

ALS Ride for Life

Stance on Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research

<https://alsrideforlife.org/about-rfl/financials/>

- List of institutions that ALS RFL donates to:
 - ◆ ALSTI-Use iPSCs
 - ◆ ALSA Greater NY-Use iPSCs
 - ◆ ALSA Philadelphia Chapter-Use iPSCs
 - ◆ △ Harvard’s Stem Cell Institute uses human embryonic stem cells in their research specifically for ALS.
 - “Harvard Stem Cell Institute (HSCI) scientists are leaders in the search for an effective therapy for ALS. The accelerated pace of advancements in stem cell biology at HSCI has enabled the production of millions of motor neurons generated from mouse embryonic stem cells derived from ALS genetic disease models, **as well as normal human embryonic stem cells**. In a leap forward for the field, HSCI scientists have also derived human induced pluripotent stem cells — mature cells that are manipulated back to a stem cell state — from the skin and blood of ALS patients. This achievement means that the disease can be studied in a laboratory culture dish filled with the cells responsible for this devastating condition, allowing HSCI scientists to identify new therapies for ALS.”
<https://hsci.harvard.edu/als-0>
 - ◆ △ Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory supports hesc research.
<https://dnalc.cshl.edu/resources/animations/stemcells.html>
 - ◆ Columbia Motor Neuron Disease Center
 - Doesn’t specify.
 - ◆ Jackson Laboratory uses iPSCs
<https://www.jax.org/jax-mice-and-services/ipsc>
 - ◆ △ Northwestern University uses human embryonic stem cells
<https://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/compliance/human-stem-cell/index.html>
 - ◆ △ Stony Brook University uses human embryonic stem cells

<https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/research-compliance/Stem-Cell-Use/>

- American Life League received the following letter attached to an email response from ALS Ride for Life regarding the research they fund:

[SBU-ALS RFL 2023 Continuation Proposal \(1\).pdf](#)

- ◆ While Stony Brook University admits in the letter that the recent research project they are funding uses stem cells of mice, the above schools ALS Ride for Life funds use human embryonic stem cells within their research for ALS according to their websites. They also did not answer ALL's inquiry if they support or condemn the use of human embryonic stem cells or fetal tissue in their funded research.



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