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Response

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Applicants request continued examination of the above-referenced application, thereby withdrawing their pending appeal. They submit with this paper a list of amended claims at page 2. Remarks follow at page 3.

CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all previous versions of claims presented in this application:

1. – 40 (Canceled).

41. (New) A composition for treating an eye of a human or animal comprising cyclosporin A, castor oil, Pemulen, glycerin, and water, wherein the cyclosporin A is in an amount less than 0.05% by weight; the Pemulin is in amount equal to or greater than 1.0% by weight; the glycerin is in amount equal to or less than 1.0% by weight; and wherein the ratio of cyclosporin A to castor oil is less than 0.04.

REMARKS

The applicants have reviewed the prosecution history of the present application and co-pending application no. 11/897,177, and have found significant errors. The purpose of this request for continued examination is to bring those errors to the attention of the examiner, to file an IDS, and to submit new claims.

The Ding reference and obviousness

The present application describes two compositions at Example 1. Composition II is as follows:

Present Application

	Composition II
Cyclosporin A	0.05 %
Castor Oil	1.25 %
Polysorbate 80	1.00 %
Pemulin®	0.05 %
Glycerine	2.20 %
NaOH	qs
Purified water	qs
pH	7.2-7.6
Ratio cyclosporin to castor oil	0.04

Composition II fell within the scope of the claims that the applicants previously presented for prosecution.

In a final action dated July 2, 2007, the Office rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,474,979 (the “Ding reference”). The Ding reference discloses at Examples 1B, 1D, and 1E the compositions shown on the following page.

Ding Reference

	Example 1B	Example 1D	Example 1E
Cyclosporin A	0.40 %	0.05 %	0.05 %
Castor Oil	5.00 %	0.625 %	0.625 %
Polysorbate 80	1.00 %	1.00 %	1.00 %
Pemulin®	0.05 %	0.05 %	0.05 %
Glycerine	2.20 %	2.20 %	2.20 %
NaOH	qs	qs	qs
Purified water	qs	qs	qs
pH	7.2-7.6	7.2-7.6	7.2-7.6
Ratio cyclosporin to castor oil	0.08	0.08	0.08

The only difference between Composition II of the present application, and Examples 1D and 1E of the Ding reference, is that Example 1D has more cyclosporin, and Example 1E has less castor oil. The only difference between Composition II and Example 1B, is that Example 1B has less cyclosporin and less castor oil, although both compositions have cyclosporin and castor oil in the same proportion. Stated differently, Composition II has the same amount of cyclosporin as Example 1E, the same amount of castor oil as Example 1D, and the same proportion of cyclosporin to castor oil as Example 1B. As shown on the following page, the compositions are otherwise the same.

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