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Dr. Joseph Garland, Editor
New England Journal of Medicine
10 Shattuck Street
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Dear Dr. Garland:

My associates and I are pleased to submit the report "Clinical Laboratory Test 'Abnormalities' in Placebo-Treated Psychotic Patients" for your consideration for publication in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

During the past four years as a consultant at the National Institutes of Mental Health we have been concerned that centers evaluating new psychotropic drugs have rarely reported the standards of their clinical laboratory and even less frequently indicated that they have carried out parallel laboratory studies in placebo treated subjects. The present report presents our experience with this problem.

Because of our need to provide copies to administrative channels in this school, we have been in the habit of preparing our final reports as colitho copies. The enclosed colitho drafts are submitted as a matter of convenience and clarity.

If the report is acceptable, we will make such alterations as may be consistant with your publication style in the citations and references. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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