

RESEARCH ETHICS BULLETIN

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS
FROM AROUND THE WORLD
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NEWS & ARTICLES

Thermo Fisher settles Henrietta Lacks lawsuit over 'HeLa' cell line

By *Blake Brittain // Reuters*

Laboratory equipment maker Thermo Fisher Scientific has settled a lawsuit brought by the estate of Henrietta Lacks, whose cells have fueled biomedical research for decades.

French research centre behind controversial Covid paper found to have used questionable ethics processes

By *Melissa Davey // The Guardian*

A French research centre that produced one of the most widely cited and controversial Covid research papers has been found to have used questionable ethical approval processes across hundreds of studies.

There's far more scientific fraud than anyone wants to admit

By *Ivan Oransky and Adam Marcus // The Guardian*

To combat the increasing trend of scientific fraud, the authors recommend that more must be done to detect and sanction fraud. They also recommend detaching publishing papers from earning funding and employment to reduce incentives to cheat.

Promising assisted reproductive technologies come with ethical, legal and social challenges – a developmental biologist and a bioethicist discuss IVF, abortion and the mice with two dads

By *Keith Latham and Mary Faith Marshall // The Conversation*

Discusses the ethical, legal and social challenges raised by promising assisted reproductive technologies being researched.

Navigating the regulatory landscape of longevity health products

By *Marian Ho, Sean Gallagher and Wei En Tan // Dentons Rodyk*

Provides an overview of the regulatory regime in Singapore governing the longevity industry.



PUBLICATIONS

Special considerations when research is embedded within community health centers

By *Carolyn Neuhaus, Johanna Crane and Danielle Pacia // The American Journal of Bioethics*

Explores the ethical differences of research that is conducted within community health centers and how such research departs from the traditional investigator-subject dyad.

A multidimensional account of social justice for global health research

By *Bridget Pratt // Bioethics*

Argues a transformation of global health research is needed to eliminate long-standing structural inequities and help reduce global health disparities. Provides a multidimensional account of social justice to identify ways to aid this transformation.

Defining institutional review board application quality: critical research gaps and future opportunities

By *Kimberly Serpico // Research Ethics*

Identifies a gap in efforts to research and define IRB application quality. Attempts to remedy this by laying the conceptual groundwork for further investigation into the area.

Protected from harm, harmed by protection: ethical consequences of the exclusion of pregnant participants from clinical trials

By *Rebecca L Zur // Research Ethics*

Argues that the exclusion of pregnant participants from research is not ethically justifiable.



BLOG POSTS

Bartering your eggs: A rotten deal

By *Arthur Caplan and Gwendolyn P Quinn // Hastings Bioethics Forum*

Argues that current practices surrounding fertility treatments disproportionately disadvantage the poor due to significant reproductive injustice and lack of access.

Addressing the current research gap on the ethical evaluation of epigenome editing

By *Karla Alex and Eva C. Winkler // JME Blog*

Identifies a research gap about the ethics of epigenome editing and calls for a broader debate about epigenome editing in bioethics.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Inaugural Asian Paediatric Ethics Conference: Emerging Ethical Issues in Paediatrics

Date: 2 and 3 October 2023

Venue: NUSS Kent Ridge Guild House | In-person

Australasian Association of Bioethics and Health Law (AABHL) Conference 2023

Dates: 19 - 22 November 2023

Venue: Brisbane, Australia

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