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As a medical researcher with 10+ years expertise in the sector, I would like to express my opinion in regard to the upcoming review of human tissue laws.

I recommend that research involving the use of established human somatic cell lines be made exempt from review provided that they meet the following criteria:

- The established cell lines are commercially available or can be obtained from established repositories (e.g., ATCC). and;
  - The cell lines are either de-identified and not linked to any personally identifiable information or are identified and available in the public domain, and unlikely to cause harm to the original donor or their relatives.
  - The researcher will comply with any consent terms attached to the use of the cell line.
  - The proposed research will not develop the cell lines as therapeutics.
  - The proposed research will not use human tissue to develop new cell lines.
  - The proposed research does not involve the use or derivation of embryonic stem cells.

Kind regards,

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