

## Re: "Statins caused my kidney failure"

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"Herman Rubin" <hrubin@odds.stat.purdue.edu> wrote in message  
news:ccs5ji\$51e8@odds.stat.purdue.edu...

> *In article <10f0ibdlkqejtc7@corp.supernews.com>,*

> *Robert <Robert@hotmail.com> wrote:*

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> > *"George Conklin" <nilknoc@earthlink.net> wrote in message > > What do you  
> > mean no one noticed? How do you know about now?*

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> > > *We know now because 40-50 years after treatment began, the proper  
> > > research was done. I am surprised how gloriously ignorant you are.*

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> > *How did they know then about doing the proper research about that  
specific*

> > *problem that we know now?*

> > *That information was gained ONLY after 40-50 years of treatment  
experience*

> > *AND our current understanding of cancer physiology. They didn't even have*

> > *tumor markers then so how in the hell would they have done the proper*

> > *research then? You totally don't have a clue. You are mixing up 50 years  
ago*

> > *and today. Fifty years ago there was no HIV so why didn't they do the*

> > *research concerning the bad side effects in HIV infected women as far as*

> > *cervical and uterine cancer back then? Dahhh!!!!!!*

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> *You are quite correct; we cannot wait until the "correct*

> *research" is being done. In fact, in too many cases, the*

> *FDA waits too long, and it is acting under pressure. The*

> *probabilistic analysis needed cannot be done except*

> *approximately, but those indoctrinated in the classical*

> *statistical religion are unable to understand this. Giving*

> *me the information that something was significant at a*

> *certain level, or the p-value, gives me some information,*

> *but not the relevant information.*

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> *Here, we are given information about short term changes in*

> *small death rates from cardiovascular problems, but without*

> *considering all the relevant factors, and without adequate*

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- > *consideration of other problems. One thing always mishandled*
- > *in medical studies is the question of those who drop out.*
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- > *I have seen the highly quoted summary paper, and I am not*
- > *convinced. I will accept that lowering cholesterol to*
- > *quite low levels will decrease cardiac incidents for most*
- > *people in the short run. The rest is unclear.*

You are not an extremist and have a reasonable approach to critical thinking. I have no problem with your analysis. There are many things that are not very clear.

"Life the way it really is— is a battle not between Bad and Good but between Bad and Worse."

Joseph Brodsky NY Times Oct 1 1972

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