Subdural hematoma in infants: can it occur spontaneously? Data from a prospective series and critical review of the literature by Vinchon et al

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Dear Editor,

Now that Vinchon [1] has validated Piatt's [2] observation that the diagnosis of abuse is unsafe in infants with pre-existing enlarged cerebrospinal fluid spaces, the entire abuse literature needs revision to remove all such cases from the abuse category to the non-abuse or at least the undetermined categories. Rather than comparing "spontaneous" to "abuse" cases, Vinchon apparently has sufficient clinical material to compare those cases with either rapid head growth (crossing two percentile lines) or increased space between the brain and skull (McNeely [3] used 5 mm) on presentation to those without. This may be the more informative comparison.

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