Review of: "The Influence of Perceived Spiciness on Actual Taste Experience: An Experimental Study"

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The authors have investigated the perception of spiciness in 10 subjects. This is a very preliminary work and the sample size is too low (the authors have also agreed) to draw any conclusions. The experimental design is not elucidated clearly. For example, were all the individuals given the same food for a given capsaicin concentration. What are the other components of the food and what is their effect on capsaicin? The authors also did not mention the maximum and the minimum age limit. There were a number of factors that the authors did not consider, specifically the influence of age or sex in the perception of spiciness. Similarly, the number of individuals included in the study with an easily impressionable mind! Therefore, I suggest the authors change the title of the manuscript and replace the phrase “An Experimental Study” with “A Preliminary Study”. Also in line 2 of Introduction instead of “myriad of factors” please write “myriad factors” before the article is published.