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Page 12: Despite the fact that YSTs in general showed higher levels of methylation, of the 15 genes assessed 8 showed both lower levels of methylation and higher expression in YSTs compared to G (Figure 3A). Does G mean GER or what?
• This should have read “GER” instead of “G” We have corrected the typographical error.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.