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Office Action Summary

Application No. 11/739,180	Applicant(s) KELLEHER ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 September 2010.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.
- 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-29,31-36,38-44,47-52,54-56 and 58-160 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 2-7 and 115 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,8-29,31-36,38-44,47-52,54-56,58-114 and 116-160 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 24 April 2007 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Claims

1. Claims 1-29, 31-36, 38-44, 47-52, 54-56 and 58-160 are pending.

Applicants' amendment filed September 22, 2010 is acknowledged. Claims 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 11, 38, 47-52, 58, 59 and 61 have been amended, claims 46 and 57 have been cancelled, and new claims 64-160 have been added. Therefore, claims 1-29, 31-36, 38-44, 47-52, 54-56 and 58-160 are examined.

Withdrawn Claim Objections

2. The previous objection to claims 2-7, 31-36, 39-44, 47-52, 59 and 61-63 is withdrawn in view of applicants' amendment to the claims in the amendment filed September 22, 2010.

Withdrawn Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The previous rejection of claims 8-29, 38, 46, 55-56, 58 and 60 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being as anticipated by Baker *et al.* (US RE39,071 E) is withdrawn in view of applicants' amendment to the claims, applicants' cancellation of the claims, and applicants' response at pages 23-24 in the amendment filed September 22, 2010.

Withdrawn Claim Rejections - Obviousness Type Double Patenting

4. The previous rejection of claims 8-9, 46, 55, 57, 58 and 60 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 18-20, 26, 28 and 29 of U.S. Patent RE39,071 E is withdrawn in view of applicants' amendment to the claims, and applicants' cancellation of the claims in the amendment filed September 22, 2010.

New Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

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The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 8-29, 31-36, 38-44, 47-52, 55-56, 58-114 and 116-160 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 8-29, 31-36, 38-44, 47-52, 55-56, 58-114 and 116-160 are indefinite because of the use of the term “impurities 1-14”. The term cited renders the claim indefinite, it is not clear what these impurities are, and how they are defined. Claims 8-29, 31-36, 38-44, 47-52, 55-56, 59-61, 63-114 and 116-160 are included in this rejection for being dependent on a rejected claim and not correcting the deficiency of the claims from which they depend.

7. Claims 8-29, 31-36, 38-44, 47-52, 55-56, 95-113 and 116-160 are indefinite because of the use of the term “The composition” or “the composition”, while the independent claim (i.e., claim 62) recites the term “Daptomycin”, not “A composition”.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the

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reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

8. Claims 1 and 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Baker *et al.* (US RE39,071 E, reissue of U.S. Patent 5,912,226, filed December 16, 1991).

Baker *et al.* teach an antibacterial composition comprising daptomycin (LY146032) obtained in substantially pure form, which refers to daptomycin that contains less than 2.5% of a combined total of anhydro-daptomycin and beta-isomer of daptomycin (column 8, lines 50-60; Examples 4 and 5; claim 1(g), 54), where daptomycin is purified by a procedure using Diaion HP-20 resin column, followed by HPLC and another HP-20 resin column (Examples 1-5). Baker *et al.* also teach the preparation of a pharmaceutical formulation comprising the purified daptomycin (LY146032) with pharmaceutical carriers or excipients (column 9, lines 47-59), and an antibiotic composition comprised of a combination of a compound of formula 1 (i.e., anhydro-A21978C; column 1, lines 14-21), a compound of formula 2 (isomer of A21978C) and a compound of formula 3 (the parent cyclic peptide of A21978C; LY146032) or pharmaceutically acceptable salts (Reissue: claim 18).

Response to Arguments

Applicants indicate that the purity of daptomycin in Baker can only be interpreted as defined by Baker, thus Baker can be interpreted to read that there is 97.5% of daptomycin over a daptomycin plus anhydro-daptomycin (“A”) plus beta isomer daptomycin (“B”) composition. The present application describes daptomycin purity relative to daptomycin plus anhydro-daptomycin (impurity No. 13) plus beta isomer daptomycin (impurity No. 8) plus 12 other impurities (impurities 1-7, 9-12 and 14) as described in Table 3 of the specification. Thus, Baker

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