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INC., INNOPHARMA LLC, MYLAN PHARMACEUTICALS INC., and MYLAN INC.
Petitioners
v. SENJU PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.

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Patent Owner

PETITIONERS' REPLY TO PATENT OWNER'S RESPONSE TO PETITION

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I. A POSA Would Have Combined Ogawa and Sallmann to Arrive at the Claimed Invention

One of skill in the art would have combined the teaching of Ogawa and Sallmann to arrive at the claims of the '606 patent. Based on the prior art, a POSA would have understood that replacing polysorbate 80 in Ogawa Example 6 with tyloxapol would have increased the stability of the formulation. Per Dr. Lawrence, a POSA would have understood that a function of polysorbate 80 in Ogawa formulation 6 is to stabilize the formulation against precipitation of bromfenac-BAC complexes known to occur. EX1094, ¶31. It was known that tyloxapol had improved properties over polysorbate 80, as well as antioxidant activity.

A. Bromfenac Was an NSAID with Superior Efficacy

Contrary to Patent Owner's assertions, one of ordinary skill would have chosen bromfenac as an ideal active agent for the treatment of ophthalmic conditions. Patent Owner does not dispute that Hara, which compared bromfenac sodium to pranoprofen, indomethacin, and diclofenac sodium, concluded that bromfenac "shows superior efficacy in treating anterior eye inflammation and post-operative inflammation." (EX1006, 3:2:2). Instead Patent Owner simply ignores the statement in Hara that "the range of applications [for diclofenac] is limited because the drug is indicated only for use in treating inflammation following cataract surgery." (EX1006, 2:2:5-3:1:1).



Patent Owner's allegation that the adverse events observed with the oral form of bromfenac would encourage a POSA to use diclofenac, is of little merit. Other NSAIDs, including diclofenac, were known to have similar issues. (EX1091, 2300:2:1; EX1092, 3:1:2; EX1093, 1:1:1, 4:2:2). Moreover, an ophthalmic dosage form of bromfenac was approved by the FDA. (EX2111, 2).

B. A POSA Would Have Considered Ogawa Example 6

Patent Owner's allegation that a POSA would not have been motivated to develop an improved bromfenac formulation is contrary to the prior art and the basic knowledge of a POSA. (Resp. at 8-10; EX1006, 2:1:2, 2:2:5-3:1:1, 3:2:2). Patent Owner would lead one to believe that a POSA would have simply stopped there and would have ignored the abundance of evidence that NSAID formulations can be further improved by using tyloxapol in place of polysorbate 80. Simply arguing that a POSA would not seek to improve something merely because it is "sufficient" is not the standard for obviousness. Moreover, as Dr. Lawrence testified,

(EX2316, 53:18-54:5, 148:14-20). By arguing that the formulation taught by Ogawa Example 6 is "stable" (Resp. at 9) and that one would not seek to improve

(EX2316, 53:18-54:5).



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