



a **PATIENT ADVOCACY** International campaign to
research **SYSTEMIC BODY ODOR AND HALITOSIS**

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Dear Dr. _____

As a physician, you may come across treating patients with malodor conditions, which are indeed challenging conditions that still require a great deal of research. As a patient advocacy charity, MEBO Research (MEBO) would appreciate it if you would read the enclosed information on one type of systemic body malodor condition, trimethylaminuria (TMAU). The National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) recognizes TMAU as a rare disease. The enclosed article entitled, "Trimethylaminuria," written by MEBO's Scientific Advisor, Professors Elizabeth A. Shephard, PhD, and Ian R. Phillips, PhD., in the UK, can be found in the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), U.S. National Library of Medicine, of the National Institutes of Health. Also enclosed is a copy of a brief introduction to TMAU by Nigel Manning, Principle Scientist, Dept. Clinical Chemistry, Sheffield Children's Hospital in the UK.

Please note that most, if not all, patients who have been diagnosed with TMAU have previously been misdiagnosed with Olfactory Reference Syndrome (ORS), while receiving damaging social and employment discrimination. This intermittent odor symptom frequently results in the patient not receiving the much-needed tests due to the lack of awareness of most medical professionals regarding TMAU. Intermittent odor symptoms can make it difficult for general practitioners to detect during short appointments. It is MEBO's aim to provide this information to aid patients when communicating with their general practitioner.

Currently, patients can be tested privately for TMAU through MEBO Research. However, it is our policy to encourage testing to be carried out in the conventional manner whenever possible.

This letter has been supplemented with detailed factual information about TMAU. This information has been given to MEBO Research and endorsed by the relevant medical professionals to help educate general practitioners and the public at large in regards to TMAU.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "María P. de la Torre".

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