

## **Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs) Policy – Lay Summary**

*Sanofi believes that research using Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs) can advance biomedical research and may, ultimately, lead to the development of new treatments. We are very mindful of the sensitive issues raised by this research. Accordingly, Sanofi will only engage in research projects using hESCs that meet the highest ethical standards, including obtaining appropriate consent and defining the circumstances under which the embryo may be donated for research. We will always comply with all applicable laws, regulations and professional codes of practice.*

*Sanofi, including in partnership or collaboration: 1) will not destroy a human embryo to create hESCs; 2) will not use hESCs derived from sources not in accordance with our policy position; 3) will not conduct research in which hESCs are introduced into either human embryos or the embryos of non-human primate, such a monkey; or 4) will not conduct research involving the breeding of animals where the introduction of hESCs may contribute to the animal's eggs or sperm.*