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Dear Dr. Gunn,

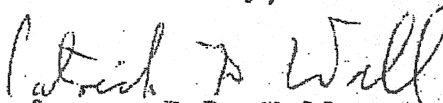
I have now had a chance to read your remarkable review on musculoskeletal pain of radiculopathic origin. It is full of extremely original and exciting ideas along with careful clinical observation. The diagnosis and treatment section alone justifies its publication.

I do not know where this paper stands in the review process but I will recommend to Harold Merskey that it should be published without change as a "Clinical Review". The decision is his and will depend on what referees have said.

Needless to say I do not agree with all that you have said. That would be out of my character! However I believe that you should have a chance to state your views without interruption. They are so interesting and important that they will provoke debate. For example you start with tentative hypotheses such as radiculopathy and hypersensitivity but as the paper proceeds these hypotheses become facts. Your explanations are entirely peripheral. They do not take into account the induced spinal cord plasticities. (The last is just a personal cry because your splendid work has not noticed what I have been working at for the past 15 years).

My sincere congratulations. I look forward to discussing the details with you in Hamburg & London.

Yours sincerely,


Professor P.D. Wall

cc: Merskey
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