

## Despite successful experiment, two-father babies still may not happen

Healthy mice have been created using sperm and cells that aren't quite eggs for the first time. *New Scientist* questions whether this really brings us any closer to making babies with two biological fathers.

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### **So they just used sperm and eggs?**

Those were the starting points, yes. But instead of using [eggs](#), they used cells that were made by tricking egg cells into dividing – eggs would never normally do this, until after they had been fertilized.

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### **Will this technique work with other cells?**

Probably not – [team member Tony ]Perry himself says the prospect of using a man's cells in this way are remote. "This is all very speculative and none of it is possible today, and may never be possible," says Perry.

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### **So is this discovery useful in any way?**

It's unlikely to pave the way to embryos with two fathers any time soon, but the experiment has told us something particularly interesting: there is more than one path to a healthy embryo.

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