

Potential Progress in Creating a Male Birth Control Pill

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Australian researchers believe they may be on the verge of developing an oral contraceptive for men that would not affect long-term sperm health or negatively influence sex drive, according to a new study published in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science* and reported by Agence France Press. The new drug would work by blocking two proteins that control the transport of sperm during ejaculation, rendering a man temporarily infertile without disabling sperm cells or influencing hormone levels. Researchers say the drug could be developed as a safe and reversible contraceptive within the next 10 years.

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