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While the proposed 'Revised Utility Examination Guidelines' are an improvement, I would like to have more protection given to the access of the raw nucleotide sequence.

Researchers should be free to access the data which I am generating at the BCM-HGSC. Companies should not be able to patent just the sequence of a gene or region. Rather, they should be allowed to patent the applications of the sequence as they relate to treatments.

thank you,  
harley.