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Dear Bill:

Having the leisure to study in more detail your Section 27 I am more and more enthusiastic for their dissemination as useful guides for the physician, even despite the LVH.

How do you account for the fact that the absolute probability of developing CHD increases little after age 55 in men and not at all after 60, when most other evidence suggests that CHD incidence rises continuously with age? Do we have to worry about adequate numbers of cases here? If so, maybe you could cut off at 60? Is there any way to suggest a meaningful confidence interval around any of the probabilities (at least the average P)?

Regards,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.

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P. S. I was upset by the tone of Ancel's Lung Article, and achieved some toning down of his language, but decided for peace at home to leave my name on the paper even though I considered it a much too direct and unnecessary attack. Now it is amusing to see him complain about your barbed reply. Oh well. We are grateful here for your putting him on the Tampa Program, which pleased him immensely.

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Enclosure