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Dear Dan,

We are enclosing revised versions of our report "Unilateral and Bilateral ECT: Effects on Depression, Memory and the Electroencephalogram". We have redrafted the results section, following the cogent suggestions of the reviewers:

(1) Are patients responding to drugs instead of ECT? We found the difference in clinical effects between unilateral and bilateral treatments to persist after statistical "adjustment" by regression analysis - and have described our data more fully on page 8.

(2) Are differences due to age or not? We try to answer our own suggestion (pg. 11-12) on page 12-13. We were unable to assert that age was a contributing factor to the clinical difference in unilateral and bilateral ECT.

(3) Confusing pages 8-9. Critic is correct, and we have restructured the presentation - we believe more clearly.

The issues of this study are important, and we would be pleased to contribute to the discourse.

Again, my thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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