

Religious Muslims cleared to consume lab-grown beef if origins of cells are from 'humanely-killed' cows

[Lab-grown meat](#) is a rising trend among those looking to reduce their carbon footprint.

For Muslims looking to live a more environmentally friendly lifestyle, however, a big question is whether or not it is [halal](#).

So – is it?

The short answer, according to some Muslim scholars, is yes, but it depends.

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Farhan Siddiqi, a graduate of Makkah's Umm Al Qura University and the imam of Dar Al Hijra Islamic centre in the US state of Virginia, said that lab-grown meat can be halal if certain conditions are met.

"Lab-cultivated meat can be halal if the cell being cultivated is from the cow [or other animal] that has been slaughtered in accordance with Islamic law," he told *The National*.

For meat to be considered halal, it must meet a variety of requirements that include ensuring humane slaughter, the draining of all blood and the good health of the animal before it is killed.

[CEO of Just Meats Josh] Tetrick, recognising the importance of not excluding the world's two billion Muslims, consulted with three Muslim scholars whose views coincided with Imam Siddiqi: cultivated meat is halal as long as the cells are harvested in a way that complies with Islamic standards.

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