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In order to encourage research in low-back pain, the Volvo Company of Göteborg, Sweden, for 1983 has sponsored three prizes of \$5,000 each. Awards will be made competitively on the basis of scientific merit in the area of clinical studies, basic science and engineering.

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Correction

Transoral approach to the cervical spine—report of four cases by SA O'Laoire, DGT Thomas (*J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry* 1982;**45**:60–63). In the second sentence under Discussion, the authors intended to state that "Flexion of the head is preserved following atlanto-axial fusion by whatever route" (not "rotation of the head").