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Blood Sciences Department*

Lab No:  
Hospital Ref No:  
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Dear ,

**RE: Your First Trimester Screening result**

You recently had the 'combined test' to screen for Down's syndrome, Edwards' syndrome and Patau's syndrome. This has shown that your baby has a lower chance of having these conditions.

For this pregnancy, you have 1 chance in 50,000 for Down's syndrome and 1 chance in 50,000 for Edwards' syndrome or Patau's syndrome.

We do not offer further testing at this level of chance.

It is important to understand that there is still a small chance of giving birth to a baby with Down's syndrome, Edwards' syndrome or Patau's syndrome because the screening tests do not detect some babies with these conditions.

A lower chance result does not mean that there is no chance at all that the baby has Down's syndrome, Edwards' syndrome or Patau's syndrome, just that it is unlikely.

If you have any questions about your result, you can contact me using the details below.

You can find more information about Antenatal Screening for this condition, including details of parent support groups, at [www.nhs.uk/depscreening](http://www.nhs.uk/depscreening)

Yours sincerely,

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