

World's first baby born from new, controversial three parent embryo technique

A five-month-old boy is the first baby to be born using a new technique that incorporates DNA from three people...

The controversial technique, which allows parents with rare genetic mutations to have healthy babies, [has only been legally approved in the UK](#). But the birth of the child, whose Jordanian parents were treated by a US-based team in Mexico, should fast-forward progress around the world, say embryologists.

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The team seems to have taken an ethical approach with their technique, says [Sian Harding](#), who reviewed the ethics of the UK procedure. The team avoided destroying embryos, and used a male embryo, so that the resulting child wouldn't pass on any inherited mitochondrial DNA. "It's as good as or better than what we'll do in the UK," says Harding.

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[This method has not] been approved in the US, so Zhang went to Mexico instead, where he says "there are no rules". He is adamant that he made the right choice. "To save lives is the ethical thing to do," he says.

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