Reply

Sir,

Let me thank Drs. C. Andrade and B. N. Gangadhar for showing keen interest in the above mentioned paper. I agree with them that monitoring the seizure activity is ideal but since there are no E. E. G. facilities available in the entire city of Kanpur, we had to undertake the study without the help of E. E. G. for demonstrating the seizure duration and pattern. Though we have not been able to monitor seizure activity but we are convinced of our results as we have clinically observed grade I Convulsions (twitching of facial muscles and toes) in 82% cases and grade II (soft generalised) Convulsions in 18% patients who were given Althesin. Hence there is no question of occurrence of sub-therapeutic or non-therapeutic stimuli during the procedure.

I may well add that we have been able to conduct this kind of research work in a very small O. P. D. set up without in-patients and without facilities of highly sophisticated equipments and instruments.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

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