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ARGUMENTS AGAINST GERMLINE THERAPY

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from Tina Rulli "[Reproductive CRISPR does not cure disease](#)" in bioethics 2019.

Consider an analogy. Imagine Bill has the following options:

6. Take SICK pill. Bill gets sick.

7. Take SICK pill, then take ANTIDOTE. Bill prevents sickness and remains healthy.

8. Do nothing. Bill stays healthy.

Now imagine that prior to this decision, ANTIDOTE is taken off the market so that it is unavailable to Bill. The unavailability of ANTIDOTE does not mean that Bill gets sick. For Bill has the option to simply not take the sick pill. Bill could just stay healthy (option 8). Offering ANTIDOTE is only morally urgent if it is inevitable that Bill will get sick, i.e., if Bill is forced to take the SICK pill (option 6).