

GENETICS

DUTY TO RECONTACT YOU

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A new paper in [PLoS Biology](#) highlights the duty to recontact you for whole-genome re-search on any stored sample

Given the numerous disciplines and health care providers potentially involved in whole-genome research, further analysis of the legal and ethical obligations of each (particularly in the context of return of results) seems warranted.

That' s fine, however, there are more critical points in this paper that we will address in a more formal way. There is some inherent problem of these consensus statements where I always think about [the famous "white coat" article in BMJ](#)

Last but not least is the risk that a set of statements drawn up and provisionally shared by a panel of experts (guidelines) can assume the status of a Papal edict (official dogma), thereby retarding or impeding the potential for innovation.

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