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Dear Sirs:

Nancy Lyon has I suspect done the public and her own reputation as a reporter on scientific issues, a serious disservice in the January Town & Country report on Cholesterol. She gathered together a motley group of investigative opinions and presented them in a highly provocative way. But unfortunately, she may have failed to talk to most of the serious, experienced, qualified and respected investigators in this field who understand the nature of the evidence.

She appears to have accepted at face value, with very little critical analysis, all of the arguments that have been directed against the importance of habitual diet as a ~~probable~~ necessary factor in any large social burden of fatty artery diseases.

Town & Country owes its readers, a greater understanding of the step-by-step development, and the congruent nature of that evidence, which was so blithely discredited.

The emotional language and uncritical review is, I believe, far below any professional level of accurate or balanced reporting.

Sincerely,

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