

Letter to the Editor

Madam,

During our quarterly meeting held at Ernakulam on 12—6—83 there was a discussion about the two letters to the Editor you had received and forwarded to us, criticising our view against pulse therapy in Leprosy.

The speakers of the symposium on the treatment of Leprosy conducted during our quarterly meeting at Kottayam on 12—12—82 and other members who were present discussed the matter and our conclusions are the following.

1. During the above symposium we were discussing about the ideal treatment of Leprosy. Our view is only that pulse therapy with Rifampicin is not the ideal treatment.

2. But in field conditions pulse therapy may be the suitable regimen of treatment ; we are not contradicting that.

3. We are not against pulse therapy.

Regarding the comments about Dr. George's (Additional Director of Health Services, Kerala) statement that "we would not rather be worrying about dapsone resistance which is not yet a problem in Kerala", we are forwarding this letter to Dr. George for his reply.

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Yours sincerely,
Dr. P. P. Mohandas,
Assistant Professor.

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The percentage printed as (2.2%) should be read (4.4%).
Page 57 Foot Note Please read † Assistant Director (Epidemiology) ‡ Deputy Director (Epidemiology)

Page 59. Table 1 Row 'District Hospital, Sagar', Column - Total Instead of 46(12) Read 46(2)