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RISPERIDONE INDUCED DYSTONIC REACTION AND AKATHISIA

Sir,

P.N. Suresh Kumar has reported acute dystonic reaction and akathisia in a patient who was given risperidone 3 mg b.i.d. in early part of
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initiating therapy (Indian Journal of Psychiatry, 1999, 41, 1, 81-82). Acute dystonia is reported to have occurred in early part of therapy with commonly used psychopharmacological agents (Kuruvilla & Kuruvilla, 1995) but no case of akathisia was observed in a multicenter trial of risperidone in Indian patients with schizophrenia (Agarwal et al., 1998). Occurrence of EPS in patients receiving risperidone is said to be dose related and it has a reduced propensity to cause akathisia (Owens, 1996). Therefore the author's observation of acute dystonia and akathisia deserves attention and a careful observation for EPS in patients receiving risperidone, is required.

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