

# Genetically Modified Rice

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Japanese scientists reported in the *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry* that the new transgenic rice designed to fight a common pollen allergy appears safe in animal studies. Transgenic plants have genes from different species artificially inserted into their DNA in order to improve their resistance to environmental threats or increase their nutritive value to humans.

The interesting thing about this is that more and more plants will be produced to make pharmaceuticals if regulatory strictures are relaxed, says ACSH's Dr. Gilbert Ross.

ACSH's Dr. Elizabeth Whelan agrees: Genetically modified products are very promising. It s amazing to me that starvation rates around the world are so devastating and yet technology like this still encounters resistance. It s unbelievable.

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