Editorial

This month, "Pediatric Research" contains two articles concerning the issue of breast milk *versus* infant formula and the intended benefits and risks of each. The first of these papers (1) includes a set of Recommendations of the Councils of the Society for Pediatric Research and American Pediatric Society, and the American Academy of Pediatrics to Promote Breast Feeding; the second paper by Drs. Ogra and Greene (2) is a background paper upon which these recommendations are based.

These publications should be of interest not only to the pediatric scientific community but also to other groups interested in such issues. The publication of such statements and background research papers by "Pediatric Research" fulfills one of the prime purposes of the Journal which is to bring before the readership, as well as other interested groups including industry and the lay

public, topics that are of crucial importance and concern to pediatrics.

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