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Dear Clyde:

It has been some time since I have written to you, and an inquiry regarding benactyzine has stimulated this letter. A recent report suggests that anticholinergic drugs may be helpful in the modification of drug addiction. Realizing that benactyzine is probably the most widely used such compound, I wonder if you have any experience or data regarding its trials in drug addicts?

Has anyone attempted the treatment of drug addicts with benactyzine (or other anticholinergic drugs) either in a hospital or out patient setting?

Thank you for your comments.

Sincerely yours,

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