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Dr. M. C. Sampson
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Dear Dr. Sampson:

At the recent ECDEU meetings in Washington, a number of investigators referred to studies with tybamate, indicating that this compound may have potent muscle relaxant activity and lesser sedative activity than meprobamate. I am writing to obtain further information regarding the possible use of this compound in a study program now under development at the New York Medical College.

For the past five years the College has undertaken studies in the treatment of narcotic addicts. An important element in the treatment of addiction is withdrawal using methadone. During the withdrawal phase, patients complained bitterly of muscle tension, muscle spasms and cramps. A variety of compounds have been used with varying success. We are now planning a comparative study of two suggested treatment methods and in both the availability of more effective muscle relaxants during withdrawal may be useful.

If the data available suggests that tybamate may indeed be helpful in such application, I would be grateful for any information you can make available to me, and for an opportunity to discuss this.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Psychiatry

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