Corrections

Fulminant liver failure during interferon beta treatment of multiple sclerosis

Recently, Yoshida et al.¹ reported a patient who developed fulminant liver failure, requiring urgent liver transplantation, 7 weeks after commencing interferon β -1a (Rebif, Serono-Canada, Oakville, Ontario, Canada). The patient received a liver transplant in September 2000 and the authors have received new information that she had been started on nefazodone (Serzone, Bristol-Myers Squibb Canada, Montreal, Quebec) in February of 2000. Nefazodone has recently been reported in association with acute liver failure.^{2,3} The manufacturer of nefazodone has reported 23 cases of liver failure and 109 cases of hepatic adverse events out of 8.3 million users of this drug worldwide.⁴ The patient's liver enzymes were stable prior to starting interferon β -1a and two-thirds of nefazodone-associated liver failure occurred within 4 months.⁴ Interferon β -1a appears to be temporally implicated in the patient's liver failure but the authors cannot exclude the possibility that nefazodone may have been a factor or cofactor. The authors regret that they were unaware of this patient's nefazodone use until their paper appeared in print.

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A 24-week, randomized, double-blind study of donepezil in moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease

The authors of the article "A 24-week, randomized, double-blind study of donepezil in moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease" (*Neurology* 2001;57:613–620) would like to amend the disclosure in this article to add that between the time of submission (November 14, 2000) and publication of the article (August 28, 2001) in *Neurology*, honoraria received from the sponsor exceeded \$10,000 for the past year. All other aspects of the disclosure are unchanged.

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