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Dear George: Your perceptive review of my letter & all the reprints I sent you, having assumed your interest, suggest you can give, but not take criticism. Sorry, will not try again unless we are over a beer.

Table B11 of the prevalence report of the 7 countries Study is cross-sectional data relating occupational activity to ECG findings. Since I prepared it, I can assure you that it is consistent with an activity hypothesis but is extremely weak evidence for it, as are all other similar studies. You should know that.

Your admission "to do my homework" on the sample size computation is your malcomprehension of my question. Precisely because I have done so I

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to see whether you have.
You failed to reply to
most of my questions about the
design of a "definitive" study on
the activity hypothesis which indicates
to me that 1) you don't know yourself
what components go into such a
computation or 2) you don't want to
be precise enough so that your
design can be fairly evaluated &
criticized. For example, you should
indicate the statistical confidence ^{power} you
desire, not leave it to a statistician,
and you need to specify the endpoint
which determine the size & design, whether
you accept reduction of deaths, non-fatal
MI, etc, etc. Your estimate of a 50%
desirable & feasible reduction from CHD by
exercise indicates some of the inadequacy of your
thinking, particularly since you didn't
specify in a general population, or in a
particular high risk class as I asked, etc.



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All told, you have confirmed
my suspicions that you don't have
a firm grasp of the trial problem
to compare with your brilliant
conceptions & formulations about mechanisms,
& that you & we would profit
greatly by a better dialogue.

It appears unlikely that
your temperament will allow such
a needed dialogue, & it disappoints
me. I consider myself an open
& reasonable person, and am sorry
you isolate yourself from those who
would enjoy fruitful discussion & have
over the years, offered friendship.

Regards, Henry.