

Dear Friend:

I read with great interest about your research regarding gene mutations and fertilization in patients with Cystic Fibrosis. I am a 37-year-old female with CF who underwent extensive fertility treatments a few years ago and never became pregnant. At the time I was relatively healthy, but my health has begun to decline somewhat since then. Over the course of about a year I had six intrauterine inseminations and took shots twice a day. In spite of the fact that my ovaries were overstimulated, the IUIs were unsuccessful. It was heartbreaking.

I would like to encourage you to pursue this line of research. As treatments improve for people with CF, motherhood is a dream more of us can experience. My prayer is that the young women who follow in my footsteps will benefit from your research and will be able to experience the joys of motherhood and live longer, healthier lives.

If I were healthy enough and lived in Hong Kong I would be more than happy to be a guinea pig for your research! If you know of researchers in the US who are interested in this work, I would be interested in knowing who they are so I could contact them and volunteer myself for their research.

Thank you and keep up the good work!!

Sincerely,

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