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Dear Dan,

RE: MSS 0658 Revised

Thank you for your letter and critique of our ECT study "Unilateral and Bilateral ECT: Effects on Depression, Memory and the Electroencephalogram". We found the suggestions cogent and we have made the following changes and revisions.

1. In addition to the multivariate analysis, a description of the pre- and post-ECT mean depression scores is included.
2. The classification of patients into endogenous or reactive groups has been clarified, and reference to our unpublished manuscript deleted.
3. The sources of bias of concern to the reviewer (non-random assignment, non-blind assessment, concurrent drug therapy) are discussed more fully in the text, and then noted in the Synopsis-Abstract.
4. We now clearly state that each patient had a grand mal seizure each treatment.
5. The study of Strain et al., is now accorded a more proper importance.
6. The sections on EEG and on memory are reduced to a few sentences summarizing work reported elsewhere (*Brit. J. Psychiat.*, *Dis. Nerv. Syst.*).
7. The time of post-treatment evaluation has been clarified.

We would be honored to have this report appear in the *Archives* and ask that you reconsider this revision.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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