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### Woman's BP could influence Sex of Child

A woman's blood pressure before she gets pregnant could effect whether she has a boy or girl, scientists have claimed. Researchers found those women with lower blood pressure tended to have a girl, while higher blood pressure was an indication that a boy was more likely to be conceived.

The issue is controversial because of the practice of gendercide—in which female babies are aborted or even killed after birth—in some male dominated societies. One of the researchers, Dr Ravi Retnakaran, an endocrinologist at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, said their research suggested "a woman's blood pressure before pregnancy is a previously unrecognised factor that is associated with her likelihood of delivering a boy or a girl".

This novel insight may hold implications for reproductive planning. The scientists studied a group of women from Liuyang in China who were planning to get pregnant.