

Who is best qualified to regulate gene editing?

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No other technology like the recently developed “genome editing” has taken the world by storm in the annals of modern biotechnology.

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The beauty of genome editing is that without adding an extra piece of DNA, the genetic make-up can be altered[.] As such, leading regulatory authorities in the US and the EU have declared that genome-edited organisms...do not come under any biotech regulation.

Critics of biotechnology assert that all products of these technologies are nothing but “hidden GMOs”...and are pushing to bring them under the GMO umbrella. Developers of these technologies...claim that regulations will cripple innovation as it happened with GMOs. India is the worst sufferer of anti-biotech activism, whereas neighbouring Bangladesh has gone ahead with a variety of GM crops to improve its agriculture.

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There are very good experts in science and technology and social sciences who can address [these ethical and safety questions]. Instead, a bunch of anti-tech ignoramuses take centre stage just because they have the decibel power, and politicise the whole debate.

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