

A detailed scanning electron micrograph (SEM) of plant cells, showing various structures like cell walls, chloroplasts, and stomata. The image is in grayscale, with the cells appearing as intricate, textured patterns.

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## Human embryo cloning

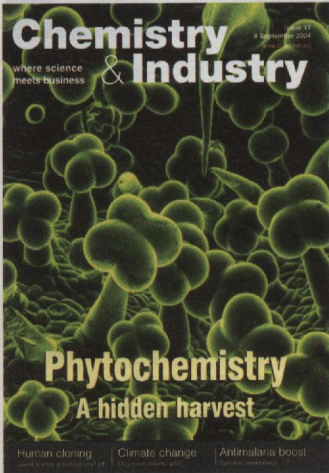
**9** The decision to grant UK researchers a licence to clone a human embryo for therapeutic research was met with both delight and derision. Eventually the work, the first of its kind in Europe, could lead to treatments for degenerative diseases but the ethical argument is set to run and run. *Emma Dorey reports*



Pierre Brun

## Partnering

**20** Partnering agreements can offer benefits to both pharmaceutical companies, through boosting their product development pipelines, and biotechnology firms, in the improvement in the time to bring their products to market. *Robert Winder reports*



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## Biomass from methane

**19** Norway's Norferm uses *Methylococcus capsulatus* bacteria to convert methane into bioprotein. The biomass, originally used as an animal feed, is produced in a continuous fermentation loop process. The company is developing the product into new markets, writes *Robert Winder*

