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Dear Dr Duncan

VICTOR TAMBURRINI (D.O.B. 27.04.1957) 284E LONDON ROAD GLASGOW G40 1PT

Diagnoses: 1 Hepatitis 'C' with probable cirrhosis

2 Alcohol excess

3 Rising alphafetoprotein

Mr Tamburrini is keeping fairly well. He has cut his alcohol intake right back over the past six weeks and currently takes a glass of wine every one to two weeks. He is on no regular medications. On examination he has no definite ascites.

On review of his MRI scan I confirm that there is no focal lesions seen. Otherwise stated there was underlying cirrhosis. His last blood results revealed albumen of 25, bilirubin 100, AST 240 and thrombin time 22 seconds with platelets 108. I note his previously high ferritin and HFE genotype is awaited.

Despite his negative MRI his rising alphafetoprotein is a concern or this may reflect his viral hepatitis. This is being repeated today in addition to his other LFTs.

I plan to see him in four to six weeks and probably proceed to liver biopsy for his logical assessment. This may well have to be done by the transjugular route and I have strongly advised him to continue to minimise his alcohol intake so that any histological assessment may better reflect the degree of viral aetiology to his liver disease.

Yours sincerely

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