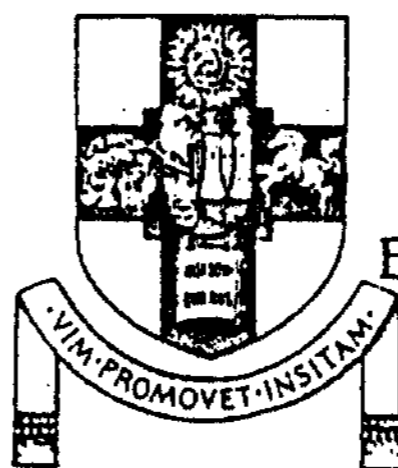


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Dear Max,

Please find enclosed the mortality data for the cohort of patients undergoing cardiac surgery in Bristol and allocated a pre-operative BBC score. As you can see, mortality in the higher scoring patients at 1 year is well above those in the other groups. I suspect that this may be important information for purchasers throughout the region, although it must be borne in mind that the high scoring group were only small in number. The current situation here is that I would like Eoin Sherry, the Anaesthetic Research Registrar, to publish the initial data with this 1 year follow up as an important contribution to prediction of outcome from cardiac surgery. At the same time Andy Black is continuing to make detailed analysis of the data from all three centres. I am hoping that the publication will help us to accumulate more data from other centres possibly through the U.K. valve registry, currently kept at the Hammersmith Hospital, and also by scoring more patients in Bristol. Under these circumstances we may want some more 1 year mortality data when we start scoring patients again. James Wisheart has also seen this data and is interested in the outcome. I would like to thank you and Dr. Norwood for your help in producing this data and I am sure we could credit Dr. Norwood on the paper as I am sure this will help his C.V. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures

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