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Sir: May I congratulate Dr Feldman on her excellent article on the medico-legal aspects of liaison psychiatry. I have discussed patients very similar to those she described when on call as a duty psychiatrist. As psychiatrists, we become familiar with acting without the patient's consent, but within the law. Physicians do not. They often need support to do what they know is right – acting within their duty of care without an exaggerated fear of litigation. Dr Feldman's article helps to give that support. Often

these situations invoke the common law, which Dr Feldman defines very clearly. Her article is particularly helpful for trainees in psychiatry. They are often the first point of contact for advice from medical wards. Here in Gloucestershire we are including her article in our induction training for new trainees in psychiatry.

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Corrigendum

Cowen, P. J. (1998) Pharmacological management of treatment-resistant depression. *APT*, 4, 320–327.

All the doses for triiodothyronine (p. 323) should be micrograms, not milligrams as printed.