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Dear Colleague,

**Sheffield Antibody Testing – Enterocyte Abs, Goblet Cell Abs, Parathyroid Abs, Pituitary Abs, Collagen 2 Abs**

I am writing to inform you of an update regarding the tests listed above. The slides used for detection of the antibodies have been withdrawn by the manufacturer due to a worldwide shortage of primate tissue, and there is no indication if this will be available again in the future. Therefore I regret to inform you that Sheffield PRU will no longer be able to offer these tests as part of their repertoire. They are continuing to search for a suitable substrate material and will notify us if they manage to find a supplier.

For the last year we have stored any samples we have received for these tests, however as time goes on it becomes increasingly unlikely that there will be a solution to this problem in the near future. Therefore we have taken the decision to remove these tests from our referred work repertoire and we will no longer accept requests for these antibodies. They will ultimately be removed from Trakcare, however if we receive any requests before the changes have been made they will be reported with a comment to inform the user that the test is unavailable.

I apologise for the inconvenience caused by this, and if Sheffield are able to reinstate these tests I will be in touch to provide an update.

Yours sincerely,



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