



Intellectual property considerations in biology are one of the more worrying trends currently being negotiated in business and in the legal system. A court recently ruled that [DNA is information, not intellectual property](#)

. Whether this holds as it moves through the court system in the US is unclear. But the impact of life patents (literally) is already being felt: “There are about 40,000 patents that currently protect some 20 percent of the human genome”. For more information on the impact of patents on breast cancer treatment, have [a look at this article](#)

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