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WLOG assume $a_1 < \dots < a_m$. And suppose that least common multiple of a_i, a_j is less or equal to N for $1 \leq i, j \leq m$.

For $i \geq 1$, (a_i, a_{i+1}) divides $(a_{i+1} - a_i)$.

$$N \geq l.c.m(a_{i+1}, a_i) = \frac{a_i a_{i+1}}{(a_i, a_{i+1})} \geq \frac{a_i a_{i+1}}{a_{i+1} - a_i} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a_i} - \frac{1}{a_{i+1}} \geq \frac{1}{N} \quad (1)$$

Since $a_i \geq i$

$$\frac{1}{\lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil} > \frac{1}{a_{\lfloor m/2 \rfloor}} - \frac{1}{a_m} \geq \frac{m - \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil}{N} \Rightarrow N > \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil \left(m - \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil \right) = \lceil \frac{m^2}{4} \rceil \geq \lceil \frac{4N}{4} \rceil = N \quad (2)$$

So contradiction.