

This response addresses Question 7 of the Review, specifically regarding the exclusion of Cell Lines from human tissue laws. I am a postgraduate student at the University of New South Wales who regularly uses commercially available cell lines for HIV-1 research. The use of commercially available cell lines is routine in my field and has traditionally been regarded as differently as primary human tissue. Such practices are commonplace in jurisdictions with similar values such as the UK. I strongly encourage the adoption of a policy exempting research involving established human somatic cell lines, provided the following safeguards are met:

- 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;

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