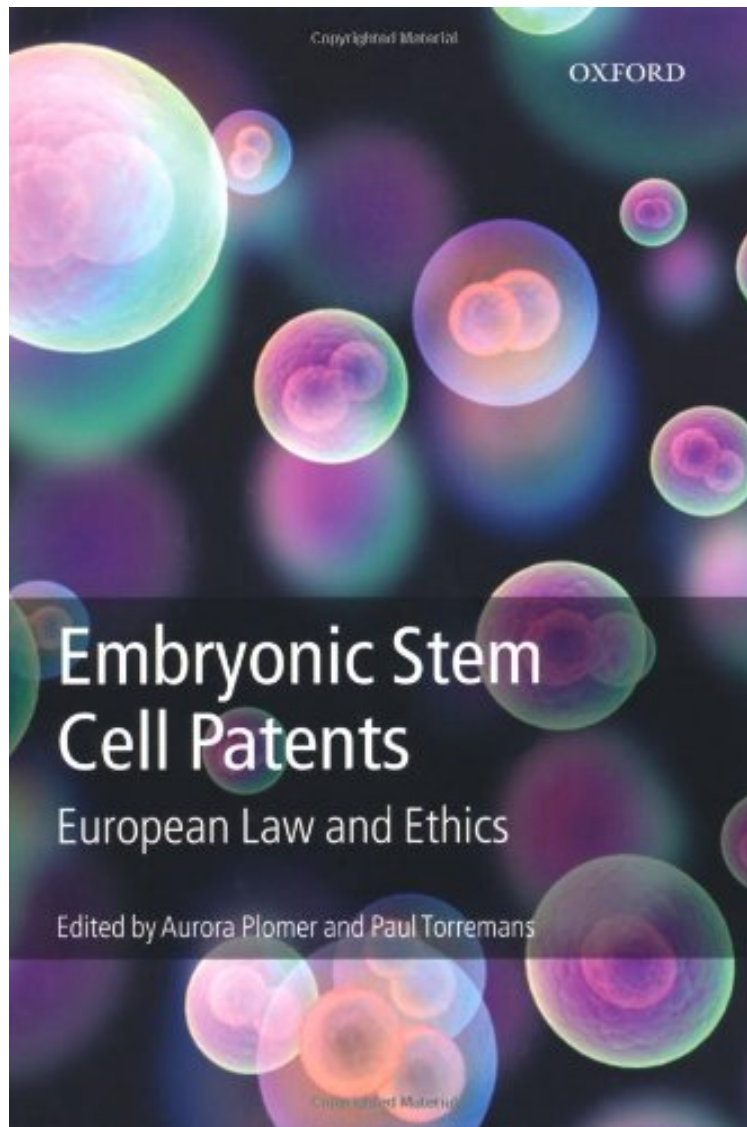


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Stem cell research, and particularly embryonic stem cell research, while offering the prospect of developing therapies for serious life-threatening diseases, also raises a number of difficult and controversial moral questions. This is

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