

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

APPLE INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

MASIMO CORPORATION,
Patent Owner.

IPR2021-00209
Patent 10,376,191 B1

Before JOSIAH C. COCKS, ROBERT L. KINDER, and
AMANDA F. WIEKER, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

WIEKER, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Granting Institution of *Inter Partes* Review
35 U.S.C. § 314

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Background

Apple Inc. (“Petitioner”) filed a Petition requesting an *inter partes* review of claims 1–6, 8–16, 18, and 19 (“challenged claims”) of U.S. Patent No. 10,376,191 B1 (Ex. 1001, “the ’191 patent”). Paper 2 (“Pet.”). Masimo Corporation (“Patent Owner”) waived filing a preliminary response. Paper 6 (“PO Waiver”).

We have authority to determine whether to institute an *inter partes* review, under 35 U.S.C. § 314 and 37 C.F.R. § 42.4. An *inter partes* review may not be instituted unless it is determined that “the information presented in the petition filed under section 311 and any response filed under section 313 shows that there is a reasonable likelihood that the petitioner would prevail with respect to at least 1 of the claims challenged in the petition.” 35 U.S.C. § 314 (2018); *see also* 37 C.F.R. § 42.4(a) (“The Board institutes the trial on behalf of the Director.”).

For the reasons provided below and based on the record before us, we determine that Petitioner has demonstrated a reasonable likelihood that Petitioner would prevail in showing the unpatentability of at least one of the challenged claims. Accordingly, we institute an *inter partes* review on all grounds set forth in the Petition.

B. Related Matters

The parties identify the following matters related to the ’191 patent:
Masimo Corporation v. Apple Inc., Civil Action No. 8:20-cv-00048 (C.D. Cal.) (filed Jan. 9, 2020);

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Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01520 (PTAB Aug. 31, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,258,265 B1);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01521 (PTAB Sept. 2, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,292,628 B1);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01523 (PTAB Sept. 9, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 8,457,703 B2);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01524 (PTAB Aug. 31, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,433,776 B2);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01526 (PTAB Aug. 31, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,771,994 B2);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01536 (PTAB Aug. 31, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,588,553 B2);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01537 (PTAB Aug. 31, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,588,553 B2);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01538 (PTAB Sept. 2, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,588,554 B2);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01539 (PTAB Sept. 2, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,588,554 B2);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01713 (PTAB Sept. 30, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,624,564 B1);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01714 (PTAB Sept. 30, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,631,765 B1);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01715 (PTAB Sept. 30, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,631,765 B1);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01716 (PTAB Sept. 2, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,702,194 B1);

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Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01722 (PTAB Oct. 2, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,470,695 B2);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01723 (PTAB Oct. 2, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,470,695 B2);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01733 (PTAB Sept. 30, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,702,195 B1);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2020-01737 (PTAB Sept. 30, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,709,366 B1)

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2021-00193 (PTAB Nov. 20, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,299,708 B1);

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2021-00195 (PTAB Nov. 20, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,376,190 B1); and

Apple Inc. v. Masimo Corporation, IPR2021-00208 (PTAB Nov. 20, 2020) (challenging claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,258,266 B1).

Pet. 71–72; Paper 3, 3–4.

Patent Owner further identifies the following pending patent applications, among other issued and abandoned applications, that claim priority to, or share a priority claim with, the '191 patent:

U.S. Patent Application No. 16/834,538;

U.S. Patent Application No. 17/031,407;

U.S. Patent Application No. 17/031,316;

U.S. Patent Application No. 17/031,356;

U.S. Patent Application No. 16/449,143; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 16/805,605.

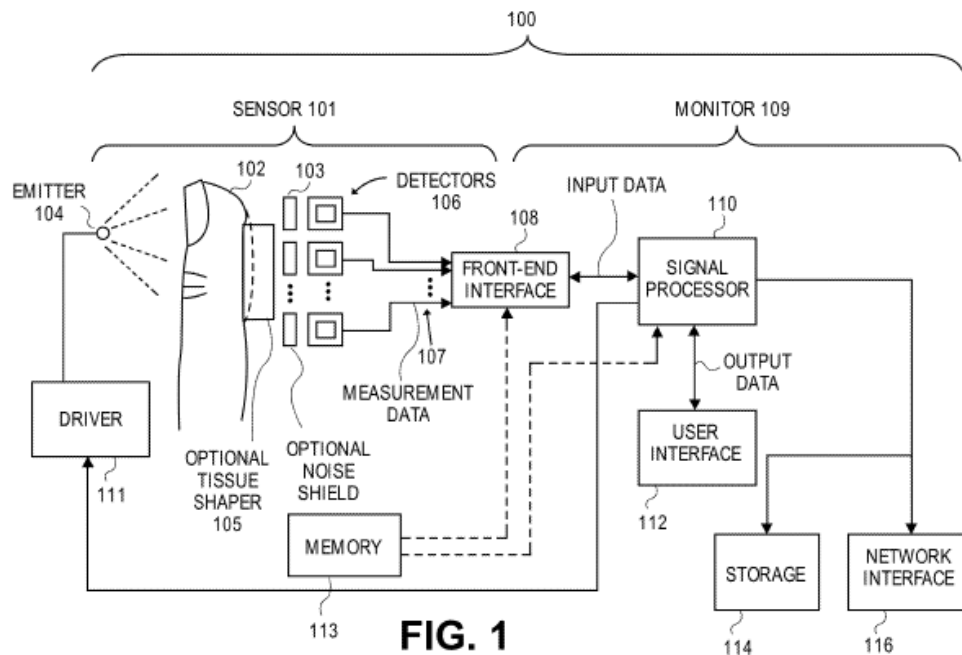
Paper 3, 1–3.

C. The '191 Patent

The '191 patent is titled “Multi-Stream Data Collection System for Noninvasive Measurement of Blood Constituents,” and issued on August 13, 2019, from U.S. Patent Application No. 16/409,515, filed May 10, 2019. Ex. 1001, codes (21), (22), (45), (54). The '191 patent claims priority through a series of continuation and continuation-in-part applications to Provisional Application Nos. 61/078,228 and 61/078,207, both filed July 3, 2008. *Id.* at codes (60), (63).

The '191 patent discloses a two-part data collection system including a noninvasive sensor that communicates with a patient monitor. *Id.* at 2:35–37. The sensor includes a sensor housing, an optical source, and several photodetectors, and is used to measure a blood constituent or analyte, e.g., oxygen or glucose. *Id.* at 2:26–32, 61–62. The patient monitor includes a display and a network interface for communicating with a handheld computing device. *Id.* at 2:42–45.

Figure 1 of the '191 patent is reproduced below.



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