

Letters to the editor

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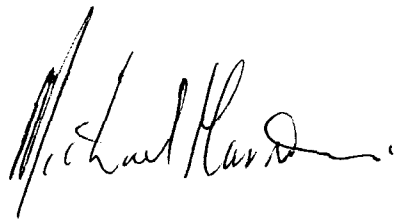
To the editor:

The article by Niinai, Nakao, and Kawaguchi (J Anesth 8:113–114) states that Patel and Harrison [1] suggested a possible relation between malignant hyperpyrexia and Williams syndrome.

We described a child who developed masseter spasm after a halothane induction of anaesthesia and two small doses of suxamethonium. No other clinical indications of malignant hyperpyrexia were seen. The masseter spasm was probably secondary to the *small* doses of suxamethonium [2].

There is no evidence to suggest that Williams syndrome and the malignant hyperpyrexia syndrome are linked.

Yours sincerely,



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