Reply to correspondence letter: enema-induced severe hyperphosphatemia in children

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Sir,

We thank Dr. M. Caswell for his comment on our paper [1]. There is no discussion that our patient received an overdose of a phosphate-containing enema. Especially in children with developmental delay, enemas are part of everyday care. Therefore, it was important for us to report a pediatric patient with hypertonic phosphate-containing enema-related toxicity, which might be fatal.

Clysmol® (Fleet Co; volume 125) is licensed in Austria for children >2 years and for adults. In children, it is recom-

mended to give half a bottle per application, but there is no daily maximum dose recommendation. Such a recommendation would be helpful to parents and caregivers to prevent overdosing.

Reference

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