

From: Richard Abrams <richard.abrams@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 2:26 PM
To: Conrad Swartz
Subject: Re: ECT vs. drugs?

Conrad,

Sure, let's bribe them (or their proxies), just as the others did.

Dick

On Thu, May 14, 2009 at 4:09 PM, Conrad Swartz <cswartz@gmail.com> wrote:
Richard,

Times have changed, as evidenced by FDA approval of VNS and TMS.

--Conrad

On Thu, May 14, 2009 at 7:38 AM, Richard Abrams <richard.abrams@gmail.com> wrote:
Conrad,

Sure, you don't need double-blind controlled conditions if you can teach a mouse to play the violin, but I doubt anything less dramatic than that will convince FDA (as it did not last time around, when they rejected all the studies in mania). Anyway, I'll work at it today. Then we have SAFETY, which is straightforward, and we're done, except for getting hard copy of all the citations.

Dick

On Thu, May 14, 2009 at 9:05 AM, Conrad Swartz <cswartz@gmail.com> wrote:
Richard,

Placebo may occasionally seem to work for the loosely-defined entity of major depression, but it does not work for the verifiably observable entities of syphilis and acute manic episode. This is why placebo control is not needed for treating either one. So we can say.

Conrad

On Wed, May 13, 2009 at 10:00 PM, Richard Abrams <richard.abrams@gmail.com> wrote:
Conrad,

The data was pretty scant but I'll take a look at it again.

Dick