

**Editor's Comment:**

1. The paper has been written on a subject of public health interest
2. Its reportedly widely practised in the area of study
3. It is also practised in many areas in African and the world

Looking into the manuscript

1. I find the following missing in the methods: The Ethical considerations ought to be included in the methods: Which authority approved the study; what is the approval number in case it is there and the consent forms
2. The psychological parameters are not reflected in the possible reasons for the ingestion of pica. Could this be that I missed it out?
3. Have we considered confounders to the findings? If there are, what are they?

Otherwise, it is a good paper to be considered for publication once those corrections have been made.

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