or other parts of the UK, successful prescribing incentive schemes have operated, and general practitioners have been able to reinvest in their practice a percentage of the savings made from monies allocated to cover prescribing costs.

As Campbell and colleagues state, health authorities should concentrate on the task of delivering effective and efficient healthcare. In Gwent, a policy of rational and cost-effective prescribing is pursued as part of promoting appropriate, evidenced clinical management. Gwent is one of 8 counties in Wales and has achieved a prescribing profile in primary care that is arguably second to none. This is not bad going if, as Campbell et al. would have you believe, those in that county responsible

for policy and direction adopt a questionable approach.

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Erratum

Vol. 8, No. 1, page 46: In the summary, the first sentence should read: 'A spreadsheet simulation model of hepatitis A disease was developed to evaluate the cost effectiveness of an *inactivated* hepatitis A vaccine . . .'

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