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Dear Friend:

Sorry if I made you "ouch"! Under no circumstances was I suggesting that you were or be biased or selective in that section, only that interpretive editorial materials perhaps should not be repeated without any editorial critique. Those articles based on data, of course, might have to be taken at face value.

I think you would find that Dr. Stephen Hulley (Address: Institute of Medical Sciences, Annex 200, Pacific Medical Center, 2340 Clay Street, San Francisco, California 94115) would do a superb job on the HDL cholesterol issue, both in regard to experimental and epidemiological evidence. He is also rather youngish and "upwardly mobile" and might snap at the opportunity. Then again he might not. He has recently reviewed this matter for those of us on the Steering Committee of the MRFIT in a very effective way, and it would not be difficult for him to put it together.

Your concern with secondary prevention is a good one. I enclose a copy of an outdated manuscript which will not see publication and from which you may borrow anything desired and I assume we can get permission from the editors and publishers. It is my intent to update this article within the next month for eventual publication in a book edited by Wenger and Hellerstein. I think I should be able to improve it.

Your idea on the primary and secondary preventive effects of weight reduction and salt in hypertension is a superb one. Again, I might suggest a name to you of a young and upcoming investigator who would be quite competent to review this issue and who really should do so. His name is Richard F. Gillum and he is much involved in hypertension research in this laboratory. I will mention this to him, but suggest that you approach him directly if you decide to do this article. I, of course, will be happy to collaborate with him, either visibly or invisibly, as you desire. We have no evidence or opinions on the issue of sodium consumption increasing in the presence of diuretic therapy. I am sure you can imagine the many problems in exploring such an issue experimentally. I guess I have no ideas on that topic.

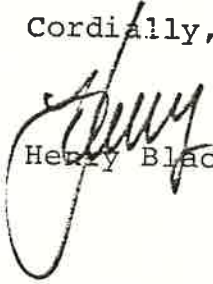
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Finally, "implied endorsement" by you was not my point. Uncritical recounting of an author's views in an editorial section such as Clinical Trends is perhaps appropriate for an abstract section but questionable for an editorial view.

Many thanks for the exchange.

Cordially,



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Enclosures

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