



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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Human Eggs from Skin Cells - What That Means



Education: In 2016, scientists in Japan announced for the first time the birth of baby mice from eggs made with their parent's skin. (1) In vitro gametogenesis, or IVG, can make eggs more easily available, and in large quantities to be used for in vitro fertilization (IVF). In January 2025, Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) announced the production of 82 human eggs from skin cells, which were then fertilized to produce embryos. The

embryos either had died or were discarded after 6 days.(2) Anyone, therefore, including homosexual men, could have eggs with their own DNA produced and then fertilized to make embryos. (Embryos could then be transferred to a surrogate mother to continue development until birth.) Embryos resulting from IVF are already able to have a cell removed to test for a genetic factor, in order to eliminate embryos with extra chromosomes or genetic diseases.(3) Hundreds of eggs and embryos could be produced with IVG, which could then be used for destructive research or selecting only those with a desired characteristic to survive.

In addition to screening embryos, it is now possible to edit, that is to change the DNA of cells. Gene therapy, such as editing immune cells to increase their cancer-fighting ability, can be very beneficial (4) and is an ethical treatment. Using similar technology to create "designer babies" is quite different. Allowing the destruction of embryos or exposure to unfavorable environments is definitely objectionable. Producing embryos in any quantity, anticipating that only a few will live, shows lack of respect for human life, treating children as a product to be manufactured rather than a gift from God. There is also a serious risk in inserting characteristics that will be transmitted to future generations, even if it could be done while showing respect for human life.

1. <https://www.theguardian.com/science/2017/jan/11/new-fertility-procedure-may-lead-to-embryo-farming-warn-researchers-in-vitro-gametogenesis>
2. [OHSU researchers develop functional eggs from human skin cells | OHSU News](https://www.liveaction.org/news/researchers-deliberately-motherless-human-embryos-skin-cells), (2025)
<https://www.liveaction.org/news/researchers-deliberately-motherless-human-embryos-skin-cells>
3. [Infertility Services: Preimplantation Genetic Testing \(PGT\) | Johns Hopkins Medicine](#)
4. <https://biologyinsights.com/how-crispr-screens-are-advancing-immunotherapy>
5. [The Fight Against the Ideology of Designer Babies | Human Life International \(2025\)](#)



Prayer: Dear Father God, please help everyone to recognize you, Lord, as the author and creator of every human life. Help us to build a society where every child will know that they are a result of an act of love between their parents, not a product of technology, or a commodity sold for a price. Help every child burdened with a handicap be welcomed, loved, and helped to realize his full potential. Help all of us to realize that we must not insist on controlling every aspect of our lives but to trust in You and submit to your holy will.



Action: Be aware of what is becoming possible with new scientific techniques. Voice your opinion to legislative representatives and government officials to act always with respect for every human life, from the moment of conception. Be aware of what is happening right now with in vitro fertilization (IVF), by [reading](#) or [watching a short video](#).

Share with others how the procedure creates many more children than will ever be born, allowing the majority to die and others to be frozen indefinitely. Of every 100 embryos created, only about 11 are born. IVF and IVG are not "pro-life"!