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1. Personal View from a Member, Inter-Religious Organisation (IRO)



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Dear Sir

I am to refer to your letter of 8 November 2001 addressed to our President requesting feedback regarding human stem cell research in Singapore.

Attached hereto is the personal view of [REDACTED]
an IRO Council Member, Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on the subject for your Committee's
consideration.

Yours sincerely

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To: P Harbans Singh

Council Feedback (BAC Request)

This is my individual view not my faith's view.

(1) The problem arises with one of the 10 commandments. "Thou shalt not kill." To Christians this means human beings although an exception is made for war.

(2) A woman should not kill an unborn child since it is a separate human individual.

(3) When does a separate individual arrive? At conception or much later. I would say much later.

(4) Early embryos have no neural streak or presumably no sensation. It is therefore allowable to use the stem cells for research especially to alleviate human suffering.

(5) Such cells must be disposed of before 14 days old.

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Please note that the identity of the writer has been removed in the interest of privacy.