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Dear Doctor Blackburn:

Jack Titus passed on to me your letter of January 16 regarding the significance of left axis deviation in the electrocardiogram of patients with coronary heart disease.

Jack, Herb Oxman and I have discussed the difference between your study and ours. We feel that there is one basic difference in the two studies which is probably responsible, at least in part, for the difference in left axis deviation as a prognostic factor in patients with coronary heart disease. Our patients are admitted to the study at the time of initial diagnosis of angina pectoris whereas I understand your patients are admitted to the study after they have already had a myocardial infarction.

It will be interesting to compare the data when we have completed our 25 year study. Herb Oxman has already reviewed most of the histories. He and I are close to completing the review of the electrocardiographic findings and Jack and Herb have reviewed the autopsied hearts for 10 years of the study.

We will, of course, be glad to let you see our final data regarding the prognostic significance of left axis deviation before publication and will be very interested in your critical comments regarding other aspects of our study.

Best wishes!

Sincerely yours,



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