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Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Reference Biochemistry Laboratory at King's College Hospital NHS Trust (part of Viapath LLP), we write to inform you of an error that has occurred in the laboratory, resulting in cancellation of any renin samples received between 19/01/2022 and 21/01/2022. Unfortunately, a freezer failed over the weekend and the samples stored within are unsuitable for renin analysis. We sincerely apologise for the cancellation of these tests and any distress caused to the patient. Any impacted samples have been resulted with the comment "Renin assay compromised due to freezer malfunction". In those samples that had a corresponding aldosterone request, this test will still be processed since aldosterone stability was not compromised by the freezer failure.

We have taken this freezer out of service and are storing samples in an alternative place until the replacement arrives.

Please accept my apologies for this unforeseen cancellation of your samples and feel free to contact me either by email or by telephone if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours faithfully,



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