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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Comments to manuscript "The effect of dietary vitamin C on gastric cancer risk in the Korean population", by Hoang BV et al. The manuscript by Hoang and colleagues describes the risk of gastric cancer as a function of vitamin C intake, an epidemiological study involving more than 1200 cases who participated in the study through questionnaires and other tests. The study is well performed, and the manuscript is written in good and logical order easy for the reader to digest. This paper will be a good contribution to the journal after the authors address the following points:

Major comments: - In the introduction section: Previous reports on epidemiological studies should be cited and explained in more detail. - In the introduction section at the end, the authors refer to a previous study in which vitamin C supplementation might be associated with lowered gastric cancer risk. In this study, were the patients infected with H. pylori? This should be clarified. If this is not the case, this information is misleading and does not belong there. - In the case of Hp-infected patients, could the dose of vitamin C ingested be a relevant issue to discuss? If such data or other studies are available, adding more information about the doses of vitamin C where relevant would be valuable. Minor comments: - In the abstract, under the methods, results and core tip sections as well



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as under the introduction section, "*Helicobacter pylori*" and "*H. pylori*" should be written in italic text. - In the abstract, under the results section, could the authors provide the amount of vitamin C for the respective intake categories?