Editorial Note

In the field of clinical and experimental endocrinology, we are not only concerned with scientific developments that are rooted in empirical studies but occasionally also with broader questions that require a rather general discussion. *Hormone Research* would like to extend its scope by offering its readers a forum for open discussion of such matters: this issue marks the introduction of a section titled 'For Discussion'. We welcome controversies and an examination of relevant problems from our readers. All submissions will undergo the customary editorial procedure. The publisher and Editor-in-Chief of *Hormone Research* hope that this new element will stimulate ample resonance.

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