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Scientists 'close' to cure for baldness – 2nd July, 2019

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Scientists are closer to a cure for baldness. This is good news for millions of bald people worldwide. Researchers have been developing stem cells that can grow new hair. Their technique has been successful in growing hair in a natural way. The research has overcome key challenges. A researcher said: "We have a robust, highly controlled method for generating natural-looking hair that grows through the skin using...human stem cells."

Baldness affects about half of men by the age of 50. Hair replacement products and transplants are a multi-billion-dollar industry. Transplant surgery can cost \$50,000. Hair loss starts in men in their early twenties. This causes a loss of self-confidence. Men worry about receding hairlines and bald spots. Baldness is also a problem for women. Many women have thinning hair later in life. A doctor said hair loss greatly affected people's lives.

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Scientists believe they are close to a cure for baldness. This is welcome news for millions of bald or balding people worldwide. Researchers in California have been working on developing stem cells that can regenerate hair growth. Their implant technique has been successful in developing fresh growth in a way that copies natural hair reproduction. A researcher said the research overcomes key challenges. He said: "Now we have a robust, highly controlled method for generating natural-looking hair that grows through the skin using an unlimited source of human stem cells."

Baldness affects about half of all men by the age of 50. Hair replacement products and hair transplants are a multi-billion-dollar global industry. Transplant surgery can cost up to \$50,000. The process of hair loss usually starts in men in their early twenties or thirties. This can lead to anxiety and a loss of self-confidence. Many men worry about receding hairlines, bald spots and baldness. Baldness is also a problem for women. Many women have thinning hair later in their life. A doctor said hair loss greatly affected people's lives.

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Scientists say they believe they are close to finding a cure for baldness. This is welcome news for millions of people worldwide who are losing their hair or who are bald. Researchers from a medical institute in California have been working on developing stem cells that can regenerate hair growth. The scientists say their technique has been successful in implanting and developing fresh growth in a way that replicates natural hair reproduction. Researcher Alexey Terskikh said: "Our new protocol overcomes key technological challenges....Now we have a robust, highly controlled method for generating natural-looking hair that grows through the skin using an unlimited source of human stem cells."

Baldness affects approximately half of men worldwide by the age of 50. Products for hair replacement and hair transplants have developed into a multi-billion-dollar global industry. Hair transplant surgery can cost up to \$50,000. Scientists have been working on finding a cure for decades. The process of hair loss usually begins in men when they are in their early twenties or thirties. This can lead to anxiety and a loss of self-confidence. Many men worry about receding hairlines, bald spots and baldness. Baldness is also a problem for women. Many women suffer from thinning hair later in life. A doctor said: "Hair loss profoundly affects many people's lives."