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Dear Henry,

In some reports men who died in the first 3 or 5 years after entry were excluded from the analyses. The "reassessment" paper by Manson et al in JAMA is an example. In that paper there was no documentation justifying such exclusion. I have calculated the effect of such exclusions on the relation of death to BMI and to subscapula skinfold thickness, using the data on the U.S. Railroad men. Here are the results. Perhaps Jacob and Alessandro should have copies.

Yours,



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