Sage Licenses CRISPR-Cas9 Technology from Broad Institute

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NEW YORK (GenomeWeb) – Sage Labs today announced it has licensed CRISPR-Cas9 genome editing technology from the Broad Institute.

The license provides Sage the ability to use the technology — for which Broad recently was awarded the first US patent covering the CRISPR-Cas9 technology — to engineer cell and animal models for its clients. Sage will also be able to distribute validated CRISPR reagents, it said. The St. Louis-based company previously licensed CRISPR-Cas9 technology from Caribou Biosciences.

Financial and other terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Sage provides gene editing tools, research models, and support services. While the Broad received the first CRISPR-Cas9 patent, the IP landscape surrounding the technology is becoming increasingly murky, and in a statement Sage CEO David Smoller said that it is crucial that the firm's clients "receive the freedom to operate with their research models, and we're committed to obtaining the necessary licenses."

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