

Dear Sir / Madam,

With regard to your discussions on the reproductive and developmental toxicity of genistein and soy formula, I feel that I must convey my (not inconsiderable) experiences of soy foods.

For the past 15 years my family and I have been vegetarians. In fact for the majority of this time our diet has been predominantly meat alternative protein made from soy. My children have been brought up on this diet and they are all fit and healthy. My son of 26 years is taller than average and has a baby boy of 9 months, who is also a vegetarian and regularly fed soy. He is growing well and there is no question of under development.

Fourteen years ago my cook was diagnosed with liver cancer and given only 6 months to live. I urged him, and he agreed to follow a strict soy protein diet. He recovered and today he is fit and healthy. Some months ago a friend's son of 18 was also diagnosed with liver cancer. He too is following a soy protein diet and is recovering well. I have witnessed many other examples of soy's remarkable properties.

As I am the founder of a company that manufactures soy meat alternative protein, I write to you not with a vested interest in soy sales, but as a concerned human being that is anxious for humankind to reap the benefits of a remarkable health giving food. From these years of experience, all I have witnessed is the remarkable properties of soy. At no time have I seen any detrimental effects. If I did not have the utmost confidence in soy, I would not encourage, or allow my family to follow a soy diet.

Although I have no qualifications in the medical field and have no clinical data to offer (I would not be so presumptuous), I do hope that you will consider the above when making your conclusions to the reproductive and developmental toxicity of genistein and soy formula.

Yours respectfully,
(Private Citizen)