Feeling the effects
SIR – Professor Stephen Bondy perpetuated the myth that Chernobyl is a wildlife heaven (Letters, September 7th). The vast majority of peer-reviewed research shows that diversity of animals and plants is severely depressed in contaminated areas there. Animals generally do poorly with eyes with cataracts, substandard reproductive performance, dramatically reduced survival, slower growth rates and elevated frequencies of tumours.

Chernobyl is a wildlife heaven only in a biblical sense. It is not a paradise for the animals and plants inhabiting its contaminated lands.

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