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Dear Eleni,

Thought you should be the first to hear the good news. Channel 4 has agreed to our five week development period, to be conducted together with the Robens Institute at Surrey University.

Dr Andrew Taylor, Director of Research at the institute is very keen to help co-ordinate the proposed tests. I have sent him copies of your Bio/Technology paper and he has prepared the enclosed protocol, to circulate to the PHLS labs we are going to use. We are checking what tests and antigens they are using.

I am also very pleased that Dr Graham Hughes one of the leading authorities on lupus has expressed interest in our tests, and once he has had time to assess the protocol, could be willing to give us blood samples of lupus patients for testing.

As you know, I have been struggling to get this programme off the ground for eighteen months and I dearly wanted to do the tests with you in Perth, but that wasn't possible. Now, it will be just me, Huw, and Dr Taylor running these preliminary tests. This means that I shall need your help and advice, and wonder if I can keep in close touch with you both before and during the procedure?

For example, Huw and I would like to check with you when we learn which tests are going to be used by each of the three labs. It is very likely that they will be ones that are most commonly used in the UK, like Murex (ex Wellcome Diagnostics), Pasteur and Abbott.

I enclose a protocol worked out together with Dr Taylor, and very much look forward to your advice on how to select the HIV negative participants.

Love from,

