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Sent: 30 October 2013 18:27
To: Rory Collins
Cc: Sharon Davies; Julia Burrell
Subject: Re: Recent BMJ articles on statin safety and efficacy

Dear Rory. Very happy to meet. Julia will be able to suggest some dates. As for the BMJ's position on statins, I don't think we have one. The article by Abrahams and co was submitted and peer reviewed and published in the usual way. I guess they might have chosen the journal because of our too much medicine campaign. If there is anything factually incorrect or misleading in it, I would urge you to send a rapid response which we would almost certainly want to publish as a letter. In fact I do hope you will do this anyway as readers will want to know what members of the CTT collaboration make of these authors' analysis. If you have any difficulties submitting a rapid response, our letters editor Sharon Davies can help and is copied in. All best wishes, Fiona

Sent from my iPhone

On 30 Oct 2013, at 05:34 pm, Rory Collins <rory.collins@ctsu.ox.ac.uk> wrote:

Dear Fiona

It seems that you and the BMJ have decided to take a stand against the widespread use of statins to protect people from suffering heart attacks and strokes. I can guess at some of the reasons, but I would very much welcome an opportunity to discuss this with you since I do think that there is a danger that mis-representation of the evidence in the BMJ could cause a lot of harm, which I know is not your intention.

Might it be possible for me to drop by your offices sometime soon when I am in London to discuss my concerns — as well as, of course, yours?

Best wishes,

Rory