Prostaglandins in human milk

Sir,

I congratulate Lucas and Mitchell on their paper.¹ Perhaps they will now resolve the riddles of evening colic in the infant's first 3 months, of well toddlers' diarrhoea, and recurrent abdominal pain in older children by investigating the prostaglandins and gut hormones. I have long said, on the basis of clinical impression only, that evening colic is more common in breast-fed infants; if this is true, investigation of the above may provide the explanation.

Reference

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Reflux ureteritis?

Sir,

I have recently seen an 8-year-old girl who not only complained of pain on passing urine externally but also said that she felt she was passing urine into her abdomen simultaneously. She said this before she knew that she had a urinary tract infection with bilateral ureteric reflux.

Although I have seen hundreds of children with urinary infection and reflux I have never heard this complaint before and I wonder if any of your readers have? Perhaps we are not asking the right questions!

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Prostatic calcification in a 4-year-old boy

Sir,

No doubt several of your readers have drawn attention to the remarkable density of the calculus reported by Izzidien.¹ With a weight of 262 g and a volume of 0.136 cm³ it is almost in the 'black hole' class!

Reference

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