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Dear Colleagues,

UKNSCN INTERIM BULLETIN - SECOND UKNSCN PATENTS DIGEST FOR THE STEM CELL RESEARCH COMMUNITY

The Network is pleased to announce that a second 'digest' of patents in stem cell research broadly has 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 20 December 2008 to 28 February 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, following feedback received from you after publication of the 'pilot' digest at the beginning of the year, we have also published the search strategy used to generate this digest. UKNSCN welcomes your views on coverage and suggestions for improving the usefulness of the digest.

This report is 30 pages long and contains brief bibliographic information on 119 patents designed to enable you to pick out relevant patents and conduct your own further study on the relevant database using the patent number. It is interesting to note that, according to these digests, no patents have been granted in the iPS field since 1 November 2008. The report contains:

95 published patents: 66 adult, 26 embryonic, 3 iPS

24 granted patents: 18 adult, 6 embryonic, 0 iPS

This digest is produced at cost to UKNSCN; your continued feedback on its utility is therefore greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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