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Dr. Hugh H. Hussay, M.D.
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535 N. Dearborn
Chicago, Illinois 60610

RE: REF: MS #3263

Dear Dr. Hussay:

We have reviewed the data in our study of "L-Alpha-Acetylmethadol in Maintenance Treatment of Opiate Dependence" and find that some of the interesting relationships can be presented in tabular form. We have made up such a table, and it is attached.

As it seemed somewhat lengthy, we indicate a section that can be separated, and the data presented in two tables. As this is a matter of style and appearance, we will abide by your decision.

Thank you for your kind consideration. I trust that the reputed excessively high price of the base material for L-alpha-acetylmethadol will soon be reduced, so that more extensive clinical tests can be done. Publication of this experience may serve to stimulate a more rapid governmental and industrial response.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Psychiatry

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	<u>Methadone</u>	<u>Methadol</u>	
		<u>High Dose</u>	<u>Low Dose</u>
N	10	5	4
Completed 6 Mos.	8	4	4
Mean Age (years)	24.7	31.0	28.5
Years Addiction	7.0	9.2	7.0

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Behavioral Change Score			
(Range 0-3)	+1.2	+1.4	+1.5
Opiate Withdrawal Symptoms	0	0	3/4
Secondary Symptoms			
Irritability	0	1/5	2/4
Jerky Motor Movements	0	1/5	1/4
Constipation	4/8	2/5	1/4
Urine Testing			
Pos. for Morphine	2.0%	2.8%	16.9%
Pos. for Barbiturate or Amphetamine	7.1%	1.7%	2.5%
No Response to IV Heroin			
+24 Hour - 50 mg H	10/10	5/5	1/4
+48 Hour - 50 mg H	-	0/1	-