Regeneron Position Statement on Stem Cell Research

Regeneron’s mission is to use the power of science to bring new medicines to patients. Unlike many other biopharmaceutical companies, all of our approved medicines and the majority of our pipeline were first discovered in our own laboratories.

Regeneron’s successful research and development work has always been predicated on a deep understanding of basic biology. We conduct very early-stage research to better understand human disease and discover important new treatment approaches. To keep innovating, we must continue to learn more through responsible scientific exploration.

As is the case with many other science-focused biotechnology companies, Regeneron uses a wide variety of research tools and technologies to help discover and develop new therapeutics. Stem cells are one such tool. The stem cells most commonly used at Regeneron are mouse embryonic stem cells and human blood stem cells. Currently, there are limited research efforts employing human-induced pluripotent stem cell lines derived from adult human cells and human embryonic stem cells that are approved for research use by the National Institutes of Health and created solely through in vitro fertilization. Research using such stem cells allows Regeneron to model complex diseases, test new drug candidates and can help unlock new scientific insights that ultimately could lead to the discovery of new treatments for people with serious diseases.

All of Regeneron’s research conducted on stem cells adheres to federal and state laws and regulations. Regeneron demands from its collaborators and vendors that all human stem cell lines used in its research are from properly consented individuals.

As a company and as individuals, we share a commitment to operating thoughtfully and ethically, particularly while navigating these complex issues specific to the biopharmaceutical industry. We are constantly evaluating our research practices to ensure they abide by the highest standards of scientific and bioethical integrity. We strive to stay on the forefront of responsible scientific innovation to continue making a difference in patients’ lives.