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Dear Colleagues,

## **UKNSCN INTERIM BULLETIN - FIFTH UKNSCN PATENTS DIGEST FOR THE STEM CELL RESEARCH COMMUNITY**

The Network is pleased to announce that a fifth 'digest' of patents in stem cell research has now been produced in conjunction with the Intellectual Property Office. This is attached to this interim bulletin and will also be available very shortly as a PDF download from the UKNSCN website (link below).

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This is a two-month report covering the period 1 July 2009 to 31 August 2009 which provides a breakdown of both published and granted patents during this period in three areas: adult stem cells, embryonic stem cells and iPS cells/de-differentiation. In addition, we continue to publish the search strategy used to generate this digest. This is available as an Annex to the report.

This report is 43 pages long and contains brief bibliographic information on 156 patents designed to enable you to pick out relevant patents and conduct your own further study on the relevant database using the patent number. The report contains:

**139 published patents:** 95 adult, 32 embryonic, 12 iPS

**17 granted patents:** 13 adult, 3 embryonic, 1 iPS

By the end of this year, the Network will have published six patent digests covering a one-year period. As part of the UKIPO's service to UKNSCN in preparing these digests, its patents informatics team will be looking at the possibility of producing a number of metrics covering trends in the patenting of stem cell technology over this first year. If you have specific questions regarding trends you may be interested in, please contact the Network's Executive Director at this e-mail address who will pass on your suggestions to the UKIPO.

Yours sincerely,

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