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Key passages

A Method for the Evaluation of the Effects
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A Study of Khellin (Visammin)

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The work was carried out by a team of physicians in the clinic, all familiar with the plan and with their part in its operation. One person received the "daily report cards," decided on changes in dosage and dispensed the supply of tablets with directions for their use. He knew what the patient had been taking but this knowledge played no part in the record of the results, for his function was neither to question patients regarding the effect of the tablets nor to record judgment; he merely assembled and filed "daily report cards."

The other participating physicians were examiners. They made a fairly complete physical examination and recorded the results on a special chart provided with rubrics on history and physical findings. They also recorded an "interval-evaluation" of the cardiac pain, as unchanged, better or worse, in relation to the patient's habitual status. The "interval-evaluation" was made by skilled questioning under conditions of the "double blind test" in which neither the physician nor the patient knew at the time whether the evaluation related to the placebo or khellin.* The method was essentially similar to that employed in our study of the xanthines.⁵