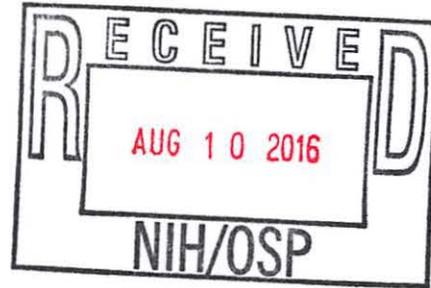


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Re: Amendment of Sections IV & 5 of the NIH Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research

To whom it may concern:

I object to changes that allow the NIH to use hESCs and/or human induced pluripotent stem cells in any research, including involving introducing them into non-human embryos. I object to the creation of so-called chimeras.

It is a travesty that human embryos are being used in any research that leads to their modification or demise. I believe that the rights of unborn humans – at any stage of development – will be the next civil rights frontier. Consequently, for the NIH to be involved in this type of research will subject it to the judgment of history. One of the first rights of Americans as stated in the Declaration of Independence is the right to life. By destroying life at any stage is wrong. To do so in the name of science is chilling.

Please do not do this.

Sincerely,

Melinda J. Lewis