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Dear George:

I'll sign off. Our correspondence is unhealthy; my intentions were honorable in opening it with admiration of your Progress article.

No claims are made for remarkable ideas or researches but I do enclose the list of research projects on-going here, for your interest. The testing of important hypotheses in generally well-designed clinical trials may not be your cup of tea but it is a logical outgrowth of prior observations and has nothing to do with an entrenched protective posture which you think I have.

If you really consider Morris' work as definitive, rather than simply consistent with a protective affect of exercise, and think it adequately accounts for confounding variables, then you may have real problems evaluating epidemiological evidence. Also, if you had had the courtesy to peruse rather than return peremptorily the opinions and observations I sent you, you would have seen that I shared your criticism of the Finnish Hospitals' Study.

I still hope you will listen one day to one person, who tells you openly that you may have some problems of evaluating certain types of evidence. Of course, this observations comes from one who is much less sure of himself, and of passing scientific and moral judgments on others, than are you.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.

*Enclosed
Thank
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