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Dear Dr. Blackburn:

Thank you so much for submitting to the Journal "Professional Views on Atherosclerosis and Coronary Disease". There has been a bit of an argument about this essay, which accounts for the delay in my writing to you about it. However, the argument has been resolved and the Journal would be happy to accept this as a signed editorial.

My only request is that you introduce somewhere a reference to the article which this editorial summarizes rather than using the footnote which you have now on your title page, a procedure that is not in accordance with Journal practices. Thus, you might use the reference right after the sentence in the first paragraph stating "These I like to call the academic and the pragmatic views."

Sincerely yours,

Franz J. Ingelfinger
Franz J. Ingelfinger, M.D.

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October 4, 1974

Franz J. Ingelfinger, M.D.
Editor
New England Journal of Medicine
10 Shattuck St.
Boston, Mass. 02115

Dear Dr. Ingelfinger:

The enclosed correspondence with Bob
Schlant indicates why I send you a poten-
tial editorial.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.

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pc 2 editorial
to R. Schlant.

October 1, 1974

Robert C. Schlant, M.D.
Director, Division of Cardiology
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69 Butler Street, S.E.
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Dear Bob:

Your response to my opinionated Progress article was thoughtful, kind, pleasing, reassuring and encouraging. I confess to being similarly impressed with the nature of your very direct public remarks last month at the Georgia Baptist Hospital luncheon. It is clear that there is something to be said for the pragmatic view of prevention in a society with an "epidemic" of coronaries, probably of cultural origins. We would both surely prefer the dispassionate and balanced overview, but it sometimes takes the adversary approach to indicate the conceptual problem and to pierce the sometimes rigid academic armor!

I have entertained the idea of separate short editorials on "The Academic and Pragmatic Attitudes" and "The Atherosclerosis Problem in Childhood" (enclosed), as perhaps having wider interest than to the readers of an expensive book for subspecialists. However, to date I've done nothing about them. Most editors I know are jealous of and insistent on the uniqueness of the material they accept to print. However, I will send them along to Dr. Ingelfinger for his opinion. Thanks.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.
Professor and Director
Professor of Medicine

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September 18, 1974

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*Should I forward them to you
right away?*

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Dear Henry:

I would like to congratulate you on a superb chapter "Progress in the Epidemiology and Prevention of Coronary Heart Disease" from Progress in Cardiology, vol. III. I think you really have done a tremendous synthesis of a great amount of material. I was particularly intrigued by your discussion of the two polar attitudes. That discussion and the succeeding paragraphs to the end of the chapter are truly magnificent. I wish that somehow it would be possible to have it rewritten slightly and available as an editorial. Have you thought about taking the latter section and writing an editorial for a widely distributed journal. Perhaps the New England Journal of Medicine would have the widest distribution (next to the JAMA) and it certainly might be something that Dr. Inglefinger might be interested in. I would think Dr. Grace and the American Journal of Medicine would be similarly interested in a provocative editorial such as that and also certainly the American Journal of Cardiology which I know would be very interested in it.

You really have done a superb job in crystalizing and expressing the current state of knowledge.

Sincerely yours,

Bob

Robert C. Schlant, M. D.
Professor of Medicine (Cardiology)
Director, Division of Cardiology

Return to H. Bushnell.

S/k

Beat Gloria in ex. lab's apt.

My praise to you personally cannot be excelled

but for the chapter very good but not superb

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nearly that far,
but it might
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you! It touched
certain people &
turnel off many
more!*

*since I know Bob so well maybe I shall send
him a copy of my critique, clipping out name
first paragraph*

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