

Since nutritional anaemia is a major public health problem in India, our focus has been on use of leaf concentrate for the alleviation of anaemia. We used 6–10 g of concentrate in supplementary feedings. Hb levels improved significantly as shown below:

- The Hb levels in children and young women increased by 12–16% in the experimental group compared with the 1.7% increase in the control group^(2,3).
- The pregnant women were able to maintain their Hb levels in spite of haemodilution in the ninth month of pregnancy, with median values increasing from 8.47 to 9.09 g/dl⁽⁴⁾. This in turn affected the gestational period, weight gain during pregnancy and birth weight of the newborns.
- In anaemic adolescent girls, 10 g of concentrate (containing 8–9 mg Fe) was as effective as tablets containing 60 mg Fe and 500 µg folic acid (paper submitted for publication).

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Correction

Marketing of processed food to young children

Madam

In my recent letter to the editor⁽¹⁾, some references were misplaced. Reference⁽³⁾ should be⁽⁴⁾ and references^(4–6) should be^(5–7).

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