IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

ENZO LIFE SCIENCES, INC.,)
Plaintiff,)
) C.A. No. 12-274-LPS
V.)
) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
ABBOTT LABORATORIES, and)
ABBOTT MOLECULAR INC.,)
)
Defendants.)

ANSWER, DEFENSES AND COUNTERCLAIMS TO PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED COMPLAINT

Defendants Abbott Laboratories and Abbott Molecular Inc.'s (collectively "Abbott") answer Plaintiff Enzo Life Sciences Inc.'s ("Enzo" or "Plaintiff") Amended Complaint as follows. The numbered Paragraphs below correspond to the numbered Paragraphs in the Amended Complaint:

PARTIES

- 1. Admitted, based on information and belief.
- 2. Admitted.
- 3. Admitted.

NATURE OF THE ACTION

4. This Paragraph contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Abbott admits that Enzo's Amended Complaint is purportedly for the alleged infringement of United States Patent Nos. 6,992,180 ("the '180 Patent") and 7,064,197 ("the '197 Patent") under the Patent Laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1, et seq. Abbott denies all other allegations of Paragraph 4.



JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 5. This Paragraph contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Abbott admits this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action. Abbott denies all remaining allegations in Paragraph 5.
- 6. This Paragraph contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. Abbott Molecular admits that it is a Delaware corporation and is subject to personal jurisdiction in Delaware. Abbott Laboratories, without admitting any allegations in paragraph 6, does not challenge personal jurisdiction by this Court for this matter only. Abbott denies all remaining allegations in Paragraph 6.
- 7. This Paragraph contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. Abbott, without admitting any allegations in paragraph 7, does not challenge personal jurisdiction by this Court for this matter only. Abbott denies all allegations in Paragraph 7.
- 8. This Paragraph contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Abbott does not currently contest that venue in this Court is proper for purposes of this action only.

The Patents-In-Suit

9. This Paragraph contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Abbott admits the '180 Patent is entitled "Oligo-Or Polynucleotides Comprising Phosphate-Moiety Labeled Nucleotides," the issue date is January 31, 2006, and that an uncertified copy of the '180 Patent was attached as Exhibit A to Plaintiff's Amended Complaint. Abbott denies that the '180 Patent was duly or legally issued, and further denies any remaining allegations in Paragraph 9.



- 10. Abbott lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 10, and therefore, denies the same.
- 11. This Paragraph contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Abbott admits the '197 Patent is entitled "System, Array and Non-Porous Solid Support Comprising Fixed or Immobilized Nucleic Acids," the issue date is January 31, 2006, and that an uncertified copy of the '197 Patent was attached as Exhibit B to Plaintiff's Amended Complaint. Abbott denies that the '197 Patent was duly or legally issued, and further denies any remaining allegations in Paragraph 11.
- 12. Abbott lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 12, and therefore, denies the same.

COUNT I

Infringement of the '180 Patent

- 13. Abbott repeats and reasserts its responses to Paragraphs 1-12 as if fully set for herein.
- 14. Denied.
- 15. Denied.
- 16. Denied.
- 17. Denied.
- 18. Denied.
- 19. Denied.



COUNT II

Infringement of the '197 Patent

- 20. Abbott repeats and reasserts its responses to Paragraphs 1-19 as if fully set for herein.
 - 21. Denied.
 - 22. Denied.
 - 23. Denied.

DEFENSES

- 24. Abbott denies that Enzo is entitled to any relief against Abbott.
- 25. Upon information and belief, Abbott asserts defenses to the Amended Complaint in the following paragraphs. By asserting such defenses, Abbott does not concede that it has the burden of proving the matters asserted.

First Defense

26. Abbott has not infringed and is not infringing, directly, contributorily, or by inducement, any valid and enforceable claim of the '180 Patent either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Abbott is not liable in any respect for any alleged infringement of the '180 Patent by anyone else.

Second Defense

27. Each of the claims of the '180 Patent is invalid or unenforceable for failing to comply with one or more of the requirements for patentability pursuant to one or more provisions specified in 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103, and 112.



Third Defense

28. On information and belief, the '180 Patent is unenforceable due to the inequitable conduct of the inventors of the '180 Patent and/or Enzo employees and/or other representatives substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application that issued as the '180 Patent and/or their attorneys and/or agents (collectively "Enzo and its agents"). Abbott incorporates by reference as fully stated herein Paragraphs 50 - 89 of their Counterclaims below.

Fourth Defense

29. Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, in whole or in part, fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

Fifth Defense

30. Each of the claims of the '180 Patent is invalid and void pursuant to the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

Sixth Defense

31. Enzo's allegations of infringement of the '180 Patent are barred because the '180 Patent is unenforceable due to prosecution laches.

Seventh Defense

32. Abbott has not infringed and is not infringing, directly, contributorily, or by inducement, any valid and enforceable claim of the '197 Patent either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Abbott is not liable in any respect for any alleged infringement of the '197 Patent by anyone else.



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