

Concussion in sport

David Walsh's poignant article about Sebastien Chabal revives the discussion surrounding concussion ("Rugby stars make memories for us while destroying theirs", sport, Apr 13). Yet of all the articles I have read, not one mentions something that has been well documented in medical journals: growth hormone deficiency causes depression and memory loss. Research found that it can occur in up to 40 per cent of concussions. Replacement growth hormone can reverse some symptoms, so why aren't people in contact sports being tested for growth hormone deficiency?

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