Claims on Twitter Rubric

This task asks students whether a claim made by @HealthRanger on Twitter is accurate. The Tweet claims that “Eating GMO wheat may destroy your liver” and links to an article published on another website, NewsTarget, titled: “Scientists: Eating GMO wheat may destroy your liver”. Based on the title of the article alone, some students might accept this article as sound evidence for the tweet. However, upon investigation, one can see that the tweet is an example of circular reporting, where an author references an article, which in turn references something the author has previously published. Strong responses will discount the claim based on this reasoning or the fact that the scientific study is not accessible.

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| **MASTERY** | Student argues that the claim is not accurate and fully explains that the Health Ranger tweet ultimately references an article that Health Ranger published 6 years prior and that the scientific study that is referenced in the article is not available. |
| **EMERGING** | Student correctly identifies that the tweet (“GMO wheat causes liver failure”) dramatizes the title of the article (“Eating GMO wheat may destroy your liver”). |
| **BEGINNING** | Student argues that Health Ranger’s claim is accurate or argues that Health Ranger’s claim is inaccurate but does not identify the pieces of information outlined above. |