PFIZER INC., ET AL. vs. MYLAN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. Leonard J. Chyall on 08/23/2016

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              IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
                 FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE
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     PFIZER INC. and UCB PHARMA
                                  : C. A. No.
     GMBH
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                  Plaintiffs, : Consolidated
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     v.
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     MYLAN PHARMACEUTICALS INC., :
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                  Defendant.
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               Oral deposition of LEONARD J. CHYALL,
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     Ph.D. taken pursuant to notice, held on Tuesday,
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     August 23, 2016, at the office of Kilpatrick
     Townsend & Stockton, 1114 Avenue of the Americas,
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     New York, New York, commencing at 9:01 a.m. before
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     Jamie I. Moskowitz, RPR, CRR, a Registered
     Professional Reporter and Notary Public.
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1	going to start with some subset of physiologically
2	compatible organic or inorganic acids, right?
3	MS. MEDINA: Objection.
4	THE WITNESS: If the salt screen is
5	for a pharmaceutical application, yes. The
6	screen should be limited to materials that are
7	generally regarded as safe.
8	The FDA has what's called a GRAS list,
9	G-R-A-S, and this is a very large list of all
10	the chemicals, food additives included, that
11	are safe for human consumption.
12	BY MR. HOLLOWAY:
13	Q How big is the GRAS list?
14	A It's quite extensive.
15	Q Do you have an idea of what the
16	numbers is?
17	A Thousands.
18	Q Realistically, the two people working
19	on this problem of finding an acceptable
20	pharmaceutical salt of the same active base, they're
21	not going to start by testing thousands of acids,
22	correct?
23	A Not thousands, no.
24	Q Instead our two people of ordinary
25	skill in the art, who are working on the same
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1	problem but in different places, are probably going
2	to choose each of them are going to choose an
3	even smaller subset of acids in an attempt to find
4	an acceptable pharmaceutical salt, correct?
5	MS. MEDINA: Objection.
6	THE WITNESS: The list of thousands
7	that are conceivable would be whittled down
8	initially to a manageable amount. And what one
9	chemist considers manageable versus another is
10	going to vary.
11	BY MR. HOLLOWAY:
12	Q And part of what they consider
13	manageable could in part be dictated by their
14	available resources that that chemist has at
15	their at their ready, right?
16	A Yes.
17	Q So if I had a team of 15 people
18	working on the problem, and my other hypothetical
19	person not at SSCI only has three available people
20	to work on it, my set might be larger than their set
21	of acids to try, correct?
22	MS. MEDINA: Objection.
23	THE WITNESS: I don't know.
24	BY MR. HOLLOWAY:
25	Q Would you agree that my set even if



1	the amount of active that can be dosed to a patient?
2	MS. MEDINA: Objection.
3	THE WITNESS: I haven't considered
4	that issue either.
5	BY MR. HOLLOWAY:
6	Q Would you agree with me that a viable
7	pharmaceutical candidate must be highly crystalline?
8	A No.
9	Q Would you agree with me that when
10	we're talking about crystalline salts, it's
11	absolutely necessary to have stable salts which are
12	chemically and thermally stable on the shelf?
13	MS. MEDINA: Objection to form.
14	THE WITNESS: It depends on what
15	context we're talking about crystalline salts.
16	BY MR. HOLLOWAY:
17	Q How does it depend on the context when
18	we're talking about crystalline salts?
19	A Because precisely what surrounds the
20	issues will determine whether that statement is true
21	or not.
22	Q Is it safe to say that based on your
23	experience, and view of salt screening, that the
24	identification and selection of an acid residue for
25	a known active base could never be obvious?



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1	MS. MEDINA: Objection.
2	THE WITNESS: The outcome of that
3	acid-based reaction can't be predicted in
4	advance. The chemistry in solution can be
5	predictable, but whether or not the solid could
6	be isolated as a solid even, one doesn't know
7	that in advance.
8	MR. HOLLOWAY: We have been going over
9	an hour, so if you want to take a break, let me
10	know.
11	THE WITNESS: I'm fine.
12	BY MR. HOLLOWAY:
13	Q In your rebuttal report, if you will
14	go to Paragraph 32, please.
15	A Yes.
16	Q And it references Dr. Janero's report.
17	And the preceding paragraph is talking about the
18	Gould reference in a section that's talking about
19	the Berge reference.
20	THE WITNESS: If you don't mind, could
21	you withdraw the question? I'd like to take a
22	quick break, and then you can pick up your
23	question later or I can answer the question
24	that you have pending.
25	MR. HOLLOWAY: I haven't asked the



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