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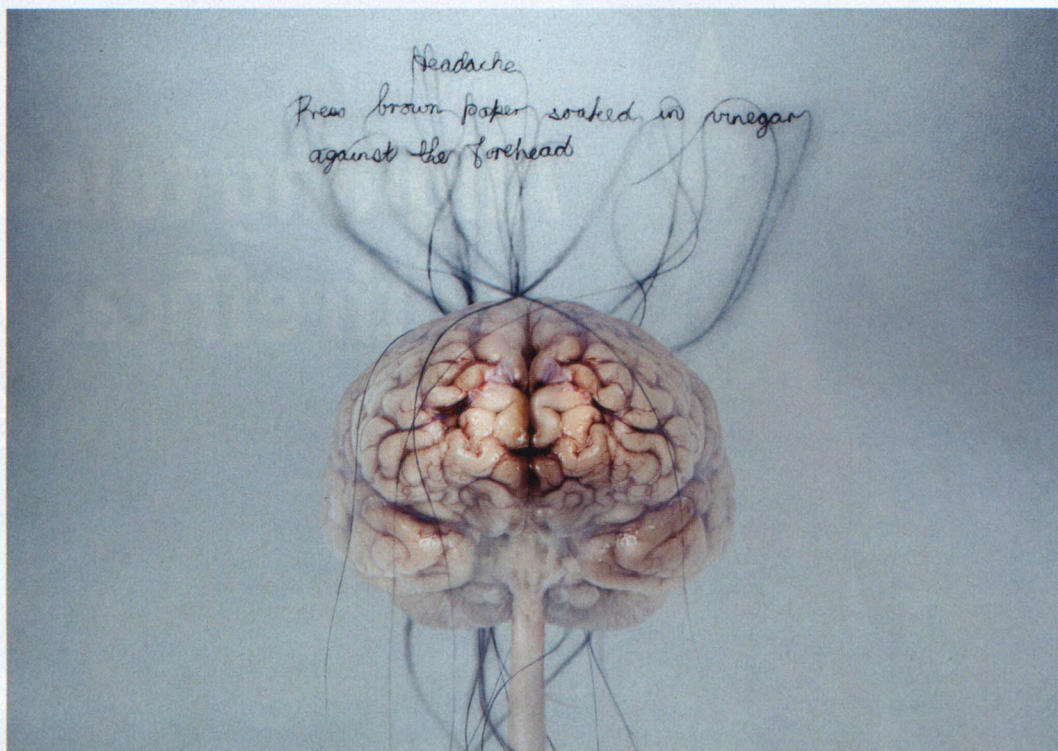
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HELEN PYNOR/GV ART

PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Headache by Helen Pynor, an artwork in the exhibition *Brainstorm: investigating the brain through art and science*. The show has caused some controversy owing to the display of brain slices from a patient with multiple sclerosis, with the Conservative MP David Amess referring to the exhibition as “degrading” and “a disrespectful way to treat the human body.” GV Art, the gallery in London that is holding the exhibition, is the only private gallery in the country to hold a Human Tissue Authority licence for public display and storage of human tissue. The organisers hope to highlight the importance of brain donation for research.

THE WEEK IN NUMBERS

454 138 Number of patients in England recruited to clinical studies in 2009-10 (**Editorial**, p 180)

0.16 Reduction in body mass index for an increase of 2000 steps (**Research**, p 216)

5% Absolute risk of liver damage in C282Y homozygous men with hereditary haemochromatosis (**Clinical Review**, p 218)

11 Number of deaths in England and Wales between April 2005 and April 2010 in patients who had deteriorated after laparoscopic surgery (**Practice**, p 228)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“In the West, any proposed beneficial effects of exclusive breast feeding to six months on infection risk would need to be weighed against plausible, or at least suggestive, evidence for adverse effects”

Mary Fewtrell and colleagues discuss the evidence for introducing solids before six months (**Analysis**, p 209)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Last week we asked: “Is NHS Employers justified in trying to impose a freeze on incremental pay progression for NHS staff?”

78% said no (total 402 votes cast)

This week's poll asks: “Have we gone too far in translating ideas from aviation to patient safety?”

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