

other excellent research groups".

In your report "Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease surveillance in the United Kingdom" You reported 260 suspect cases. Of these 76 are definite, 62 probable, 48 possible, 48 others, 25 unclassified and 1 GSS for the period of 1985 - April 1990. Further classification of 139 notified cases for the period of May 1990- 30 April 1992, you reported 43 definite cases, 11 probable, 20 possible, 63 other and 2 not classified. From these figures you can see that if my simple touch technique was used for confirmation, we would have better scientific information and publish the accurate incidence of CJD. Since my test can be done on the same day of postmortem, ~~correct death certificates could be issued.~~ Further, this test would be useful for screening tissue donors so that tissues from CJD cases are not used for transplant.

I note from your many public statements that you do not believe that BSE can be passed to humans. You also say in your fax that the urine test would be "exceedingly unlikely" to be helpful in CJD cases. Given your clear beliefs in this regard, and your own department's lack of experience in dealing with the Nemavirus, I think the best way forward would be for you and I to meet, with a view to discussing terms and conditions for having my test validated. I'd strongly propose, for example, that the management and scrutineering be handled by an impartial third party, chosen by mutual agreement. As for the validation process itself, I'd suggest that I first demonstrate my test on ten CJD positive samples and ten Alzheimers, (CJD negative) ones. In the second place, the impartial third party would select, say, ten of those samples in whatever combination he chose, and then I'd test those, blind.

With reference to paragraph three of your fax, I am at a loss to know how you could guarantee that the details of my test would not be passed to any third party. But we can discuss that too. For the moment, allow me to explain that my test has been developed with private financial backing, and that the test itself is my intellectual property.

When we meet, I think it might prove helpful if detailed minutes be taken. Would you let me know if we could meet on 15 or 18 March 1996?

With best regard

Yours Sincerely

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