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‘Krägeloh-Mann replies’

SIR—Wojciech Kulak and Wojciech Sobaniec report on spectroscopy findings in basal ganglia of children with spastic diplegia due to periventricular leucomalacia, subcortical lesions, or cortical infarctions. They found changes in the ratios of most metabolites.

They refer to our paper in ‘Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology’ (Vol.44: 477–484, 2002) where we have found lower N-Acetyl-Aspartate/creatine and choline/creatine ratios in the basal ganglia. The difference, however, is that our two patients had lesions in this region, which seems contrary to the results from the patients which they have studied. Thus, it is interesting to see that even in the non-lesion basal ganglia of patients with lesions in other regions of the brain, ratios are lower.

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Erratum

‘Alternating hemiplegia in childhood: a syndrome inherited with an autosomal dominant trait’

Kanavakis et al.

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We would like to correct some errors that were printed in the above mentioned article:

The age of Child 1 should be 9 years and not 11 years, Child 2 should be 11 years and not 10 years, and Child 3 should be 10 years and not 9 years.

‘Table I: Clinical Features of family’. All members of the family had learning disability, therefore in this table, the minus signs for the mother and the maternal uncle should be replaced with plus signs.

We offer our sincere apologies for these errors.

The authors would like to point out that age of the child mentioned was 2 years (rather than 2½).

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