LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Haemodynamic effects of morphine

Sir,

I was pleased to see my comments on the haemodynamic effects of morphine published in the June 1988 issue of the *Archives of Emergency Medicine*.

However, the table printed is not that which I had envisaged, with a number of significant omissions. I fear that comparison with the figures mentioned in the text will cause confusion for readers and reduce the impact of point I sought to raise.

I enclose a copy of Table 1 along with the text of the unpublished article from which it was taken.

Table 1 Numbers of doctors administering various opiates

Dose	Opiate used		
	Diamorphine	Morphine + cyclizine 50 mg (Cyclimorph*)	Morphine
5 mg	12	1	—
5–10 mg	7	1	—
10 mg	18 (3)	6 (2)	—
10–15 mg	—	5	2
15 mg	1 (1)	18 (6)	2 (1)
20 mg	1	—	—
30 mg	—	—	1

Figures in brackets indicate numbers of doctors specifying the intramuscular route only.

Table 2 Routes of administration of opiates

Preferred route of administration	Number of doctors
Intravenous only	48
Intravenous + intramuscular	15
Intramuscular only	13

J. A. CHAMBERS
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