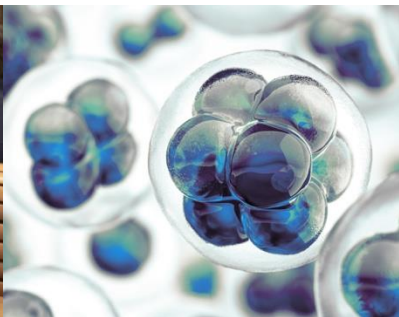




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- Reduced travel time
- Reduced costs
- Reduced environmental impact
- Easier access for clients
- Availability of back-office services
- Easier access for the public
- Increased transparency
- ...

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- More difficult to pick up on non-verbal communication
- Risk of internet connection breakdown or technical malfunctions of the VICO tools/features
- More difficult to present oral arguments
- Fatigue due to long hours in front of the computer
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- Easier possibility for screen sharing
- Activating white board functionality
- More regular breaks
- ...