

Letters to the Editor

MULTIDRUG THERAPY IN PAUCIBACILLARY LEPROSY

Sir,

Chopra *et al.* have reported some interesting results in their trial of multidrug (MDT) in paucibacillary leprosy (*Lepr Rev*, 1990; **61**: 157–62), and they took exemplary care to avoid mistaking upgrading (reversal) reaction for relapse, but a proper evaluation of their study would be facilitated if they would clarify the following points: (1) What was the numerical composition of the four types of PBL included in their trial? (2) How many patients failed to complete treatment? (3) Were all patients followed-up for three years? If so, why is a two-year period mentioned on p. 158? (4) Did any of the 723 patients relapse after taking MDT for 12 months?

Finally, from experience gained in this trial, would the authors recommend that all PBL cases should be treated for 12 months and followed-up for three years?

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