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Dear Henry,

You and Alessdro have done a great job on the ECG. I appreciate the offer of joint authorship but I decline with thanks. I am reminded of the time when Noboru Kimura arrived at Gate 27 with a suitcase of ECG records, asking for help on classification. I denied expertise with ECGs and called in Ernst Simonson to help. That was 43 years ago and now I am even more ignorant than I was then.

In general, I think only persons who have participated in the analysis and writing of a ms.. should be named as joint authors of the ms. It is enough to acknowledge help in organizing and collecting the data..

With regards and good wishes to you and Alessandro, I am as ever,

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