Letter to the Editor

Having read the paper 'Gilles de la Tourette syndrome - A case report from Guyana in South America' by Eapen and Robertson (1992) with interest, we beg to disagree with their claim to have reported the first case of this syndrome in the Anglo Saxon literature from South America. It would seem the authors have overlooked our own paper published in Clinical Neuropharmacology over 2 years ago (Micheli *et al.*, 1990) dealing with the treatment of Gilles de la Tourette syndrome with calcium antagonists in 7 patients in Argentina.

For their benefit we append a short list of case reports from South America antedating by several years the paper under review which demonstrate the similarities between South American patients and cases reported elsewhere.

Quite likely, these reports were not readily available to Northern Hemisphere physicians despite the recently established data bank for Latin American and Caribbean medical papers.

However we fully agree with their conclusion regarding the genetic nature of this disease as uniformly expressed throughout the world.

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