

## Correspondence

### Dr Lee Holland

SIR—Dr Lee Holland was a valued friend and colleague whose life ended so tragically. I first encountered Lee in the early 1980s at a series of 8 seminars arranged by the Society of Homoeopaths for Dr Vassilis Ghegas of Athens. Lee attended them all and shared in the elation and challenge they provided. This teaching helped transform our work out of its 19th century origins and build a new intellectual foundation at once both classical, practical, and free of metaphysics. Lee revelled in this and it undoubtedly helped provide him with some of the tools to start the HPTG course in Oxford. He attended many more seminars run by the Society and we were always pleased to welcome him as a friend, colleague and bridge builder. He was a great enthusiast for MacRepertory and through this again our friendship grew. I have close family in Oxford who consulted him on my recommendation, so I have first hand knowledge of his healing skills. It was a privilege to have known him and a sad duty to attend the funeral service.

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### Oscillococinum

SIR—I am writing to point out that the original report and your abstract of a trial of prevention

of influenza-like syndromes with a homoeopathic preparation, were misleading.<sup>1,2</sup>

The trial used Anas Barbariae Hepar et Cordis (HPUS), mentioning several brand names, but did not specify which preparation was used. Oscillococinum® is Anas Barbariae Hepar et Cordis (HPUS) 200K, (Korsakov) manufactured by Laboratoires Boiron. The preparation used in the trial was a 200CH made by another company. The efficacy of *Oscillococinum* has been established in a published clinical trial<sup>3</sup> and another which, I understand, has been accepted for publication in your *Journal*.

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