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To the editor:

We would like to thank Dr. Harrison for his comment that our reference to their article [1] could be incorrect. As he pointed out, there is no evidence to link Williams syndrome and malignant hyperthermia in their case report. The correspondence by Drs. Matthews and Vernon [2] quite convinced us that masseter spasm developed in the case was due to the repeated small doses of suxamethonium.

Yours sincerely,

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