Gut Editorial Committee

| J J MISIEWICZ (Editor) | D COLIN-JONES | R V HEATLEY | D TRIGER |
| J H CUMMINGS | A CUSCHIERI | M R B KEIGHLEY | G T WILLIAMS |
| A L WINGATE (Book Review Editor) | G J DOCKRAY | W R LEES | R C N WILLIAMSON |
| S J W EVANS | P J MILLA | J PETERS | EDITOR |
| J F FIELDING | T J PETERS | A B PRICE | British Medical Journal |
| A ALLEN | N W READ | N W READ | |
| R M CASE | R I RUSSELL | S TABACHALI | |
| R COCKEL | S TABACHALI | |

Gut publishes original papers and reviews concerned with practice and research in gastroenterology. The field is that of basic science and physiology pertaining to the alimentary tract, the liver and pancreas, and that of alimentary, hepatic, biliary, or pancreatic disease. Papers may deal with medical, surgical, or epidemiological aspects or with imaging. A case report will be accepted only if it deals with a clinical problem which has been studied in detail and the resulting data provide material for further research. Letters dealing with matters arising from articles published in Gut, or with topics of general professional interest are encouraged, but the correspondence column should not be used for publication of original data.

Communications Two copies of the manuscript and figures should be addressed to the Editor, Gut, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JR, UK. Manuscripts should follow the Vancouver conventions (see Br Med J 1979; 1: 532–5. Gut 1979; 20: 651–2). They should be in double-spaced typewriting on one side of the paper only. On the title page the name of the author should appear with initials (or distinguishing first name) only, and the name and address of the hospital or laboratory where the work was performed. A 200 word summary must head the paper. Excessive use of abbreviations is discouraged. Papers are accepted only on the written understanding, signed by all authors, that the data have not been published elsewhere in whole or in part and that all the authors agree to publication in Gut; previous publication in abstract form must be disclosed in a footnote. Papers must not be published elsewhere without previous sanction of the Editorial Committee.

Acknowledgement of Manuscripts Manuscripts will not be acknowledged unless a stamped addressed postcard, or an international reply coupon is enclosed.

Illustrations Photographs Unmounted photographs on glossy paper should be provided. Diagrams These will usually be reduced to 2½ in wide. Lettering should be in either Letraset or stencil, and care should be taken that lettering and symbols are of comparable size. Illustrations should not be inserted in the text; they should be marked on the back with Figure numbers, title of paper, and name of author. All photographs, graphs, and diagrams should be referred to as Figures and should be numbered consecutively in the text in Arabic numerals. The legends for illustrations should be typed on a separate sheet. Tables Tables should be numbered consecutively in the text in Arabic numerals and each typed on a separate sheet.

Ethics Ethical considerations will be taken into account in the assessment of papers (see the Medical Research Council’s publications on the ethics of human experimentation, and the World Medical Association’s code of ethics, known as the Declaration of Helsinki (see Br Med J 1964; 2: 177)).

SI Units All measurements except blood pressure are expressed in SI units. In the text they should be followed by traditional units in parentheses. In tables, and illustrations values are given in SI units, but a conversion factor must be supplied. For general guidance on the International System of Units and some useful conversion factors, see The SI for the Health Professions (WHO, 1977). NB: Such conversion is the responsibility of the author.

References These follow the Vancouver system – that is, references numbered consecutively in the text and listed numerically with titles abbreviated in the style of Index Medicus, Standard journal article – (list all authors when six or less; when seven or more, list first three and add et al): James A, Joyce B, Harvey T. Effect of long-term cimetidine. Gut 1979; 20: 123–4. NB: Accurate punctuation is essential.

Corrections Other than printers’ errors may be charged to the author.

Reprints Twenty five reprints will be supplied free of charge. Further reprints will be available on payment of the necessary costs; the number of reprints required should be sent to the Publishing Manager on the form provided with the proof.

Notice to Advertisers Application for advertisement space and for rates should be addressed to the Advertisement Manager, Gut, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JR.

Notice to Subscribers Gut is published monthly. The annual subscription rates are £86 inland and £101 overseas (USA $156.00). Reduced subscription of £48 available to trainees. Orders should be sent to the Subscription Manager, Gut, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JR. Orders can also be placed with any leading subscription agent or bookseller. (For the convenience of readers in the USA subscription orders, with or without payment, can also be sent to: British Medical Journal, Box 560B, Kennebunkport, Maine 04046. All enquiries, however, must be addressed to the Publisher in London.) All overseas copies of the journal are sent by accelerated surface post. If required, full air mail rates and enquiries for single copies already published should be addressed to the Publisher in London.

Copyright © 1988 Gut. This publication is copyright under the Berne Convention and the International Copyright Convention. All rights reserved. Apart from any relaxations permitted under national copyright laws, no part of the publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means without the prior permission of the copyright owners. Permission is not, however, required to copy abstracts of papers or articles on condition that a full reference to the source is shown. Multiple copying of the contents of the publication without permission is always illegal.

Application to mail at second class postage rate is pending at Rahway NJ. Postmaster: send address changes to: Gut, c/o Mercury Airfreight International Ltd Inc, 2323 Randolph Avenue, Avenel, NJ 07001, USA.

ISSN 0017-5749
SELECTIVE ANTISPASMODIC

FREES THE IBS PATIENT FROM THE GRIP OF SPASM

Further information is available from:
Norgine
Norgine Limited, 116-120 London Road, Oxford OX3 9BA.
Norgine is a British company
Spasmonal and Norgine are trademarks

Spasmonal alverine citrate

‘CORDEX’ SELF-BINDING CASES
FOR EASY REFERENCE

‘Cordex’ self-binding cases are available to hold one volume (12 issues) of Gut. Each case is handsomely bound with a colour to complement the journal. Spring nylon cords, to carry the journals, slide freely along the spine of the binder. The name of the journal is gold-blocked on the spine.

Price: Inland £5.50; Abroad £8.00; USA $12.00, including postage (air mail abroad) and packing.

Payment must be enclosed with order
ORDER NOW FROM The Subscription Manager, GUT, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JR.