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affected by genetic disorders*

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News release

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Patient groups shocked and disappointed at South Korean Scientist's faked research.

The Genetic Interest Group today announced that it is deeply shocked by the recent revelation that the South Korean stem cell scientist Hwang Woo-Suk, faked his stem cell results.

This news comes as a massive blow to the patients and families living with currently incurable conditions such as Parkinson's and diabetes that stand to benefit from potential therapies which might result.

Whilst GIG deeply deplores these fraudulent actions they must not be allowed to distract our attention from the already realised and properly regulated high quality stem cell research. Nor must the actions of a rogue scientist be allowed to undermine the efforts of many dedicated academics and clinicians seeking to bring relief to patients suffering from serious intractable diseases.

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Notes to Editors

- **The Genetic Interest Group (GIG)** is a national alliance of organisations with a membership of over 130 charities that support children, families and individuals affected by genetic disorders.
- It's primary goal is to promote awareness and understanding of genetic disorders so that high quality services for people affected by genetic conditions are developed and made available to all who need them.
- Individually, many genetic conditions are rare and as such it is difficult to raise their profile and the needs of those affected by them. GIG provides a common platform from which effective programmes to raise awareness, inform the media and influence government, industry and the NHS can be launched
- As an organisation focusing on issues of policy and practice GIG keeps an active watch on developments in the UK and Europe that will influence the effective transfer of knowledge and understanding into products and services for families that are supported by our member groups.
- In a potentially controversial field like genetics GIG provides a strong voice advocating the benefits of scientific progress in understanding the contribution being made now and that will be made in the years to come for improving health and combating many currently incurable diseases.

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