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AAAS Statement on Recent Media Reports of Human Gene-Editing

“It is irresponsible to undertake human gene-editing clinical trials without sufficient pre-clinical scientific evidence and inclusive public dialogue on the risks and societal implications of gene-editing human embryos. Recent media reports suggest there is an urgent need for increased scientific and public discussion on the risks, benefits and ethics of gene editing. At the same time, existing ethical and regulatory frameworks should be reviewed and updated by research institutions and countries to ensure adequate oversight of human gene-editing and to limit the potential for misuse.”

– Rush Holt, chief executive officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

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