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**Information request:**

Statistics of filings in specific technology areas over the past 10 years or so. We are particularly interested in the areas of photonics, oil and gas, biotech, and pharma. If you have any reports or analysis that has been conducted in these areas we would be very grateful if you could provide us with this information.

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The IPO does not compile sector-specific data, but there is a dataset available of published patents that includes IPC classification codes which you can match against WIPO's general technology concordance ([http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/ipstats/en/statistics/patents/xls/ipc\\_technology.xls](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/ipstats/en/statistics/patents/xls/ipc_technology.xls)). The concordance lists the IPC areas which are relevant to different technologies.

The GB patent data is available on our website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ipo-patent-data> .