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Dear Paul:

Many thanks for letting us have the pre-print of your valuable review. Neither in concept nor details have I much criticism to offer. You have addressed yourself to the clinical and arteriographic diagnosis of coronary artery disease - and that is certainly the clinicians problem. However, your statements about the risk factors and the predictive importance perhaps "ask too much" of such indicators. And "it has become apparent that risk factors alone lack sensitivity - - etc." in prediction is an inappropriate analogy with the diagnostic sensitivity at a given moment. The important thing here is not really the diagnosis but the degree to which risk factors predict before disease is apparent, and the independence and additive nature of the information obtained with the ECG.

A fine job. Thanks.

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