but I will not see him again until I have Dr Pool's reply.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. F. Davidson.