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Dear Mike

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I refer to your letter of 20 August and proposed budget (£10,400) for mode of action studies on the compound. Also Arthur Waitt's letter to me of 13 August on the same subject.

I am not convinced that we need initiate any mode of action studies on the emetic agent since it is present in such low concentration. Any concern about how it works or any untoward effects it might have are, I feel, largely theoretical because of the dramatic effect of the simultaneous larger dose of paraquat.

The other argument for doing mode of action work because of its possible introduction into wider use in hospitals and home might be valid if this was our intention. However it would seem to be a mistake if we introduced it as an emetic in its own right, since this would give others the opportunity of adding it to competitor's paraquat.

Thus I am in favour of doing only that toxicological work on the emetic which is strictly required for registration purposes.

Yours sincerely,

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