

Plaintiffs MASIMO CORPORATION ("Masimo") and CERCACOR LABORATIES, INC. ("Cercacor") hereby complain of Defendant APPLE INC. ("Apple"), and allege as follows:

I. THE PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff Masimo is a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business at 52 Discovery, Irvine, California 92618.
- 2. Plaintiff Cercacor is a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business at 15750 Alton Pkwy, Irvine, California 92618.
- 3. Upon information and belief, Defendant Apple is a California corporation having a principal place of business at One Apple Park Way, Cupertino, California, 95014.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 4. This civil action includes claims for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 100, et seq., more particularly, 35 U.S.C. §§ 271 and 281. This civil action includes claims for correction of inventorship of certain United States patents arising under the patent law of the United States, more particularly 35 U.S.C. § 256. This Complaint further alleges trade secret misappropriation and seeks a declaration of ownership of certain patents and patent applications.
- 5. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over claims 1-12 and 14-18 pursuant to at least 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a), and has at least supplemental jurisdiction over claims 13 and 19-24 pursuant to at least 28 U.S.C. §§ 1367(a), including because, as alleged in more detail below, they are sufficiently related to the claims over which this Court has original jurisdiction that they form part of the same case or controversy under Article III of the United States Constitution.



- 6. Apple has its principal place of business in California. Apple is subject to personal jurisdiction in California and has committed the acts complained of in this Judicial District.
- 7. Venue is proper in the Southern Division of the Central District of California pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b) with respect to patent infringement because Defendant has a regular and established place of business in the County of Orange within the Central District of California and committed acts of infringement in this Judicial District. Defendant also committed acts of misappropriation in this Judicial District. Inventive contributions to the patents and patent application as to which Plaintiffs seek correction of inventorship and/or declarations of ownership also took place in this Judicial District. Thus, venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in this Judicial District.

III. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

8. This action seeks relief for the theft of Plaintiffs' highly confidential information and trade secrets, and infringement of Masimo's patents by Defendant, correction of inventorship, and ownership of patents assigned to or filed by Apple on subject matter that belongs to Plaintiffs.

IV. STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 9. Masimo is a medical technology company that revolutionized non-invasive monitoring of physiological parameters, such as pulse rate, arterial oxygen saturation and many others.
- 10. Most of these parameters are measured using light that is transmitted through the body tissue. The received light, that has been attenuated by the various components of the body tissue, including the blood, is known in the industry as a photoplethysmograph or "PPG." The transmission and receipt



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 of this light is typically accomplished through a sensor that is applied to a body part such as a finger, arm, toe, forehead or ear.

- 11. Before Masimo, non-invasive measurements from the PPG were plagued by unreliability, often when the measurement was needed most, due to the person moving or having low peripheral blood flow (known as "low perfusion"). The industry had essentially given up on solving these problems, concluding they were largely unsolvable. In the medical context, clinicians had to live with the results patient monitors gave excessive false alarms, froze their measurements for prolonged periods of time despite potential changes in the physiological parameter (e.g., oxygen saturation or pulse rate), delayed notification of alarms due to long averaging times of sensor data, produced inaccurate measurements, or were unable to obtain data on the most critical patients and babies who cannot be instructed to stay still. Masimo's pioneering technology, known as Masimo Signal Extraction Technology ("Masimo SET"), solved this problem and dramatically improved the reliability of monitoring and reporting physiological signals derived from the PPG.
- 12. Following its initial success with Masimo SET, Masimo invested heavily in developing additional breakthrough measurement technologies, such as non-invasively measuring total hemoglobin, carboxyhemoglobin, and methemoglobin. Masimo has continued to innovate, succeeding where others have consistently failed. Masimo was the first, and remains the only, company delivering these game-changing technologies to hospitals in the United States. Use of Masimo's technology in the clinical setting has been proven to reduce blindness in premature infants, detect congenital heart disease in infants, save lives on the general care floor and post-surgery, and improve transfusion management, while saving money.
- 13. From its inception, Masimo has continuously developed cuttingedge noninvasive patient monitoring technologies. Masimo sought and received



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numerous U.S. patents for many of its inventions. Masimo's revolutionary technology was a key to its gaining significant market praise and penetration. After introduction into the market, many competitors, much larger than Masimo, used Masimo's technology without a license, resulting in patent infringement lawsuits that ultimately confirmed the validity of Masimo's innovations. Masimo also maintains some technology as trade secrets. Masimo also closely guards its future product and market plans. Only select employees have knowledge of and access to these guarded secrets.

- 14. Masimo's innovations also include important advances in sensor technologies that work together as part of Masimo's system and algorithms. Masimo's sensors are integral to the success of the revolutionary technologies Masimo has developed.
- 15. In 1998, Masimo spun certain technologies off into a new company, Masimo Laboratories, Inc. or "Masimo Labs," to further research and develop the technologies. The name of the company was later changed to Cercacor Laboratories Inc. or "Cercacor." Cercacor and Masimo have a cross-license agreement to facilitate confidential collaboration between the companies. Cercacor is not owned by Masimo.
- 16. Like Masimo, Cercacor is an innovator of non-invasive monitoring technologies. Cercacor is on the frontline of understanding how measuring, tracking, and analyzing physiological parameters can impact pre-diabetic and diabetic patients, sports training and performance and overall health and wellness principally in the consumer market. Cercacor continued the development that started at Masimo on non-invasive total hemoglobin (SpHb®), methemoglobin (SpMet®), and carboxyhemoglobin (SpCO®) and other non-invasive physiological parameters.
- 17. Leading hospitals around the world use Cercacor technology licensed to Masimo and sold under the name Masimo rainbow SET. Like



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