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Dear Ron:

Hail! Chondroitin sulfate is indeed a normal mucopolysaccharide in human connective tissues. However, reported *ed* is a classic portrayal of the "neglected" paranoid genius, fighting along against the establishment. Obviously, you can detect that in a study of 60 patients post-infarction, treated with CSA versus 60 controls that any statement about cardiac events after 2-1/2 years follow-up, must be based on a small and insignificant number of cases. Clearly, neither the known mechanisms, nor Dr. Morrison's very preliminary trial results, are sufficient to justify the multi-million dollar trial he is proposing.

Dr. Morrison claims to be the first to demonstrate an effect of diet, and lays claim for the revolution in American eating habits. This is of course a fraud. He did a similar, non-randomized control study of 50 patients(!) with diets starting in 1947 as a base for such claims.

I am sure Dr. Morrison is a sweet, charming gentleman, but he is obviously deluded. CSA is "one of things!" I am afraid we will not learn about until there are very careful laboratory studies followed by appropriate studies, not now indicated. As with all such claims, "he could be right"! *human*  
Keep in touch.

Cordially,

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