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Mr. Greenhouse: I don't want people to get the impression that any drug study done on less than 800 patients is worthless. In the first place, statistical significance depends not only on the total numbers of patients but also on the degree of change observed. The less dramatic the effect, the larger the sample necessary to show that it is significant. Hopefully, if smaller studies are inconclusive their data can be pooled with the results of other studies using similar designs, and the chances of a clear answer emerging can thereby be increased. Perhaps the Psychopharmacology Service Center will be able to act as a clearinghouse for such studies.

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