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Scientists press UN to allow stem cell research

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BEIJING, June 3 (Xinhuanet) -- Scientists from the United States, South Korea, Australia and Britain have pressed the United Nations not to ban stem cell research as part of a global treaty banning human cloning, CRIENGLISH.com reported Wednesday.

They think the treaty should ban only the cloning of human beings, which is known as reproductive cloning, but permit researchers pursue therapeutic cloning studies with enormous potential for treating disease and saving lives.

Cloning research relies on embryo cells, or stem cells, because they can grow into all types of cells and tissues in the body.

Therapeutic cloning is a method in which cells from cloned human embryos are used in medical research.