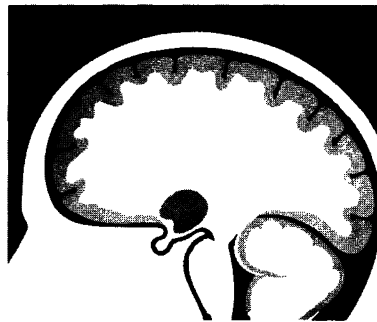




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Irritability, anxiety, depression



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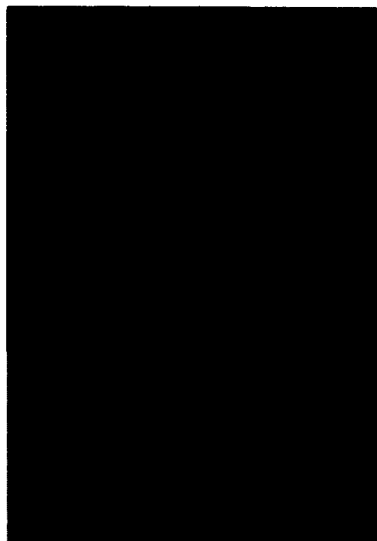
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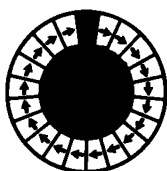
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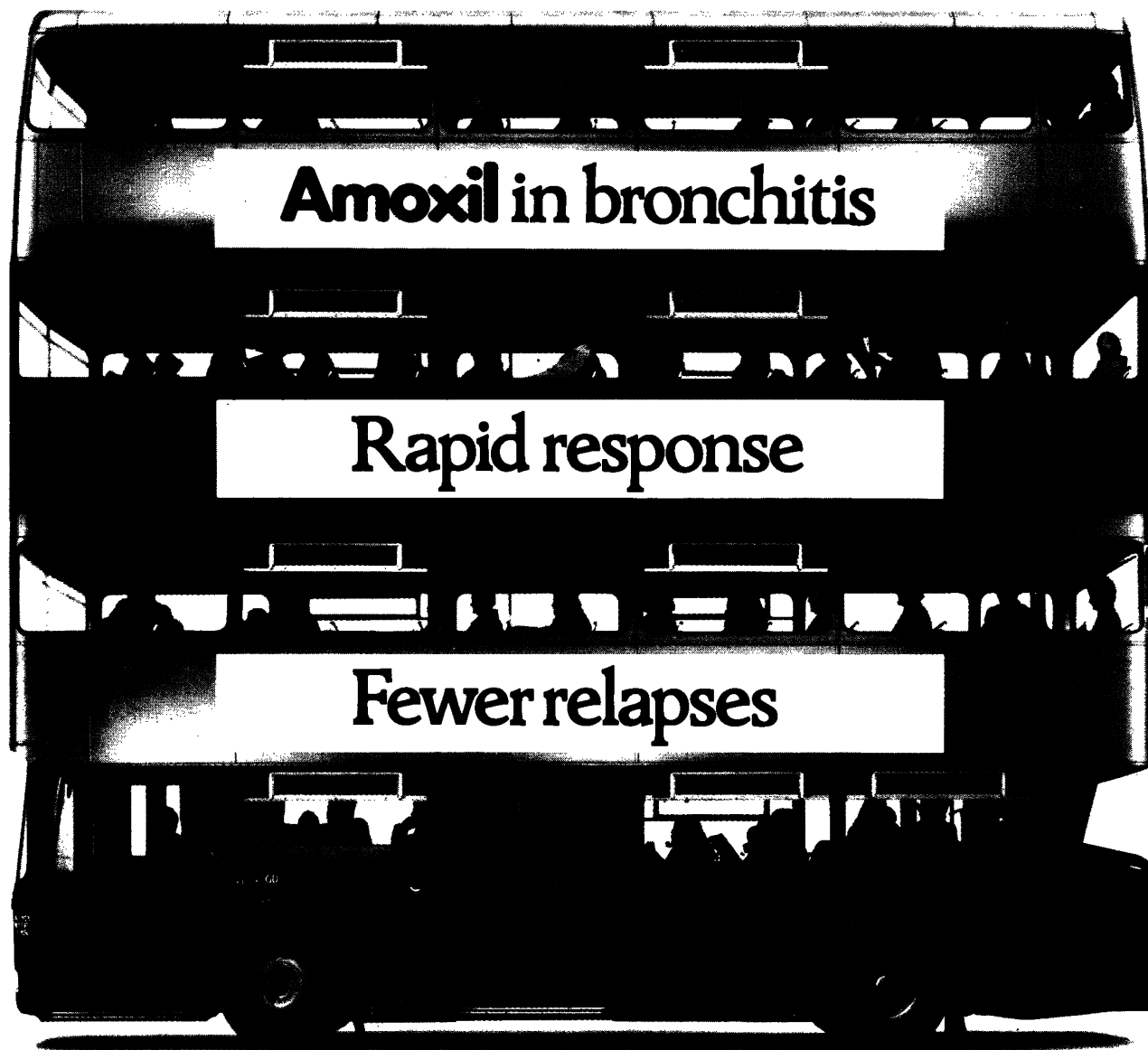
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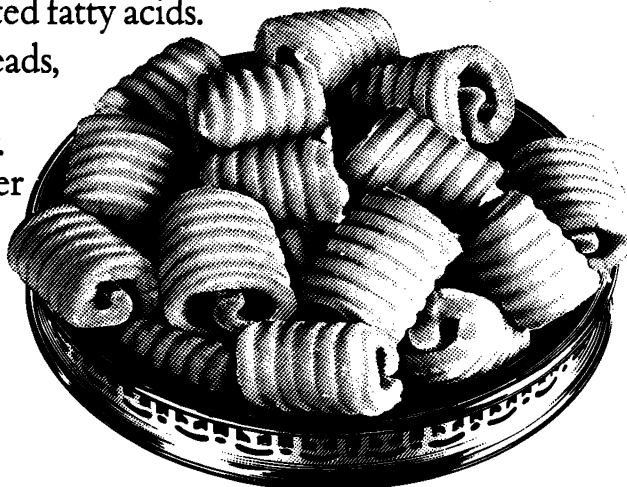
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Cautions

Impaired renal function: reduce dosage (see Data Sheet). Prolonged treatment: observe patients periodically. Malignant gastric ulcer may respond symptomatically. Avoid during pregnancy and lactation.

Adverse reactions

Diarrhoea, dizziness or rash, usually mild and transient; tiredness. Rarely, mild gynaecomastia or evidence of reversible liver damage.

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'Tagamet' 90.5% of patients remained in remission	placebo 50.1% of patients remained in remission
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'Tagamet' 2.8 days per patient/year	placebo 49.3 days per patient/year
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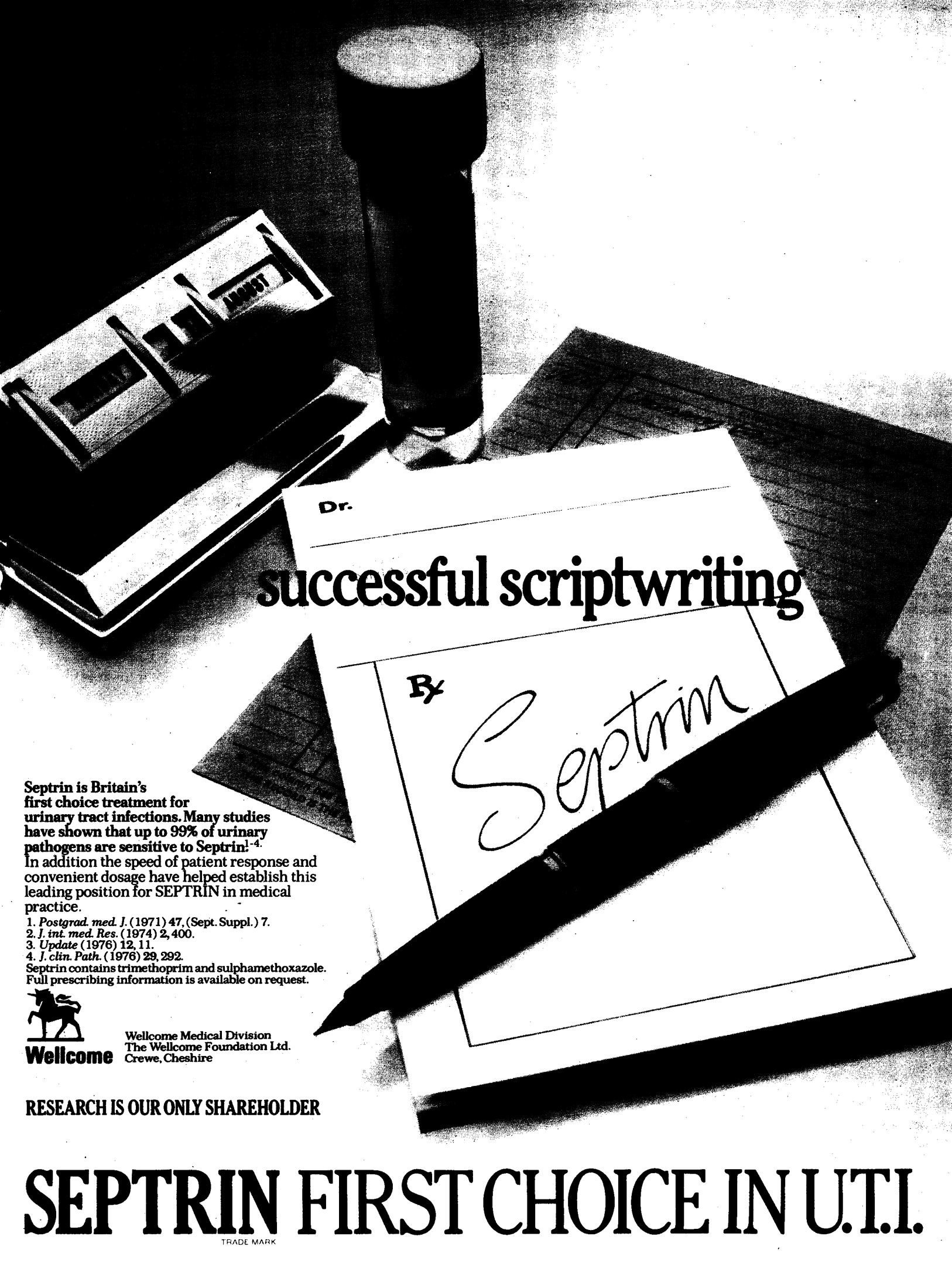
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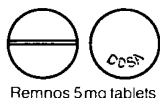


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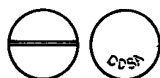
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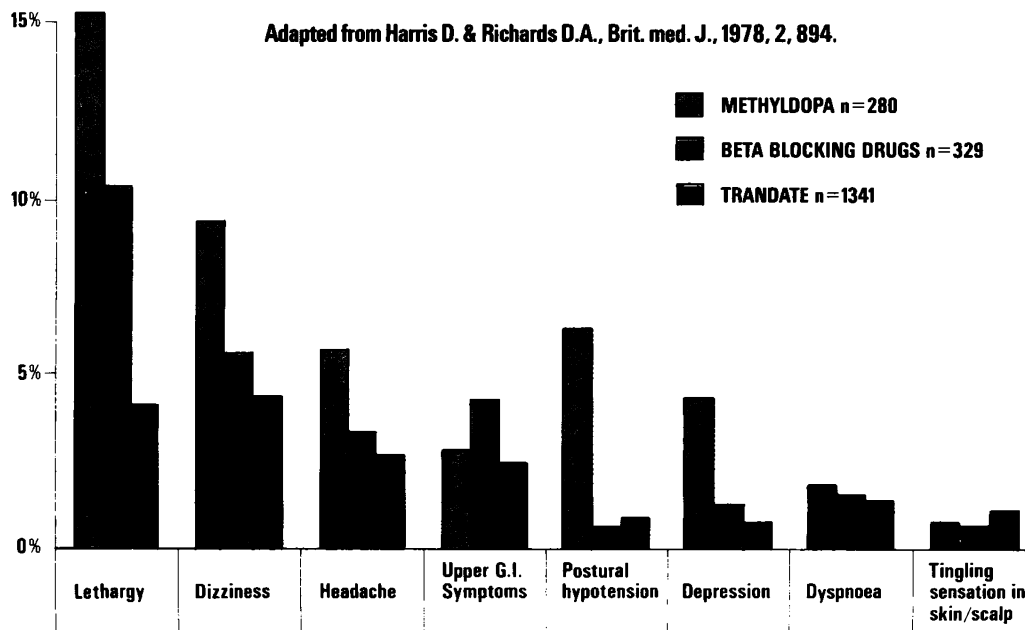
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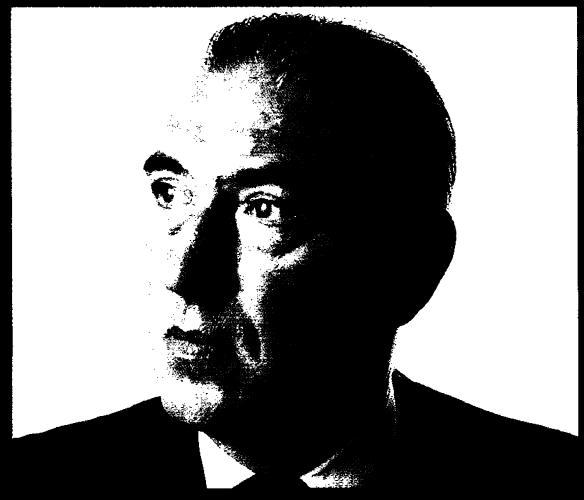
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