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The organisation is facing falling numbers of new blood donors. Artificial blood is one potential solution, particularly for patients for whom it is hard to find a good blood match. The trial will be organised by the Universities of Bristol, Cambridge and Oxford and will start by 2017.

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