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ses - plural
Thanks.

Dear Lars:

I am belatedly getting around to read the mimeographed preprint you gave me in Tampa on the preventive aspects of ischemic heart disease. I find the results of course, very exciting, and your speculations very interesting. Your Alprenolol trial has attracted considerable attention here and there will probably be an editorial on it in a new magazine of which I have become consulting editor, called Medical Opinion.

I wonder if we are going to have the benefit of a separate detailed report on your interesting findings among the stopped smokers, or has this already been written up and I have simply misplaced it somewhere? If so, I would appreciate another copy, and obviously though it is not a controlled trial, we are interested in knowing whether the influence of smoking has been adjusted for that of other risk factor levels using your multiple logistic.

We continue to speculate along the same lines as do you about what risk factors are important at what stage of the disease, and hope to be able to pursue some of those analyses in the Coronary Drug Project data.

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I also vacillate between thinking in terms of your summary, that primary prevention is basically different from secondary prevention on one hand, and the concept that we perhaps should not make too large an issue of this because every evidence is that the primary risk factors maintain some influence after onset of the disease. We also have a very large category of people at intermediate risk, with chest pain, electrocardiographic findings in which risk factors appear to maintain an influence.

At any rate, many thanks for your preprint and please keep them coming.

Cordially,

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