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Montmorency, March 7th , 2006

Dear Doctor,

Following some scientific letters (bibliography in annex), mentioning a **phenomenon of “corrosion” with the tungsten coils which can lead to a recanalisation**, we would like to recommend you, as a precaution, to control the patients that have been treated with Balt tungsten coils before 2000.

The exact mechanism of corrosion is unknown. We can precise that the clinical observations demonstrating the absence of toxicity of degrading tungsten coils in adult and pediatric patients despite elevated serum tungsten level.

Please find enclosed the brochure with the references of MDS tungsten coils.

Knowing this problem, BALT Extrusion took the decision to stop this range of coils in 2000 and the products lots numbers which are concerned are:

- the lots **before 20000102**.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you need more information.

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