

F. Letters

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Joyce Small, M.D.  
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Dear Joyce,

I am pleased to enclose a copy of the final report of our study of DH-524 (fenmetazole). We had spent a few months defining the EEG effects of the substance and were convinced that we had a good profile. To verify this classification, we suggested a definitive cross-over study. We suggested this, a step that was consistent with our original protocol, only to have the monitors refuse to supply drug for additional studies. This summary was prepared, reluctantly, as a final statement.

I have had a chance to read a report by Mendelson on the lack of alcohol blockade for this compound. I believe that his study, which was poorly done and was not definitive, may have tipped the scales against further studies of the drug.

On another matter, I have been called by Sol Goldberg to ask whether I would be willing to act as an ad hoc site visitor to an application from your laboratory. While I felt that I could act reasonably impartially, I did indicate to him that we shared some common interests, and that he should ask your approval before making arrangements. I would, as you know, be pleased for an opportunity to visit with you again.

My best regards. Tell Iver the SBP program is almost complete--- it should get off my desk during the next few days.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Psychiatry