

## Pig born using new GM technique

Scientists at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh have used a new genetic engineering technique to create a pig that's immune to African swine fever, a viral infection that is deadly for pigs.

The new "gene-editing" method—which the scientists say could be used to make cattle and sheep resistant to a host of diseases—was used to snip out a single mutation in the pig's genome.

Gene-editing is faster and more efficient than existing methods, *The Telegraph's* science reporter Nick Collins writes, and it "avoids one of the major concerns of anti-GM campaigners because it does not involve the use of antibiotic-resistance genes. Scientists hope it could make genetic engineering of livestock more acceptable to the public and be key to the challenge of feeding the growing global population."

However, a glance through the article's comment section shows that "Pig 26" is unlikely to change many minds—particularly of those who are determined to rail against GMOs whatever the science may say.

**Read the full article (and comments) here: [Pig born using new GM approach](#)**