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Dear Ralph,

This is a belated reply to your November 6 letter and a belated recognition of the significant contribution you have made in your unconventional analysis of change in job categories and work expenditure and duration of exposure among an active occupation. We of course actively await the promised multifactor adjustments which could indeed be more important than you speculate, even though we agree that risk factor changes are not likely to be nearly as important as occupational changes over the period of observation.

As to whether the primary role of the epidemiologist is in regard to observational versus experimental data, I hope that I shall remain unsure about this matter until the end of time, trying to play both ends of the game as effectively as possible.

We're also happy to have a complete collection of your recent reprints and look forward to hearing more in Tampa.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.

P.S. The enclosed page from a publication to appear in the European press is still our somewhat skeptical feeling about the relative protection attendant on physical activity.

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