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# INITIATIVE FOR MEDICINES, ACCESS & KNOWLEDGE (I-MAK), INC. Petitioner

v.

# GILEAD PHARMASSET LLC Patent Owner

Case No. IPR2018-00125 U.S. Patent No. 8,633,309

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## PETITION FOR INTER PARTES REVIEW



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### I. INTRODUCTION

Initiative for Medicines, Access & Knowledge (I-MAK), Inc. ("Petitioner") requests *inter partes* review ("IPR") of claims 1-12 of United States Patent No. 8,633,309 to Ross et al. ("the '309 patent"; EX1001) under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 311, § 6 of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act ("AIA"), and 37 C.F.R. § 42.100 et seq. The '309 patent issued on January 21, 2014, and is currently assigned to Gilead Pharmasset LLC ("Patent Owner"). This petition demonstrates that claims 1-12 of the '309 patent are unpatentable.

The '309 patent claims pharmaceutical compounds, compositions and methods that were already known and obvious in light of the prior art. Specifically, the '309 claims a specific diastereomeric form of a specific nucleoside compound that was already known because it was the subject of a previous patent application by Patent Owner. In addition, investigating diastereomeric forms of a nucleoside compound and finding one was more active was entirely conventional and expected. Identifying a diastereomeric form that is more active than others is not inventive, but obvious.

Thus, claims 1-12 of the '309 patent are unpatentable and should be cancelled.



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