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Dear Henry:

I have been thinking more the loads in the bicycle ergometer. Perhaps the values I wrote you are too high in your country, at least. It seems possible that the load of 600 kilobond meters per min. is best in the group aged 44-63 and 900 for ordinary students and 1200 for only young subjects with reasonable high habitual physical activity. As you know, submaximal exercise only is proper for the test. The load which increases the heart rate to 140 (older) or 150 (young) should be the best. I feel that it is important to inform you about this my second thought because if the test has to be stop e.g. because of too heavy load, it does not provide any useful information.

You will hear more in few days. I think that now testing of the interaction between two exercise tests should be OK.

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