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RE: "BPA plastics chemical poses no health risk, says European watchdog"

Dear Mr. Kaplan,

I read with interest your January 21, 2015, article "[BPA plastics chemical poses no health risk, says European watchdog](#)," and I am writing to draw your attention to the misuse of the image used as the focal point to the story.

The image to which I am referring is that of several PET plastic bottled water bottles, of which there is no mention in your story. My concern is that the use of this image may mislead people into thinking the story pertains to PET plastic bottled water bottles, which it does not. Moreover, BPA is not a chemical component of PET plastic.

PET plastic bottles, commonly small, portable 16.9 (half-liter) and 24 ounce sizes, are safe and reliable for food contact use. PET is used in a variety of packaging for many foods, including everything from peanut butter, soft drinks, and juices to beer, wine, and spirits. PET is approved as safe for food and beverage contact by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and similar regulatory agencies throughout the world – including EFSA, as your own article notes – and has been for more than 30 years.

I respectfully request that your online article be updated to portray a more appropriate image that reflects the contents in your story. As it currently appears, the article misinforms consumers about the safety and quality of bottled water. And, it is not in the best interest of your readers to discourage consumption of this safe, healthy, convenient product.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions or if you'd like to discuss this important issue.

Sincerely,

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