

# HFEA Executive Licence Panel Meeting

## 20 October 2010

21 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3HF

### Minutes – Item 9

#### Centre 0102 (Guys Hospital) – Research Project (R0133) Application to vary centre's licence to amend project title and lay summary

Members of the Panel: Peter Thompson, Director of Strategy & Information (Chair) Nick Jones, Director of Compliance Juliet Tizzard, Head of Policy	Committee Secretary: Joanne McAlpine  Observing: Claudia Lally, Compliance Business Support
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Declarations of Interest: members of the Panel declared that they had no conflicts of interest in relation to this item.

#### The Panel also had before it:

- HFEA Protocol for the Conduct of Meetings of Executive Licensing Panel
- 8th edition of the HFEA Code of Practice
- Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (as amended)
- Decision trees for granting and renewing licences and considering requests to vary a licence (including the PGD decision tree)
- Guidance for members of Authority and Committees on the handling of conflicts of interest approved by the Authority on 21 January 2009.
- Guidance on periods for which new or renewed licences should be granted
- Standing Orders and Instrument of Delegation
- Indicative Sanctions Guidance
- HFEA Directions 0000 – 0012
- Guide to Licensing
- Compliance and Enforcement Policy
- Policy on Publication of Authority and Committee Papers

## **Consideration of Application**

1. The Panel noted that the Person Responsible (PR) has requested to vary the licence to amend the project title and lay summary for research project RO133.
2. The Panel noted that the proposed changes to the project do not involve a change in activities, and noted that the PR's reasons for amending the title and lay summary is purely a means of describing the research and the findings to date.
3. The Panel noted that the current title of the research project is: "Correlation of embryo morphology with ability to generate embryonic stem cell lines and subsequent growth differentiative characteristics".
4. The Panel noted that the proposed new title for the project is "Developing criteria for estimating quality of stem cells derived from human embryos".
5. The Panel noted the current lay summary and the proposed lay summary and considered whether this would change the activities of the project itself.
6. The Panel noted the Executive's recommendation to vary the centre's licence to amend the project title and lay summary as suggested in the papers.
7. The Panel noted the tabled email that has been submitted by the PR explaining further his reasons for wanting to change the project and lay summary and agreed to accept this additional material.
8. The Panel noted the minutes of the Research Licence Committee meetings held on 2 April 2008, 18 June 2008, 11 March 2009, 20 May 2009 and 15 September 2010. The Panel noted that these minutes confirmed that previous Research Committees had confirmed that they were satisfied with the relevant statutory tests.
9. The Panel agreed that it was their understanding from the papers before them that the purposes and activities of the project had not changed from those previously approved by the Research Licence Committee, and noted that it would be just the title and lay summary that would change.

## **The Panel's Decision**

10. The Panel agreed to vary the centre's research licence R0133 to change the project title to "Developing criteria for estimating quality of stem cells derived from human embryos" and to amend the lay summary as described in the papers, in accordance with section 18A of the HFE Act 1990 (as amended).

Signed:  Date: 2/11/2010.

Peter Thompson (Chair)

