Letters to the editor

Thalidomide treatment of mucosal ulcerations in HIV infection

EDITOR—The case report by Solér and colleagues confirms the beneficial effects of thalidomide in treating aphthous ulcers in HIV/AIDS patients unresponsive to conventional treatments including oral prednisolone.1 One important side effect encountered in our centre and reported by others is irreversible peripheral neuropathy associated with prolonged high dose in patients with relapsing aphthous ulcers. Patients should be counselled about this as well as, of course, the teratogenic potential in females at risk of pregnancy.

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Infant length measurements

EDITOR—Dr Falkner rightly comments the use of infant length measurements.1 But the available standards for length velocity must be treated with caution; some of these (including that quoted in Dr Falkner's letter) are derived from smoothed rather than observed data points and are thus liable to produce centiles which are too close together.2 The same caveat applies to some of the published standards for fetal growth velocities.

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