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The present claims relate to further medical uses of a "regeneration initiating cell". This term is however not a well recognized term in the art and it is therefore impossible to establish the meaning and scope of the term. It is not clear in the sense of Article 6 PCT which cells are meant besides the ones described in the examples; i.e. bone-marrow, peripheral blood and human cord blood derived stem cells having certain surface markers. The application as a whole does not appear to support the use of any other cells than such cells, and the general term "regeneration initiating cell" is therefore not considered sufficiently disclosed in the sense of Article 5 PCT and clear in the sense of Article 6 PCT for any other cell.

A lack of clarity within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and a lack of sufficiency of disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT therefore arise to such an extent as to render a meaningful search of the claims impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the application which do appear to be clear, supported and sufficiently disclosed, namely medical uses of bone-marrow, peripheral blood and human cord blood derived stem cells possessing the markers according to claims 6 and 7 for treating pancreatic disorders.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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