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Why is cell therapy or stem cell therapy for rare diseases not eligible?

It just doesn't make sense to me why CIRM would restrict program funding for therapeutic solutions to genetic cause or gene therapy only, especially CIRM is a stem cell agency, and funded by CA stem cell propositions, unless some industry special interests in CIRM are behind such COI plea. Many rare diseases, like ALS, are not caused by genes and cannot be solved by any genetic platforms. That is where CIRM should step in with voter-approved funding, not so ridiculous and corrupt to ban stem cell therapy for rare diseases that no one voted for.