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Running title: Oxycodone tolerance and ketamine

## **Editor's Key Points**

- The effect of ketamine and its metabolite norketamine on oxycodone tolerance is unclear although effects on morphine tolerance are known
- Rats tolerant to morphine or oxycodone tolerance were given acute doses of ketamine or norketamine
- Ketamine and norketamine reduced morphine and to a lesser extent, oxycodone tolerance, associated with decreased brain morphine but not oxycodone levels
- Ketamine but not norketamine affected motor co-ordination

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