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I am encouraged that the Nuffield foundation has come out with this report. It adds greatly to the ongoing debate. Please will the foundation make sure that it gets as much publicity as possible, as it is frustrating as a lay person who sees great potential in the technology that the scientific community have been relatively silent in recent years as to their position. Thus, the argument in the public's eyes has been ceded to the opponents and by not confronting their position have legitimised their fears.