Dear Joan,

Many thanks for your letter of 5th December and the FVIII R:Ag results.

I understand that Chris Ludlam has infused our first batch of heated FVIII on three occasions in the same patient and is now less concerned about the neo-antigen risk. However the question is important and I would prefer to have complete data from your study, covering the improved heating conditions. In other words, yes I would like assay on C:Ag and fibrinogen (& PF4 - you indicated once that this is relatively heat sensitive).

The R:Ag data is very encouraging and I'm happy to proceed on that basis meanwhile, but if we do see problems in the other assays we might have to review our heating conditions again.

We are also beginning to think about writing up this phase of the project ie the laboratory work on the behaviour of model viruses and FVIII heated under different conditions. I would like to include your work to demonstrate the degree of protection that the stabilisers provide. What do you think?

Best wishes,

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