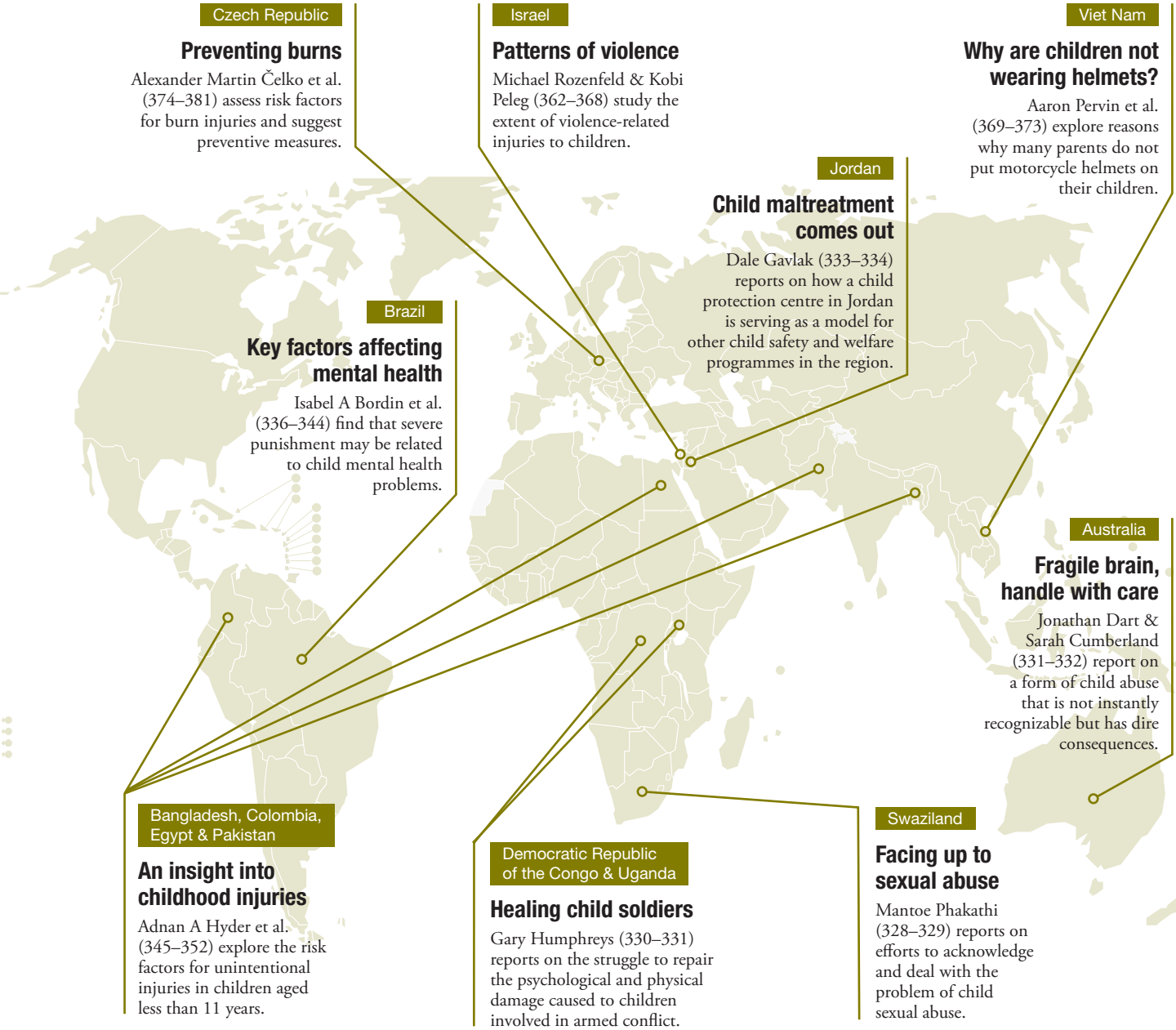
This month's special theme is childhood injuries and violence. In an editorial, Charles Mock et al. (326) provide an overview of the global situation. In a second editorial, Shanthi Ameratunga et al. (327) discuss how early initiation of rehabilitation can reduce acute health-care costs and prevent disability in injured children.

In an interview, Wim Rogmans, general secretary of the European Association for Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion (EuroSafe), (334–335) discusses the dangers children face in everyday life and ways to minimize risks.



Children have special needs

Charles Mock et al. (382–389) call for greater emphasis on trauma care for injured children.

Research lacking

Christopher Mikton & Alexander Butchart (353–361) review recent evidence on child maltreatment interventions.

A recipe for preventing injuries

In a round table discussion (395–401), Ivan Barry Pless reflects on what is needed worldwide to prevent injuries in children. Shanthi Ameratunga, Joan Ozanne-Smith and Ian Roberts debate this issue.

Public health classic

Carol W Runyan & Susan P Baker (402–403) review a paper by William Haddon published in 1973 that presents a way to prevent injuries by analyzing the forces that cause them.

Shift from infectious diseases to injury

Alison Harvey et al. (390–394) propose ways to integrate injury prevention into child health policies.