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Dear colleague,

In today's Round Table Report you reported on the different variant viruses around the world. I missed information on the UK variant (B.1.1.7) in the different islands in the Caribbean region. The Netherlands assist their OTC with sequencing of a selection of samples for surveillance of the different variants now circulating worldwide. Up to early last week 10 cases of B.1.1.7 were found on Aruba, and 1 at Curacao. I heard that also on Martinique, Guadeloupe and St. Martin this variant has been detected. I have no information of the British dependencies. I don't know if these cases are included in the totals of the mother country. Because Aruba and Curacao are autonomous countries, strictly spoken this would not be correct. These cases have been reported to PAHO.

Kind regards,

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