

## **Pregnancy hormones trigger the production of a protective protein that blocks breast cancer growth**

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A chemical produced naturally in women's bodies during pregnancy offers hope as a powerful breast cancer drug, scientists say.

Alph-fetoprotein, or AFP, seems to halt the growth of existing tumours and prevent new ones from appearing, a study found.

Although experts stress the findings need to be repeated in human tests, they believe the molecule could eventually be converted into a breast cancer drug.

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