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### **AAAS Statement on the 2019 Award for Scientific Freedom and Responsibility**

The American Association for the Advancement of Science has awarded the [2019 Award for Scientific Freedom and Responsibility](#) to Sarath Gunatilake and Channa Jayasumana who investigated a possible connection between glyphosate and chronic kidney disease under challenging circumstances. The AAAS communication announcing the 2019 award earlier this year included misleading statements about a causal connection between glyphosate and chronic kidney disease. An association has been suggested by the researchers, but a causal connection is not conclusive to date. The award had been under review since February.

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