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**John Hayes, MD**  
**US Medical Director**  
**Eli Lilly and Co.**  
**Indianapolis, Indiana, 46285**

**Dear Dr. Hayes:**

**This is to inform you that we have contacted our local drug representative for Zyprexa in our county as well as the regional supervisor to let them know that we have had eight patients out of possibly thirty five patients on Zyprexa show up with high blood sugars. Two patients had to be hospitalized due to out of control diabetes and the other six, who were not diabetics prior to taking Zyprexa, ended up with blood sugars higher than 120 fasting.**

**We treat the monolingual Hispanic population who is already at risk for diabetes and have come to realize that Zyprexa tends to throw many of them into a hyperglucose estate. Most of the eight patients were taken off the Zyprexa with normal return to their blood sugars except for the two whose blood sugars went up to 500+ and these were controlled after discontinuing the Zyprexa.**

**I believe it is Lilly's responsibility to look into this delicate matter in lieu of the many reports that are coming out showing the danger of Zyprexa with weight gain and hyperglycemia. I think that it would make sense for Lilly to investigate and report on these findings rather than turn the other way and send literature on how all antipsychotics increase the probability of hyperglycemia. In this particular instance it is a very**