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Dear Richard,

While in Holland a few weeks ago, following up on my interest in the peptides that may affect brain function, I was presented with the enclosed reprint and asked whether I thought the data warranted further study.

After reading the report, which shows that the administration of a peptide derived from vasopressin will reduce the self administration schedule of rats bar pressing for opiates, I became very interested. It seems that this peptide has the same effect on self-administration of opioids as the administration of an opioid; yet the compound has no analgesic, respiratory, or sedating effects.

It would be of interest to determine if the compound relieves drug seeking behavior in opiate dependent humans.

I presented the problem to Al Freedman and he seemed interested, suggesting that I send you the reprint and arrange that we meet soon. I am scheduled to teach at the College October 5 (8 to 10 p.m.) and again October 26. If either evening is suitable for you, call me and I can come in about 5:30 or 6 p.m. for a chat.

My regards.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.