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Correction Notice No. 4

To: **Quality Managers of the 4 UK Blood Services**

Dear All

Re: **Corrections to the Whole Blood and Components Donor Selection Guidelines and the Geographical Disease Risk Index (GDRI)**

I am writing to inform you that three errors were recently found, one in the Whole Blood and Components Donor Selection Guidelines and two in the Geographical Disease Risk Index (GDRI) as follows:

1. **Glycogen Storage Disease entry – WBDSG**

Correcting a typo and adding another name for GSD type 13.

Discretionary If the potential donor suffers from type 0 (glycogen synthase deficiency), type V (McArdle disease), type XI (Fanconi-Bickel syndrome), type XII (Red cell aldolase deficiency), or type XIII Glycogen Storage Disease ([Beta – enolase deficiency](#)), accept.

2. **Leeward Islands entry - GDRI**

Most of the islands that comprise the island group called the “Leeward Islands (Caribbean)” are individually listed in the GDRI (e.g. Montserrat, Guadeloupe, Saint Martin etc) and most of them have a Tropical Virus Risk (TVR). The Leeward Islands (Caribbean) entry in the GDRI however states there is no Tropical Virus Risk and this needs updating.

Tropical Virus Risk ~~No~~

[Yes](#) most islands in the Leeward Islands (Caribbean) have a Tropical Virus Risk. Please look under the individual island’s name for the appropriate GDRI entry e.g. Montserrat, Guadeloupe, Saint Martin, etc for more detailed information.

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3. **Seychelles entry - GDRI**

An error has been identified for Seychelles – It has been confirmed that this is not an area affected by a Viral Haemorrhagic Fever risk and therefore this needs to be corrected by deleting this from the GDRI.

~~Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Risk~~ **Yes**

These corrections are being made at the same time as Change Notifications No 37 to 43.

With kind regards.



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