

## **The Authors Reply**

*To the Editors:*

We thank Drs. Hong and Carney for their comments and agree that the role of reactivity to the experimental situation requires further evaluation as a potential experimental confound. Other potentially important sources of variance include differences of age, severity of illness, and drug status.

As we continue to explore the various parameters of facial EMG reactivity, it is clear that future work in this area will benefit from close methodological scrutiny. Consistency in EMG procedures, serial monitoring of EMG profiles during the course of illness, followup using individuals as their own controls, and further use of nondepressed con-

trols may help to resolve some of the more difficult experimental issues of this intriguing measure.

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