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Dear Dr. Heavner,

Thank you for submitting your manuscript "A biased and deficient study of snus use and esophageal/gastric cancer" to the International Journal of Cancer. The Editors have now considered the paper with regards to its prima facie suitability for publication in the International Journal of Cancer. Unfortunately, the manuscript does not appear to be well suited for the journal.

This conclusion is not a reflection on the quality of the work. Instead, it reflects the sense that the work is not of sufficient scope and priority for publication in International Journal of Cancer as evaluated by the Board of Editors.

I reiterate that the decision is not a reflection of the quality of the work. It is simply that the journal receives far more manuscripts than it can publish and thus many difficult decisions must be made. Thank you again for considering our journal and I hope that our decision in this instance does not dissuade you from submitting your work to the International Journal of Cancer in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Prof. Harald zur Hausen

Editor-in-Chief