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## Reply to Silver and Masri

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We appreciate Dr Silver's attention and letter sent to you as a response to our above publication. However, the letter does not address the strengths or limitations of our paper. The letter is rather a summary of old observational research activities at Stoke Mandeville Hospital dating back 40–45 years ago. We believe Dr Silver's comment does not add value in terms of interpreting the results we published.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The author declares no conflict of interest.

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