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NEWS & ARTICLES

How to protect the first 'CRISPR babies' prompts ethical debate

By *Smriti Mallapaty // Nature*

In 2018, Chinese scientist He Jiankui announced the birth of the first gene-edited babies. A new proposal published by eminent Chinese bioethicists contributes to the ongoing debate about whether and how to ensure and monitor the children's well-being.

Genetic databases are too White. Here's what it'll take to fix It

By *Grace Browne // Wired*

The lack of diversity in biobanks remains a concern in the research community but proposals to tackle this issue is fraught with ethical concerns.



PUBLICATIONS

Heritable genome editing and cognitive biases: why broad societal consensus is the wrong standard for moving forward

By *Kerry Lynn Macintosh // Journal of Law and the Biosciences*

Several bioethicists demand a 'broad societal consensus' before proceeding with any application of human germline editing. However, cognitive bias may cast doubt on whether such a consensus reliably tracks valid moral judgment.

Payment is a benefit and why it matters for pediatric trials

By *Robert Steel // Bioethics*

This paper provides practical advice on how IRBs should consider payment for participation in pediatric trials.

The time has come to extend the 14-day limit

By *Sophia McCully // Journal of Medical Ethics*

The so-called '14-day limit' in embryo research has enjoyed global acceptance, but there are renewed calls for extension of this rule, on ethical grounds.

COVID-19 vaccines: a look at the ethics of the clinical research involving children

By *Laura Cabiedes-Miragaya and Inés Galende-Domínguez // Journal of Medical Ethics*

COVID-19 vaccines require testing not just in adults, but also in minors. This article revisits established ethical principles for research participation of minors in the context of COVID-19 vaccine trials.



BLOG POSTS

Research ethics meets the new marketplace

By *Carol Levine and Arthur Caplan // The Hastings Center*

This blog post discuss ethically problematic cases where potential research participants were charged for merely inquiring about research studies.

Picking research projects that matter

By *Leah Pierson // Bill of Health - Harvard Law School*

This blog post considers how funders should evaluate research proposals and defends the use of real-world impact as a determining factor.

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