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Reply

To the Editor,

We read with interest that the findings of Hubacek et al further confirm ours showing an inverse association between high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C) and C-reactive protein (CRP). In our study including 760 men and women, we found a strong inverse association, with CRP levels being 88% higher in those with HDL-C level lower than 1.1 mmol/L (42.5 mg/dL) than in those with HDL-C level higher than 1.6 mmol/L (62 mg/dL). Hubacek et al report about a similar association between CRP levels in white males with HDL-C level higher and lower than 40 mg/dL.

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Influence of endurance training on energy intake, norepinephrine kinetics, and metabolic rate in older individuals.

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Dear Dr Field,

In the above-referenced paper, we presented data purportedly showing that endurance training stimulates an increase in energy intake and resting metabolic rate, which are associated with an increase in sympathetic nervous system activity, as determined by norepinephrine kinetics in older individuals. This study purports to have extended an earlier study (*Am J Physiol* 1991;261:E233-9) where the energy intake levels were obtained from the subjects' diaries. In the referenced study, energy intake was also covertly monitored.

I now wish to report that I intentionally omitted a material data point for the norepinephrine results for 1 of the 7 subjects reported in Figure 4 and the associated text of the referenced *Metabolism* paper to make the association between increased sympathetic nervous system activity and endurance training appear more significant than was actually the case.

I also report that I intentionally omitted norepinephrine data in a 1994 paper (*J Appl Physiol* 1994;76(6):2281-7) that I have also asked to be retracted. Because both the 1992 and 1994 papers relied on results where data were intentionally omitted, the 1991 *J Appl Physiol* paper should not be relied upon.

I take sole responsibility for the intentional omission. My coauthors were unaware of my actions and I now publicly exonerate them. I request that you publish this letter of retraction.

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