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Mr. James Wisheart,
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Dear James,

Please find enclosed a slightly more illustrative graph of the data on in-hospital and one year mortality. The major contribution to mortality from the high scoring BBC group continued at one year and, as I have told you, Andy Black has been able to reduce the number of predictive information sets to less than 10, with the same accuracy of prediction. I feel that we are now in a position to publish this data with the one year mortality on the basis that there is no other system that I know of which has prospectively scored cardiac risk and followed up to one year. With regard to the question on other outcomes than survival, you may remember that we did look at 48 hours stay on ITU as a measure of morbidity in the in-hospital stay; this data is still available. I hope this is of help in the interim and look forward to seeing you in the Unit.

Yours sincerely,



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