

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

In the paper by O. J. Fasting et al., "Bone scintigraphy in early diagnosis of Perthes' disease" which appeared in *Acta orthop. scand.* 1978, **49**, 169-174, the authors refer to my paper "Densitometry and 18-F scintigraphy in the study of revascularization of the femoral head in Coxa Plana" from *Acta orthop. scand.* 1973, **44**, 417-425. The reference reads as follows "In an investigation using F¹⁸ scintigraphy, Bohr (1973) found increased uptake in the initial stage and supported the opinion that the increased density was due to appositional bone

formation". This is not correct as it was clearly shown in my paper that during the early stage of Coxa Plana (C.P.) the uptake of F¹⁸ in the lateral part of the femoral head was reduced compared with the normal side, and it was pointed out that the reduced uptake was an indication of necrosis. The findings of O. J. Fasting et al., showing a reduced uptake in the early stage of C.P., are thus in agreement with the results of my previous investigation and the above-mentioned authors ought to have given me the credit of priority.

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