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Dear Sir,

Thank you for the two sets of copies of correspondence with (a) Jim Hogg, and (b) Dr. S.J. Harrison.

I am glad that Jim Hogg got his grant and I feel pretty confident that he will use it well and be of great help to you.

Dr. Harrison's application is of interest, particularly in view of his paper in "GUT" on the normal subjects. It may well be that he will obtain different results with his peptic ulcer patients, in which case the situation over peptic ulcers will be similar to what we believe to be the case with nicotine and smoking and cardiovascular disease, i.e. nicotine does not cause the disease but exacerbates the symptoms in someone who already suffers from it for some other reason. Thus, vagal activity is due to vagal hyper-stimulation and not due to the vagal tone which is known to have para-sympathetic effects. Perhaps sufferers from peptic ulcer have lost "feed-back control" which acts against increased vagal activity in normal patients. It would be interesting to know.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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