THE AUTHOR OF THE INVITED COMMENTARY
REPLIES

I appreciate the interest of McGrother et al. (1) in the paper by Tennstedt et al. (2) and its invited commentary (3). As correctly pointed out, a patient history of “heart attack/angina” was reported by the community-based Leicestershire Medical Research Council (MRC) Incontinence Study to be a risk factor for stress incontinence and overactive bladder in the univariate analysis, although not in the multivariate analysis (4). My commentary (3) should have stated that coronary heart disease (CHD) has apparently not been previously reported as an independent risk factor for urinary incontinence. Given that at least two studies have reported no association between CHD and incontinence in middle-aged and older men and women (5, 6), I still consider the evidence for CHD as a risk factor for incontinence to be tenuous, but certainly worthy of further investigation as I indicated in my commentary.

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