

Australian perspective on Seralini affair

By now, you may have heard that eating genetically modified (GM) corn causes cancer. That alarming news is based on research published on 20 September, by Gilles-Eric Seralini and colleagues at the University of Caen, in France, and published in the *Journal of Food and Chemical Toxicology*. What you might not have heard is that last week two European food safety authorities dismissed the findings as scientifically unsound.

“The authors’ main statements are not sufficiently corroborated by experimental evidence, due to deficiencies in the study design and in the presentation and interpretation of the study results,” declared Germany’s Federal Institute for Risk Assessment, BfR. “EFSA is presently unable to regard the authors’ conclusions as scientifically sound,” echoed the European Food Safety Authority.

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