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Dear Henry:

It was very pleasant to hear from you and nice of you to take a moment to comment on the Editorial. It must have touched some tender cords for many Medical Directors have expressed similar concerns.

While the Life Insurance industry misses you, I am sure that you are not missing very much. Nothing has changed. Application of progress in medical knowledge that might enhance insurance objectives comes slowly, if at all. However, as you probably know, finally, one elementary step has been achieved, i.e., reduced rates for reduced predictive factors which, I believe, you had suggested many years ago — at least a ten year lag.

I know that you and your laboratory are as busy and as productive as ever, for in my reading, hardly an article goes by without the satisfaction of noting a reference to your work. You have contributed much and of high quality. I do hope our paths may cross again sometime in the future.

Cordially,

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