

**International Stem Cell Banking Initiative**

**Stem Cell Bank Questionnaire, November 2007**

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National regulatory bodies dealing with:

1) Stem cell ethics (include website or other address)

Life Science Division, Research Promotion Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

Tel: 03-5253-4111 (ext. 4113) FAX : 03-6734-4114

Email: ethics@mext.go.jp

2) Clinical application of stem cells (include website or other address)

At present, clinical usage of the human ES cell is prohibited by the current guideline of Japanese government. It is expected that another guideline for clinical application of human ES cells will be formulated in the future.

Types of cells distributed .....Human embryonic stem cell lines

( At present 3 cell lines; KhES-1, KhES-2, KhES-3 )

Are cells provided for clinical treatment .....NO.....

Is the bank accredited for supply of cells for therapy ...NO.....

Brief description of current work of the bank for inclusion on the International Stem Cell Forum (attach additional information if appropriate)

KhES-1, 2 and 3 have been included in the collaboration study of by the International Stem Cell Initiative. The results have been published and posted on the ISCF web site.

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Plans for future work

Initially, Kyoto University will serve as the only organization for domestic and international distribution of hES cell lines. However, RIKEN Bio-Resource Center is expected to be approved as another hES cell bank in next spring or early next summer. After that, it will be recommended that requests for human ES cell lines from abroad, as well as domestic requests, are addressed to the RIKEN BRC.

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