

During the 2 days after discontinuing buprenorphine none of the 5 subjects reported any withdrawal symptoms. In those 3 subjects who underwent the withdrawal double blind, the substitution of placebo was not immediately discerned (Fig. 18). Beginning on the third day of withdrawal subjects began reporting intermittent episodes of hot flashes, chills and skin sensitivity. These were mild and subjects found them only mildly discomforting and did not seek relief from these symptoms with additional drug administration. They denied being sick (Fig. 18) or withdrawing. These symptoms persisted and did not increase markedly in intensity for the next 10 days.

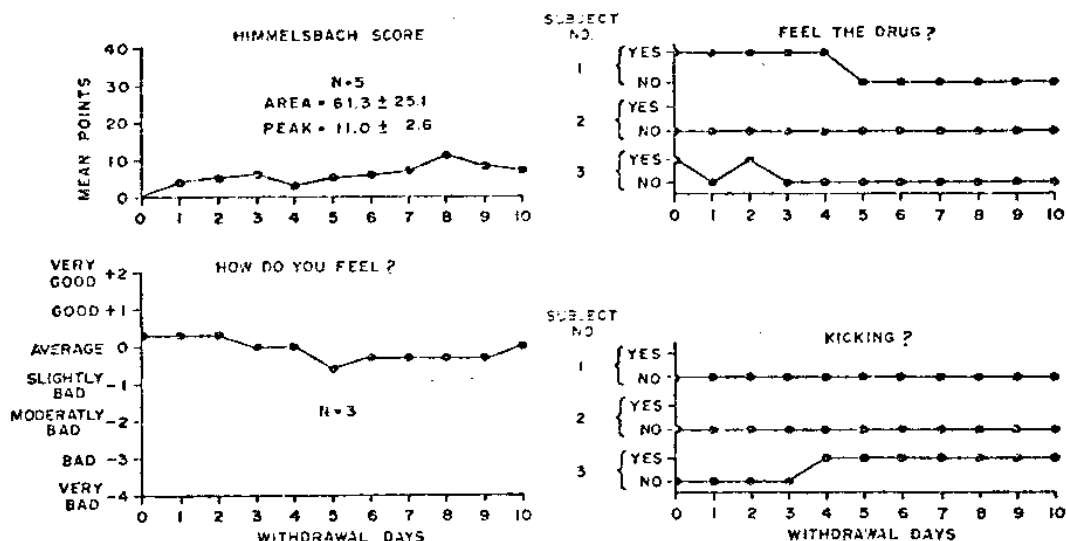


Figure 18. Mean daily Himmelsbach scores and responses on the chronic questionnaire in the 10 days following abrupt withdrawal of buprenorphine.