

Introduction

When the Esteve Foundation asked me to provide them with a list of key publications in psychopharmacology, I quickly agreed. I thought it would be a very simple task to select about 30 key articles, but I was wrong. My list became much too long, and obviously unacceptable. It included books and extensive reviews that would comprise several massive volumes. That reference list is given in the next section and articles selected from it to be reprinted herein are indicated by a page number in italics. My reason for including this list is that each article had an important impact on me personally as I was privileged to work in this field. The original list included 32 articles, but upon the insistence of Dr. Sergio Erill, director of the Esteve Foundation, I was persuaded to include a 33rd, a paper of mine on ketamine. I am sure if the Esteve Foundation had asked someone else to prepare their own list, there would be many other important contributions I did not select.

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