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Dear Henry:

Please do not apologize for asking me to read the manuscript on ECG prognosis in the CDP. It was a privilege and as I said in my previous letter extremely informative. I am sorry that my response has been so slow to the second draft, but time always seems to be in short supply.

I really have little to say about it that I didn't include in my earlier letter. I still feel that no matter how it is published some streamlining would help the reader. I mentioned it to Ernie Reynolds who read it and made the same comments. It is obvious that it is a major paper of great importance, but it would be a shame if the numerous very crucial points were obscured by the excess of detail about methods, which even creeps into the results and discussion in the form of qualifications and defense of the validity of methods. Quite frankly, when Henry Blackburn writes an article I know that it is a meticulous, precise job, that the ECG coding was the best possible and the statistics above criticism. Therefore, I am sure that anyone at all familiar with the field would accept these statements about methods and enjoy pondering over the "meat". Ernie made this same comment.

I judge from the current form and comments that it will appear in monograph form, but even in such a generous space allotment I think the message should not be lost in the details. This should be the reference work on the subject and because of the large number of interesting findings should have an index to aid those of us who will refer to much of the data from time to time.

Fred will review it as soon as he and the rest of us get our grant renewal written.

Thanks again for letting me read the article.

Sincerely yours,



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