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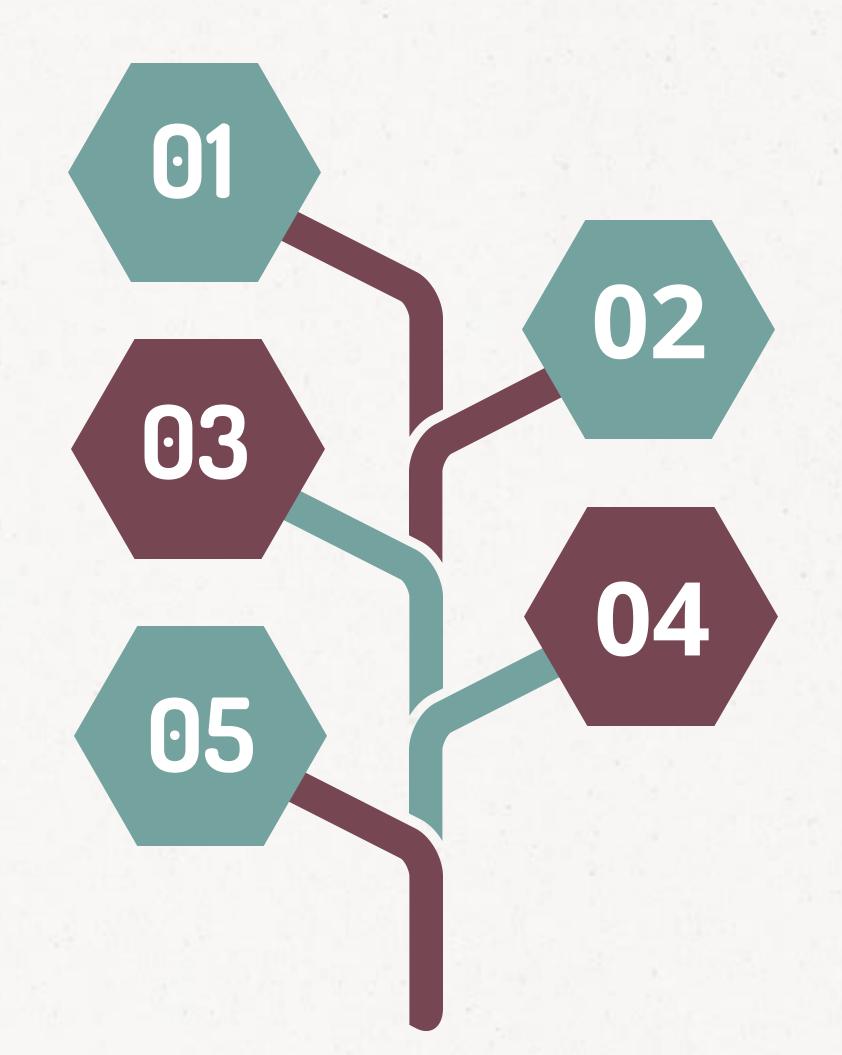
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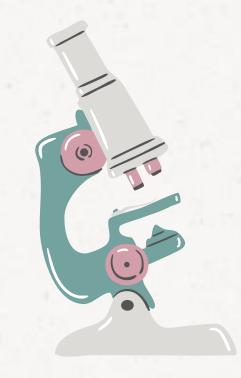
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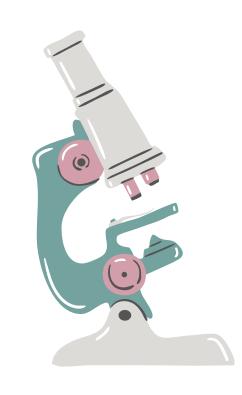


INTRODUCTION

genetic manipulation; the process where the DNA of an organism is altered, this alteration can involve adding, deleting or modifying specific DNA sequences. The purpose is to introduce new traits, enhance existing ones or transfer genetic material from one organism to another.



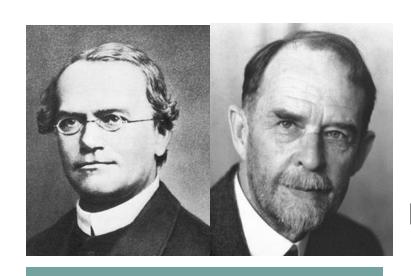
genetic manipulation has the potential to bring about significant benefits for human well-being, bu talso raises questions about our identity, values, and role on the planet. While some people are opposed to gene editing, others believe that the benefits outweigh the risks. However, there are still ethical concerns about it, especially when it comes to editing embryos that would be inherited by future generations



GENETIC MANIPULATION: HISTORY



HISTORY:



early20th century

the concept of genetics inheritance was devloped by scientists like george mendel and thomas hunt morgan, laying the foundation for understanding how genes work

avery, Mac leod, and McCarty identified that DNA carries genetic information

1944



1953

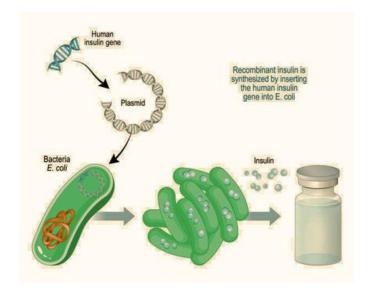
the discovery of DNA
structure by james
watson and franscis crick
with the help of rosalind
franklin's work;
providing insights how
genetic information is
stored and replicated

the discovery of restriction enzymes by the swiss microbiologist werner arber which made the recombinant DNA plausible

1968s

1970s

they successfully combined DNA from different organisms. this led to the birth of DNA recombinant technology., the foundation of modern genetic manipulation

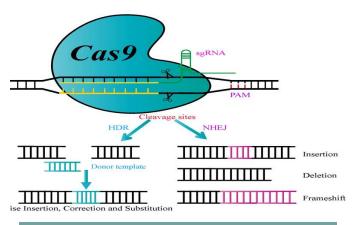


1982

the first genitically engineered product for medical use, human insulin, was approved for commercial production

genetically modified organisms engineered for resistance to pests and herbicides became commercially availabe

1990s



2010s

editing tool CRISPR-Cas9 emerged, offering precise and efficient gene editing capabilities as gene manipulation advanced debates and regulations regarding the ethical use of this technology intensified

modern time

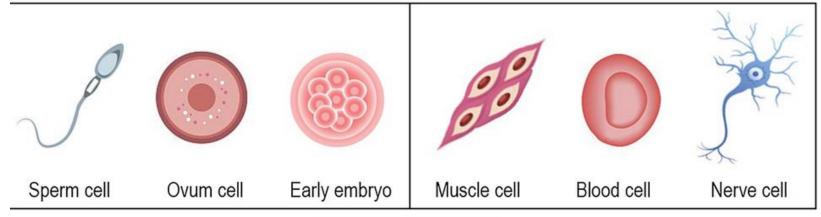
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TYPES, APPLICATIONS AND TECHNIQUES

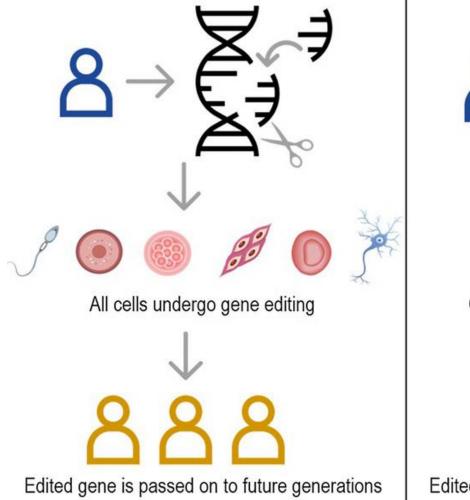


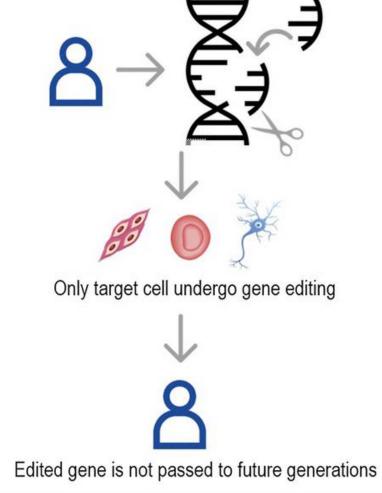


Examples of cells



Modification and effects





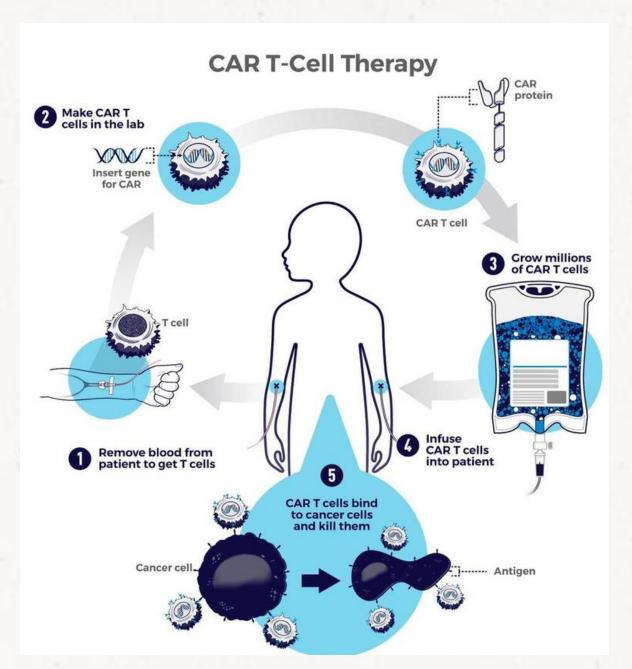
TYPESOF GENE MANIPULATION

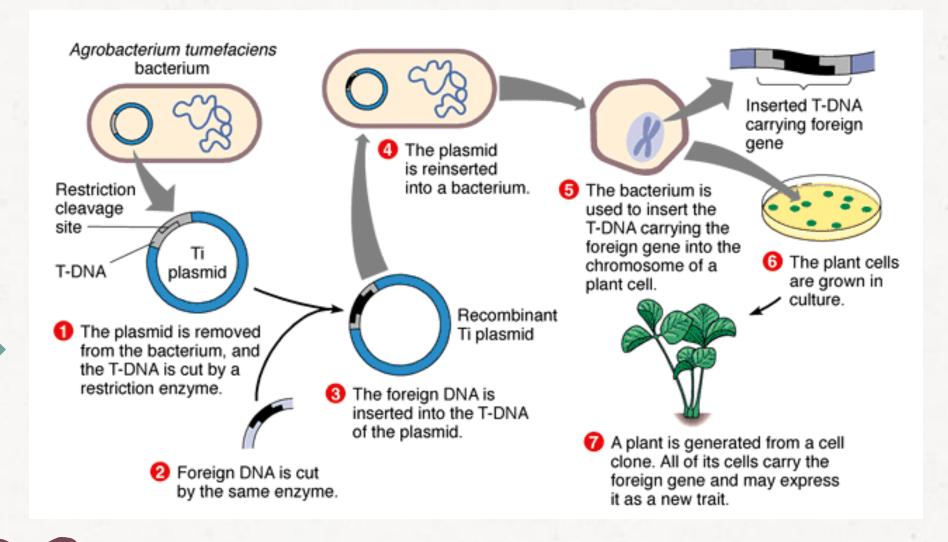
- Straightforward delivery of edited gene into reproductive cell
- All cells will have functioning gene
- Ethically controversial
- Inconsistent and variable guidelines and regulation
- Limited research/application permitted
- Manipulation passed to next generation, resulting in good or bad outcomes

- Tricky delivery of edited gene into target cells
- Difficult to achieve gene functioning in the genome
- Therapy is short-lived and has to be repeated
- Regulations available to govern applications
- Research/application permitted as only actual person affected

01 AGRICULTURE

genetic manipulation is used to enhance crop traits such as resistance to pests, diseases, improving nutritional content.

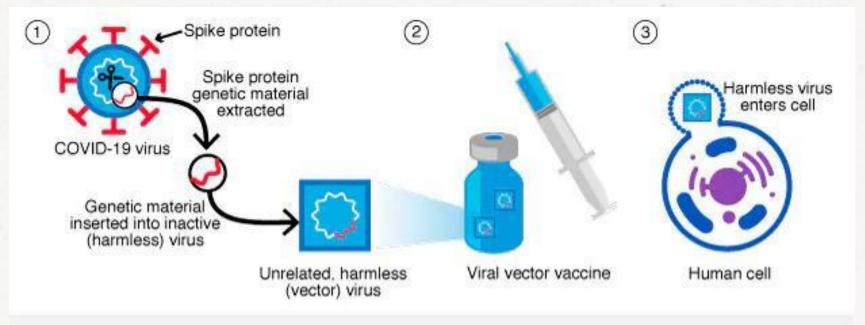


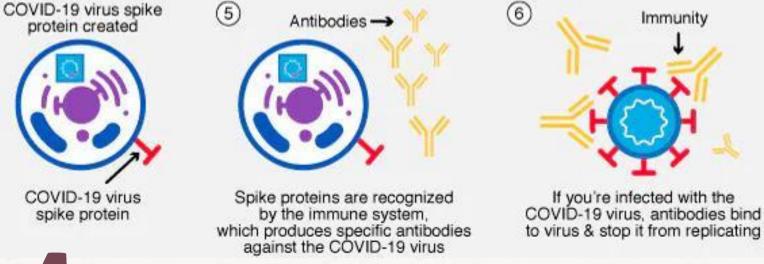


02 MEDECINE

used to treat genetic disorders by introducing genes in human's cells like cancer therapy where patienyt's own T cells are modified to recognize and attack cancer cells more effectively. CAR-T cells is an example where T cells are engineered to express chimeric antigen receptors specefic to cancer cells





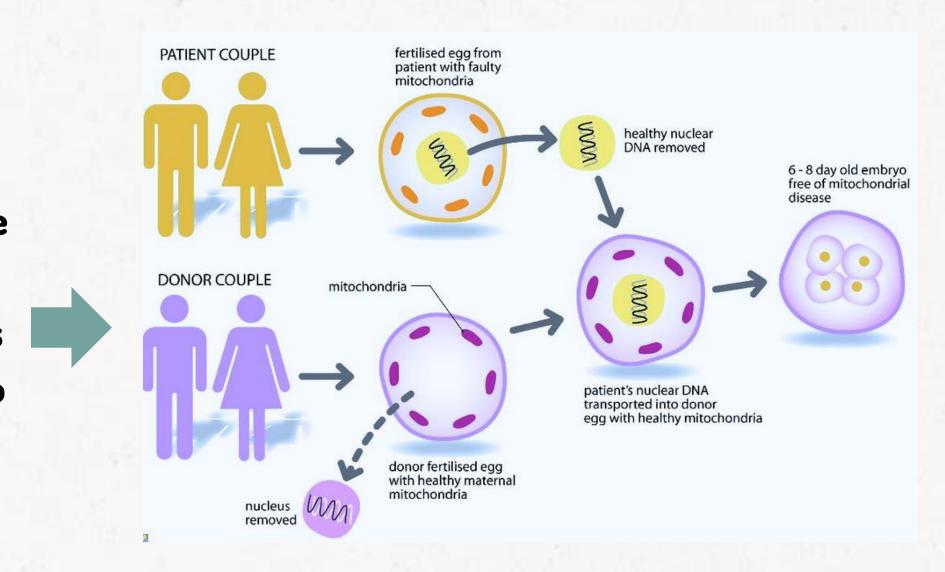


04 GERMLINE GENE THERAPY

cells or the embryos that develop from them, unlike somatic gene therapy which target non reproductive cells and affects only the individual treated, it has the ability to introduce heritable changes that would be passed on to future generations

VACCINES DEVELOPPEMENT

used in the developpement and production of vaccines. one example, covid vaccine.



recombinant DNA

involves the insertion of genes from one organism into the DNA of another using restriction enzymes and DNA ligase

gene cloning

the process of making identical copies of a gene, typically by inserting it into a vector like a plasmid and introducing it into a host organism (bacteria for example)

gene editing (CRISPR-CAS9)

a revolutionary method that allowsprecise modification of specefic DNA sequences



TECHNIQUES

gene therapy

the introduction of functional genes into an individual to treat genetic disorders

GMO technology

modifying the genetic makeup of plants or animals to acheive desired characteristics, like disease resistance and increased crops yiel

<u>mutagenesis</u>

inducing mutations in an organism's DNA to study the effects of specefic genetic changes

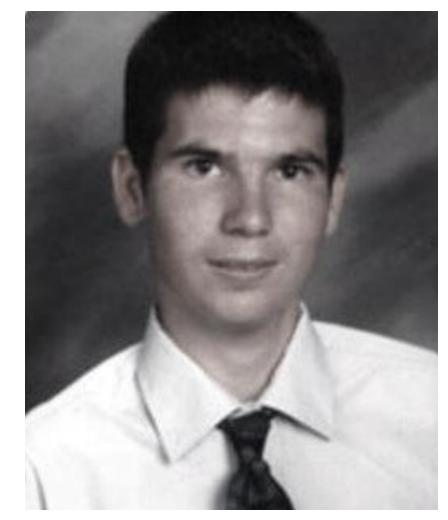


ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

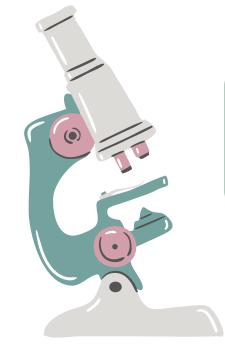


GENE MANIPULATION CASES

according to scientists not all forms of human GM remained off limits. Somatic gene manipulation has been researched since 1990. But in 1999, a young person with a mild genetic disorder, which was managed with diet and medication, enrolled in a gene therapy experiment at a major research university in the United States. He received the maximum dose and had an immune response that caused massive organ failure







These events were critical warnings about unknowns and risks.

jess gelsinger's death from gene therapy clinical trial in 1999 raised many questions concerning the experminets of gene therapy safety

GENE MANIPULATION CASES

In 2019, Chinese geneticist HeJiankui defied his country's laws, and arguably his ethical responsibilities, by genetically modifying twin girls while they were embryos using CRISPRS-CAS9. He believed he was protecting them from HIV, but he may have doomed them to early deaths.

He was universally condemned and excommunicated from the scientific community. China apologized on the global stage and ultimately sentenced He to prison



ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

the Council of Europe's 1997 Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine states in Article 13, regarding "interventions on the human genome,"

that "an intervention seeking to modify the human genome may only be undertaken

for preventive, diagnostic or therapeutic purposes and only if its aim is not to introduce any modification in the genome of any descendants. This means, according to paragraph 91 of the Explanatory Report to this Convention, that "interventions seeking to introduce any modification in the genome of any descendants are prohibited. Consequently, in particular genetic modifications

of spermatozoa or ova for fertilisation are not allowed."



ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

in a report published in 2017, the U.S.-based National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine actually recommended the use of heritable genome editing in human beings in certain specific circumstances. This happened even though the above international regulations condemned such a possibility

and a 2015 UNESCO International bioethics Committee report had clearly highlighted the eugenic dangers of selective germline procedures. This indicated that if any

intentional germline selection was accepted (such as with genome editing), this would "jeopardize the inherent and therefore equal dignity of all human beings and renew eugenics, disguised as the fulfilment of the wish for a better, improved life."

it was in order to address such a danger that (UNESCO) 1997 Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights indicates in Article 24 that germline interventions could be considered as a practice that would be "contrary to human dignity." (UNESCO, 1997).



RELIGION PRESPECTIVES ON GENE MANIPULATION

religion	support gene editing	against gene editing
	somatic cell therapy	
islam	provide care and relieve suffering through new and better cure strategies for diseases Encourage the tradition of scientific research and medical innovation to develop treatments for diseases and conditions that cause suffering	Believes that life is a test and that suffering is part of this test to endeavour
christianity	Effective against a range of illness, and so many believers would consider it stewardship to support them Appreciate the manipulation as God-given knowledge that continues the healing work of Jesus	pulating an individual's genes goes further than conventional medicine, and deemed as playing God

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islam	It is establishing treatments that would ensure that future generations do not suffer from hereditary disorders The embryo does not have a soul until later in pregnancy, so manipulation of embryos at early stages of their development to ensure that they do not suffer after the birth	Greater unknown risks The genetic make-up of each individual is part of Allah's plan, and any manipulation regarded as a violation against this plan		
christianity	Develop treatments that would ensure that future generations do not suffer from hereditary disorders While Christian faiths differ on the point at which the embryo attains full human status (conception, 14 days, gradually), manipulation of embryos to ensure they do not suffer after birth must be balanced by considerations of risk and respect for human dignity	Greater unknown risks Expensive type of treatment accessible for wealthy and would go against Christian teachings on justice		

informed consent

ensuiring that individuals have a clear understanding of the potential benefits and risks of genetic manipulation

human dignity

altering the human genetic code for non medical purposes can raise concerns about human dignity

equality and access

concerns about social equity arise when discussing access to gene manipulation technologies. will these be available for to all or only to those who can affford them

<u>unintended</u> <u>consequences</u>

the introduction of functional genes into an individual to treat genetic disorders

some key bioethical issues associated with gene manipulation

environmental impact

GMO can affeect ecosystems and biodiversity. bioethics in this conntext considers the environmental consequences of gene manipulation

germline editing

editing the genes of future generations raises complex questions. the long effect and the ability to consent on behalf of unborn individuals

genetic enhancements

when gene manipulation is used for non medical purposes like improving physical or cognitive traits, ethical dilemmas

beneficence and non-malefience

this bioethical principles guide the responsible use of gene manipulation for the benefit of individuals and society

CONCLUSION

in conclusion the implications of genetic manipultation are complex and multifaced. while it holds immense potential for medical advancements and adressing genetic disorders, especially with the came out of new techniques like CRISPR-Cas9 that has revolutionized the field of gene editing it also has the potential to be used irresponsibly. Therefore, it is important to consider the risks and benefits of gene manipulation and careful considerations must be given to issues such as consent equality and intended consequence





ATTENTION











