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Dear Dr. Turner,

Many thanks for your letter of 23rd March and for the preview of Dr. Dennison's poster demonstration. It contains disturbing news. I have the following comments to make:-

1. The fact that Grip strength was improved in both the C & P groups and marginally in the C group does not indicate much to me as patients get used to performing this feat and both groups would learn from experience.
2. I note that the C group showed an improvement in the joint count and in the patient assessment of pain. No mention is made of the P group in this connection.
3. It is noted that there was more drop outs due to so called "side effects" in the C group. What were these "side effects?" Could they not have been Herxheimer reactions that were unrecognised at the time or even now? I feel that is most likely to be the case. How are these cases now? They may be greatly improved. Did they suffer permanently from liver or kidney disease?
4. Total adverse experiences were more frequent in the C than the P. group. This is exactly what we have expected. These adverse effects are however not permanent.
5. The P group only showed a small number withdrawing from the trial due to lack of efficacy. Does this mean that the others improved. You do not mention what form the placebo drug took. What was it?
6. When was the assessment made? Was this at the end of the trial or was it after a period of a month when the Herxheimer had time to settle? The inventor of this form of treatment that has helped millions always said that the patients always feel worse before they feel better and relieved of their disease. Was cognisance taken of this fact?

I shall be pleased if you will bring this letter to the attention of Dr. Dennison and I am indeed surprised that you have not shown my two previous

letters to him so that the ideas can be incorporated in the final analysis of the trial.

I am sorry to have been rather forthright in my remarks but our group is so convinced that this treatment really works and we have found this by our many experiences and it is not only in USA but throughout the world. Furthermore we have spent a lot of money on this trial and I do feel that full notice should be taken of what I have said. I hope that you will forgive me.

Thank you very much for your own personal remarks. I shall be pleased to hear from you on the above ideas.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Best wishes to you and yours,

Sincerely,



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Gerry Please let me know of any further suggestions if

I have left anything over

