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Dear Ed,

I have become interested in the catechol amine theory of opiate dependence, and read your 1969 NRC report with interest. In discussing the possible mechanisms with Doris Clouet, she read from your review for her book, and I am writing to ask if you can make a copy of this summary as well as other relevant reports available to me.

Your data suggests that serotonin antagonists, like cinanserin, may reduce opiate dependence (and opiate drive?) in post addicts, and if this is possible, it should be tested in man. Have serotonin antagonists been given to post addicts? With what results?

Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

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