

MIT-Harvard Institute patents CRISPR gene editing technique

One of the most important genetic technologies developed in recent years is now patented, and researchers are wondering what they will and won't be allowed to do with the powerful method for editing the genome.

The Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard announced that it had been granted a patent covering the components and methodology for CRISPR—a new way of making precise, targeted changes to the genome of a cell or an organism. CRISPR could revolutionize biomedical research by giving scientists a more efficient way of re-creating disease-related mutations in lab animals and cultured cells; it may also yield an unprecedented way of treating disease.

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