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Subject: PATENTING OF DNA SEQUENCE DATA

Sir,

In response to the call for public comments on the Revised Utility Examination Guidelines, I fully support the position of Dr. Steve Scherer, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Molecular & Human Genetics, Human Genome Sequencing Center, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas in that no individual or corporation should control what is essentially the core of mankind.

I would go further, and state that I do not think it is within the province of any country or governmental agency to consider the patenting or licensing of something which is inherently a fundamental right of human beings everywhere on this planet.

Therefore, I respectfully submit that the U.S. Patent Office has no option but to refuse to consider any application of this nature. The access to raw nucleotide sequence must be protected at all costs.

Sincerely,
Gillian M. McKay