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1. The current gap is not viewed as a problem by our researchers working with plants. They believe the PBR system is sufficient. Those whose research includes animal subject matter fear that the gap may be an existing problem. They want to be able to benefit from their original work and would therefore be likely to take advantage of the innovation patent if it were available to them.

2. No for plant subject matter, but yes for animal subject matter.

3. The potential benefit to researchers working with plant subject matter is that the current PBR system is working. This system ensures that smaller scale research work is not locked out of certain areas by self-interested, speculative IP protection. There appears to be no benefits to those working with animal subject matter.

4. Non IP right holders may be denied the ability to continue their research if it is too easy to protect certain plant and animal subject matter .