

Editor's Comment:

I find the paper suitable for publication provided that the authors take into consideration the following notes and remarks.

- The authors should describe the statistical method(s) applied.
- Intestinal metaplasia is a chronic precancerous histological lesion occurring after chronic exposure to a number of harmful factors including *Helicobacter pylori* infection. Hence, it strikes me as paradoxical the fact that they observed such abnormalities within a small period of time. I deem necessary that the authors report if there are descriptions in the literature referring to other toxic substances causing similar histological lesions in animals or man.
- In the discussion section the authors should explain the possible mechanism(s) responsible for the appearance of said intestinal metaplasia.
- The authors should take into consideration the possible negative consequences of their conclusions on a widely used product in the African and Asian continents. Therefore they should be very aware of the way they word and present their conclusion and not include any presumptions.

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