

Future pharma: Led by US scientists, glow-in-the-dark pigs bred in China

Using a method pioneered by Hawaiian researchers, ten genetically altered piglets were bred at the South China Agricultural University in Guangdong this year, and all of them emit a greenish glow in ultraviolet light. The scientists injected a fluorescent protein from jellyfish DNA into pig embryos.

“It’s just a marker to show that we can take a gene that was not originally present in the animal and now exists in it,” [said Stefan Moisyadi](#) at the University of Hawaii in a press release. The technique will eventually allow genes to be transferred into larger animals for developing more effective drugs at lower cost. The research will be published in the journal *Biology of Reproduction*.

At least [six other types of animals](#) have been bred to glow in the dark, say researchers—a practice that some bio-ethicists and many in the public find disagreeable.

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