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Input: Here is a comment on categorizing carcinogens by a scientist (T.Colin Campbell) who has done more research and published more papers on carcinogenic effects than anyone involved here, particularly on animal food. Below is a paper analyzing this risk assessment published back in 1980. We have not taken heed.

Dr. Campbell:

The biggest problem with this question is that we INCORRECTLY assume that this official carcinogen testing program is a valid method. It is not. It's a program that is intended to obfuscate the message on diet and cancer that is focused on the nutritional etiology of cancer.

I once was very active in this issue, wrote a widely read commentary in 1980 and lectured at all three of the regulatory laboratories (2 US and 1 UN) and argued that the program should be debunked. Although they made some changes at that time, they still kept it. At this point, I really don't care whether they declare processed meat a carcinogen, it makes no difference.

Campbell, T. C. Chemical carcinogens and human risk assessment. Fed. Proc. 39, 2467-2484 (1980).