The following articles are abstracted in the November/December 2000 issue of *ACP Journal Club*. The declarative title of each abstract as published in *ACP Journal Club* precedes the article citation.

**Therapeutics**

Losartan did not improve survival more than did captopril but was better tolerated in symptomatic heart failure  

Low dose amiodarone was better than sotalol or propafenone for preventing first recurrence of atrial fibrillation  

Physiological and ventricular pacing had similar rates of combined stroke and cardiovascular mortality  

More patients with acute ischaemic stroke who received ancrod had good functional status at 3 months  

Invasive diagnosis for ventilator associated pneumonia reduced 14 day mortality and antibiotic use  

Rifampin and pyrazinamide for 2 months prevented TB in patients with HIV infection who had a positive tuberculin test result  

Review: antimycobacterial therapy does not increase the rate of maintenance of remission in Crohn’s disease  

Review: intravascular catheter related infections can be prevented by using simple procedures  

CT scanning before fibreoptic bronchoscopy improved the accuracy of bronchoscopy in suspected endobronchial carcinoma  

Review: oral but not inhaled corticosteroids improve radiographic outcomes in patients with pulmonary sarcoidosis  

Metformin plus rosiglitazone had more effective glycaemic control than metformin alone in type 2 diabetes mellitus  

**Prognosis**

Review: hyperglycaemia after myocardial infarction increases the risk of death in patients with and without diabetes mellitus  

**Aetiology**

Review: high volume hospitals have lower hospital mortality rates than did low volume hospitals for various procedures  