

Gut Editorial Committee

R N ALLAN
(Editor)

D L WINGATE
(Book Review Editor)

A ALLEN
A T R AXON
D COLIN-JONES

J H CUMMINGS
A CUSCHIERI
M F DIXON
G J DOCKRAY
S J W EVANS
A GARNER
G R GILES
I T GILMORE
R V HEATLEY

M R B KEIGHLEY
W R LEES
M L LUCAS
P J MILLA
C A O'MORAIN
A B PRICE
N W READ
J M RHODES
R I RUSSELL

S TABAQCHALI
D TRIGER
R C N WILLIAMSON

EDITOR
British Medical Journal

SHIRLEY McGEALEY
(Technical Editor)

Gut publishes original papers and reviews concerned with practice and clinical research in gastroenterology. The field includes the basic science, molecular biology, physiology and diseases of the alimentary tract, the liver and pancreas including epidemiological, medical, surgical, radiological or histopathological aspects. Case reports will only be accepted if of exceptional merit. Letters related to articles published in *Gut* or with topics of general professional interest are welcomed. Authors are encouraged to include the names and addresses of four experts whom the authors consider suitable to peer review their work.

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; i: 532-5. *Gut* 1979; 20: 651-2). They should be in double-spaced typewriting on one side of the paper only. The title page should include the name of the author with initials or distinguishing first name only, and the name and address of the hospital or laboratory where the work was performed. The paper must include a precise summary of the work of less than 200 words. Excessive use of abbreviation is discouraged. A covering letter signed by all authors must state that the data have not been published elsewhere in whole or in part and that all authors agree to publication in *Gut*. Previous publication in abstract form must be disclosed in a footnote. Papers must not be published elsewhere without prior permission of the Editorial Committee.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MANUSCRIPTS Manuscripts will only be acknowledged if an addressed postcard is enclosed.

ILLUSTRATIONS *Photographs* Unmounted photographs on glossy paper should be provided. *Diagrams* will usually be reduced to 71 mm wide. Illustrations should not be inserted in the text but marked on the back with the figure numbers, title of paper and name of author. All photographs, graphs, 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.

ETHICS Ethical aspects will be considered 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 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 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 longterm 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 All applications for advertisement space and 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 £93 inland and £109 overseas (USA \$175.00). Reduced subscriptions of £50 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 be sent to: *British Medical Journal*, Box 560B, Kennebunkport, Maine 04046. All enquiries, however, must be addressed to the Publisher in London.) Subscribers may pay for their subscriptions by Access, Visa, or American Express by quoting on their order the credit or charge card preferred together with the appropriate personal account number and the expiry date of the card. 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 © 1989 *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.

Second class postage paid, 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

Over 3 million people are
upset by dairy foods.
Can you cater for them?



Stomach cramps, wind and diarrhoea are the results of an inability to digest the milk sugar or Lactose present in all milk and dairy foods.

But some Lactose Intolerant people do enjoy the goodness of milk and dairy foods without upset. They use the safe, natural and effective Lactaid range of milk, drops and tablets.

● **Lactaid milk** — specially Lactose reduced and low fat too!

● **Lactaid tablets** — ideal if you're eating out, use them any time.

● **Lactaid drops** — make your doorstep milk digestible.

If you would like a **FREE** full colour leaflet about Lactose Intolerance write to Dept GT2, Myplan Ltd., Freepost, Berkhamstead, Herts HP4 1BR.

Why let your patients live with the misery of Lactose Intolerance?

Lactaid[®]

FOR LACTOSE INTOLERANCE

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON INFLAMMATION IN THE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT

NORMANBY COLLEGE,
KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL,
LONDON

6th-8th SEPTEMBER, 1989

This is a three day International Meeting supported by Reckitt and Coleman covering the basic and applied cell and molecular biology of inflammatory disease of the gastrointestinal tract.

Scientific programme

Topics under discussion in the scientific sessions will include: leucocyte biology including microbicidal activity, free radicals, prostanooids and leucocyte-macrophage interactions; intestinal permeability including mucins, NSAID and lymphocyte function; oncogenes and congenital and acquired immuno deficiency syndromes.

The final day will integrate the basic biological mechanisms with a discussion of the individual organ responses.

The proceedings of the meeting will be published.

Poster session

There will be the opportunity for participants to present posters.

Registration fee

The registration fee of £100 includes all lunches, coffee/tea, conference dinner, programme and abstract booklet.

Accommodation

For participants wishing accommodation this has been secured at special rates at local hotels (shuttle bus service will be provided) or at nearby University Halls of Residence.

Further details

These are available from:

Ms. R. Greensted,
Department of Clinical Biochemistry,
King's College School of Medicine
and Dentistry of King's College, London,
Bessemer Road,

London,
SE5 9PJ.

Tel. (Direct line) 01 326 3008.