Sir,

Dr. Smitha makes a cogent point that courts of law may have difficulties in comprehending that a drug classified and approved as an antipsychotic agent may yet be validly prescribed for an off-label indication. We have a simple, two-point response. First, drug approvals are for regulation of marketing, not for regulation of prescription. Second, prescribing for off-label indications can be supported by research literature that is easily accessible from multiple print sources such as textbooks and journals and multiple online sources such as PubMed or journal websites. These points should be easier to understand than the complex and unwieldy system that the neuroscience-based nomenclature has become.

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