Dear Frank,

MANUSCRIPT ON "STUDIES ON STABILITY OF VIII:C"

Many thanks for your rapid response to the draft manuscript. As you seem fairly happy with the clinical section I will now send copies off to the other co-authors and establish their views before I make any changes.

However I can comment on the two points that you make.

1) Details of the "2 hr" production lot are included as this represents a typical production scenario and confirms the level of yield improvement that should be obtained. The 5 hr material was abnormal and was only carried out to provide special material for the clinical evaluation. This would not represent a routine production situation.

2) The reason why the figs. in table II exceed 100% is because of the different standards used. The material which I have assigned 100% was the frozen unformulated sample - this was assayed against a plasma standard. The freeze dried samples were all assayed against a concentrate standard hence the % calculation includes the ratio of concentrate standard/plasma standard. I try to explain this on page 12 (line 15) but it may not be clear enough?

3) I agree that the manuscript is very long - I estimate 10-11 pages in Vox - but I think it is difficult to split up because:

   a) The clinical data is necessary to address the in vitro discrepancies.

   and

   b) There is insufficient clinical data to stand alone.
I have completed the various corrections that were still on your copy and have therefore enclosed a "final draft".

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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