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Dear Mickey,

Your letter to Kathy was shared with me, and I am sorry that Lancet did not feel the way we did about your work. Dr. Munro's afterthought is indeed a recommendation, for I believe it expresses some doubts about his position.

There are two roads open to you.

You are committed to writing a draft for Biological Psychiatry. That is implicit in the award, and it was the unusual combination of the launching of a new journal and my own impetuosity that led to the first notes being sent there, as well as a prize paper. It is possible to send this paper (Hypothesis) to Biological Psychiatry, by redrafting the introduction and including all the data that you now have.

Alternately, you could publish the draft that Dr. Wortis now holds (V:3-23) and resubmit the Hypothesis to Seymour Kety for the Journal of Psychiatric Research.

The first choice is the least work and the most direct, with the least replication in the press. The second allows for better exposure, but requires more work on your part and permits the criticism that you have published the same material twice. (The more work would be in re-drafting the hypothesis to a paper, since I don't believe JPR publishes theories).

Reprints from Biological Psychiatry were not received. Were they ordered? You might write to the publisher for information.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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