

From Dr. Blackburn at Geneva
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Dear Ancel:

Someone other than Taller is still claiming "calories don't count." A. Jouve from Marseilles tried to bust up the Rome meeting with his nonsense that coronary patients eat too much, obese or non-obese. He has found a theorist who supports him, Tremolieres, and is going about the country talking this way.

I have asked him for reprints and believe we should reply to him, in French, because of the confusion he's causing.

I also would like very much to see a slide with the proportion of men with elevated triglycerides superimposed on the CHD rates, as in Figure S 9 for cholesterol of the monograph. Do you have this available on a few countries, at least in subsamples? I would especially like to see it for the Mediterranean areas.

It would still be very useful to have a similar presentation on % calories from sugar. These are the most common questions I get on these matters and it is a little lame to have to quote other evidence when these matters have been looked at in our data. Could you help me in this? I will be giving presentations in Geneva, Zurich, Basel and Paris during January.

My main problem at the moment is getting agreement with the local lipidologists (Pometta and Micheli) on a diet for the Prevention Program. They want high polies or lo CHD, depending on lipid picture, and I plug for lo-fat (1/3: 1/3: 1/3) for all, weight reduction where indicated.

Regards,

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