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Editing Policy to Fit the Genome?

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A light lunch will be provided; space is limited; note variant time and venue

Human genome editing is a powerful tool that offers great scientific and therapeutic potential. Balancing therapeutic prospects brought by scientific advances with regulation to address highly contested socio-ethical issues is the ultimate challenge in dealing with disruptive science. Framing genome editing policy requires setting thresholds of acceptability and greater clarity on such concepts as "genetic identity." This and other key terms have yet to be defined, and we need to look for an approach to genome editing that can lead toward compromise or consensus. (NB: This presentation occurs the same day as the publication of Isasi et al. Editing policy to fit the genome. *Science* 2016;351:337-339.)

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