

23andMe, women's health startup looking for genes behind infertility

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Humans have been having humans for hundreds of thousands of years as part of our genetic drive so it seems counter-Darwinian that some genes might work against our ability to make a baby. But that is exactly what certain genes might be doing, according to women's health startup [Celmatix](#), and they are now working with [23andMe](#) to hopefully figure out why.

Celmatix tries to take the guesswork out of getting pregnant based on certain data points, but that data can uncover some fascinating reasons for infertility. Founder Piraye Yurttas Beim says those reasons can stem from the boring old dormant genes get passed on for generations until someone has a problem trying to conceive to a newer reason – a lot of women are delaying childbirth for a longer period than we ever have.

Roughly 12 percent of women aged 15-44 have trouble getting pregnant or carrying the baby to term, according to the [CDC](#). While not all fertility problems rest on a woman's uterus – and not all of it is genetic – more research could clear up the murkiness.

23andMe is likely a good partner to help Celmatix in the process. The consumer genetics company has gathered a massive amount of data from years of collecting our saliva samples. Some of that data could help Celmatix scientists unlock the underlying reasons a woman might be having trouble conceiving.

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