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Editorial: Ethical Decisions

This is the 160th issue of *EJAIB*, and it features a range of papers in bioethics. Miki Fukuyama and colleagues report on a descriptive bioethics study of the factors that are important for Japanese elderly acute patients regarding their long term care. We can compare the conclusions with the paper of Yanguang Wang that compares the concept of common morality proposed by Beauchamp and Childress with the ethos and practice of medical ethics in China. The principles model is useful for making decisions, as has been the conclusion of many earlier explorations of the international nature of ethical decision-making. The theme of Asian bioethics will be explored further in October at the 18th Asian Bioethics Conference.

New genetic technology is discussed in the papers from Bang-Ook Jun on the use of gene drive technologies in vector borne diseases, in particular with mosquitoes. Ann Boyd discusses the use of CRISPR in human beings. Recent papers in *Nature* have shown its use in human embryos, raising questions to discuss the limits we have placed on the growth of human embryos in Culture (See also the 2017 Nuffield Council report on the topic). These topics look at the limits of ethics, a topic also explored in terms of authorship and journal retraction policies by Jaime A. Teixeira da Silva.

Alex Waller reports a difference in attitudes to the use of renewable energy between the public and teenagers in Thailand. This is interesting to repeat in other countries. Manjae Kim describes the newspaper images of the causes of particulate matter in Korea, and asks whether ethics is lacking in the portrayal of data, as well as in practices. Governments have responsibilities in developing policy for a sustainable and healthy environment. Some decisions are clearly the mandate of individuals, while others beg government responsibilities in setting standards and guidelines. If we cannot see many ethical decisions today we can have serious concerns about opening up the choices of genetic engineering of embryos, and using gene drive to modify the biosphere. We need to continue to develop better models for how the cumulative impact of individual decisions shapes our global societies. - Darryl Macer

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