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5 Petitioner,

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8 Patent Owner.

9 IPR2023-00480 (Patent 7,713,947 B2)

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1	REMOTE ZOOM TECHNICIAN WHITE: Thank you to	09:32:33
2	everyone for attending this proceeding remotely and	09:32:33
3	in person. We anticipate things will run smoothly	09:32:36
4	going forward.	09:32:41
5	Please remember to speak slowly and do your	09:32:42
6	best not to talk over one another. Please be aware	09:32:45
7	that we are recording this proceeding for backup	09:32:47
8	purposes as well.	09:32:50
9	Any off-the-record discussion should be had	09:32:51
10	away from the computer, and please remember to mute	09:32:53
11	your mic for those conversations.	09:32:56
12	Please have your video enabled to help the	09:32:58
13	reporter identify who is speaking, but if you are	09:33:01
14	unable to connect video and you are connecting via	09:33:04
15	phone, we just ask that you identify yourself each	09:33:07
16	time before speaking.	09:33:09
17	I apologize in advance for any more	09:33:10
18	technical-related interruptions. Thank you.	09:33:13
19	VIDEOGRAPHER ELMILKI: Here begins Media	09:33:20
20	Number 1 in the videotape of Dr. Nicholas Bodor in	09:33:23
21	the matter Hopewell Pharma Venture, Inc., versus	09:33:26
22	Merck Serono, SA, in the Court of the United	09:33:33

1	States -- of the United States Patent and Trial	09:33:38
2	Office, Case Number IPR2023-2 -- 00480 and	09:33:41
3	IPR2023-00481.	09:33:53
4	Today is Thursday, February 15, 2024, and the	09:33:55
5	time -- the time on the video monitor is 9:34 a.m.	09:34:01
6	Eastern Time. The videographer for today is	09:34:04
7	Lhassan Elmilki, representing Planet Depo, and the	09:34:10
8	video deposition is taking place at 440 [sic]	09:34:13
9	Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 980, Miami, Florida, ZIP	09:34:17
10	Code is 33137.	09:34:22
11	Would the counsel please voice identify	09:34:23
12	themselves and state whom they -- who -- who they	09:34:26
13	represent.	09:34:29
14	MS. DASHE: I'm Christina Dashe from Sterne	09:34:29
15	Kessler on behalf of Petitioner Hopewell. With me	09:34:32
16	today remotely are Eldora Ellison, Olga Partington,	09:34:36
17	and Tyler Lui, also of Sterne Kessler. And with me	09:34:43
18	today in person with the witness is Madeleine Bond,	09:34:45
19	also of Sterne Kessler.	09:34:48
20	MR. MLAYER: Good morning, this is David	09:34:50
21	Mlayer of WilmerHale on behalf of the patent owner.	09:34:52
22	With me are Asher McGuffin and by remote Willem de	09:34:56

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1 Weerd of Merck KGaA. 09:35:03

2 THE COURT REPORTER: Doctor, would you raise 09:35:18  
3 your right hand, please.

4 Do you swear or affirm the testimony you are  
5 about to give will be the truth and nothing but the  
6 truth?

7 THE WITNESS: I do. 09:35:19

8 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

9 THEREUPON,

10 NICHOLAS BODOR, PHD, DSC, DHC, HOF,  
11 having been duly sworn to tell the truth, was examined  
12 and testified as follows:

13 DIRECT EXAMINATION

14 BY MS. DASHE:

15 Q. Dr. Bodor, could you please state and spell 09:35:22  
16 your name for the record? 09:35:26

17 A. I am Nicholas Bodor, N-I-C-H-O-L-A-S, 09:35:27  
18 B-O-D-O-R. 09:35:34

19 Q. What is your address? 09:35:35

20 A. Home address is 10225 Collins Avenue, 09:35:36  
21 Apartment 1002, Bal Harbour, Florida, 33154. 09:35:41

22 Q. Have you ever been deposed before? 09:35:50

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1	A. Not like this.	09:35:57
2	Q. ... this?	09:35:58
3	Have you ever sat for a deposition in any	09:36:02
4	capacity?	09:36:04
5	A. I have to ask opinion. About 40 years ago, I	09:36:05
6	was involved in a patent interference case and I was	09:36:14
7	deposed, but not like this, it was just the counsel on	09:36:20
8	both sides.	09:36:26
9	Q. The deposition 20 years ago -- or 40 years	09:36:26
10	ago, excuse me, in the patent interference case, have	09:36:35
11	you ever been deposed before?	09:36:39
12	A. No.	09:36:40
13	Q. Okay. I would like to go over some ground	09:36:40
14	rules for today's deposition. To start, I'll be asking	09:36:45
15	you some questions, and your counsel may object, but	09:36:47
16	it's important for the court reporter that we don't all	09:36:51
17	talk over one another today.	09:36:53
18	Is that all right?	09:36:56
19	A. Yes.	09:36:57
20	Q. And similarly, the court reporter cannot	09:36:58
21	really take down nonverbal answers, like shaking your	09:37:03
22	head or saying "um-hum." Can you please agree to give	09:37:06



1 verbal answers today? 09:37:11

2 A. Yes. 09:37:11

3 Q. Sometimes your counsel may object to my 09:37:12

4 questions, but you still have to answer them unless 09:37:16

5 counsel directs you not to answer them. Will you agree 09:37:19

6 to abide by this rule? 09:37:22

7 A. Yes. 09:37:23

8 Q. Now, if at any point today you need a break, 09:37:23

9 please let me know and I will try to accommodate, but 09:37:29

10 the patent office rules require that you do answer any 09:37:32

11 pending questions before we take a break. 09:37:35

12 Will you agree to abide by this rule? 09:37:37

13 A. Yes. 09:37:40

14 Q. If I ask a question today that you don't 09:37:40

15 understand or need further clarification, will you agree 09:37:45

16 to let me know, and I can try to clarify and ask a 09:37:48

17 better question? 09:37:51

18 A. Yes. 09:37:52

19 Q. However, if you answer a question that I ask, 09:37:52

20 I will assume that you understood it. Is that okay? 09:37:57

21 A. Yes. 09:38:01

22 Q. Now, because we are operating on a remote 09:38:01

1 basis for today's deposition, there might be some 09:38:05  
2 technical difficulties. If anything happens that 09:38:08  
3 interferes with your ability to understand or answer my 09:38:12  
4 questions, will you agree to let me know? 09:38:15  
5 A. Yes. 09:38:16  
6 Q. Now, the patent office rules require that I 09:38:20  
7 tell you that during my questioning today, you are not 09:38:23  
8 permitted to discuss your testimony with counsel unless 09:38:26  
9 you are discussing an issue relating to privilege. 09:38:31  
10 Will you agree to abide by that rule? 09:38:32  
11 A. Yes. 09:38:36  
12 Q. ... why you cannot give truthful testimony 09:38:41  
13 today? 09:38:45  
14 A. I -- I don't understand. 09:38:46  
15 MR. MLAYER: Christina, the first few words of 09:38:49  
16 your question were cut off. 09:38:52  
17 BY MS. DASHE: 09:38:53  
18 Q. Is there any reason, Dr. Bodor, that you 09:38:54  
19 cannot give truthful testimony today? 09:38:57  
20 A. No reason. 09:38:58  
21 Q. Where are you located for today's deposition? 09:38:59  
22 A. You mean the -- this room? It's -- 09:39:08

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1	Q. Yes, please.	09:39:12
2	A. It's 4400 Biscayne Boulevard, on the 11th	09:39:13
3	Floor, conference room.	09:39:18
4	Q. And besides the counsel and videographer and	09:39:21
5	court reporter that already announced their presence on	09:39:26
6	the record today, is there anyone else in the room with	09:39:28
7	you?	09:39:31
8	A. No.	09:39:31
9	Q. Okay. Whose computer are you using for	09:39:32
10	today's deposition?	09:39:36
11	A. I don't know.	09:39:38
12	Q. It's someone else's?	09:39:39
13	A. Yes.	09:39:42
14	Q. Do you have any files or programs open on your	09:39:42
15	computer besides the deposition video platform?	09:39:49
16	A. I don't have any file with me.	09:39:53
17	Q. Do you have access to any other files or	09:39:54
18	programs besides today's deposition video platform?	09:40:01
19	A. No. No. Not here. I don't have anything.	09:40:05
20	MR. MLAYER: Counsel, if it's helpful, we're	09:40:08
21	using Planet Depo's computer.	09:40:11
22	MS. DASHE: Thank you.	09:40:15

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2	Q. Do you have any other electronic devices with	09:40:16
3	you today, like a cell phone, things of that nature?	09:40:18
4	A. I have a cell phone. It was just put away by	09:40:20
5	the counsel.	09:40:24
6	Q. You won't be accessing your cell phone to	09:40:25
7	receive messages or phone calls during the deposition	09:40:29
8	today?	09:40:31
9	A. I don't plan to, unless I am directed to do	09:40:31
10	so.	09:40:40
11	But it is turned off, by the way.	09:40:40
12	Q. And including on breaks, you won't be	09:40:42
13	accessing your cell phone for text messages, phone calls	09:40:46
14	relating to the deposition today?	09:40:50
15	A. I don't plan to, no.	09:40:52
16	Q. Okay. Did you bring anything else with you to	09:40:54
17	your deposition today?	09:41:00
18	A. No, just my medication if I need it.	09:41:01
19	MR. MLAYER: And, Counsel, we do have an	09:41:09
20	otherwise unmarked copy of Dr. Bodor's declaration	09:41:13
21	with us, if -- if that will assist. So we can	09:41:17
22	provide that to him if -- if you need.	09:41:21

1 MS. DASHE: And, Counsel, that is unmarked, no 09:41:25  
2 notes or anything like that? 09:41:27  
3 MR. MLAYER: That's correct. 09:41:28  
4 MS. DASHE: Okay. 09:41:30  
5 MR. MLAYER: And Ms. Bond has had an 09:41:31  
6 opportunity to inspect it and see if that's the 09:41:33  
7 case. 09:41:35  
8 MS. DASHE: Okay. Thank you. 09:41:38  
9 THE WITNESS: One more thing I want to 09:41:39  
10 ment- -- I don't know if my iWatch, it does matter? 09:41:41  
11 MR. MLAYER: It -- not if you're not using it. 09:41:45  
12 THE WITNESS: Okay. 09:41:48  
13 BY MS. DASHE: 09:41:50  
14 Q. To totally clarify, Dr. Bodor, will you agree 09:41:51  
15 not to access your cell phone, or your Apple watch, or 09:41:55  
16 any other electronic device to receive messages or 09:41:57  
17 discuss your deposition today? 09:42:00  
18 A. Yes. 09:42:02  
19 Q. Okay, thank you. 09:42:02  
20 What did you do to prepare for this 09:42:09  
21 deposition? 09:42:11  
22 A. I reviewed my deposition [sic] and my patent, 09:42:17

1 and I had discussion with my counsel yesterday. 09:42:21

2 Q. Patent, do you mean the Bodor PCT application? 09:42:32

3 A. Yes, the Bodor PCT and the other two at-issue 09:42:40

4 patents. 09:42:45

5 Q. US patents, like Bodor -- 09:42:45

6 A. Yes. 09:42:47

7 Q. Yes? 09:42:47

8 A. Yes, patents which I am the sole inventor.

9 Not with Dandiker. 09:42:57

10 Q. So you reviewed two issued US patents where 09:42:57

11 you were the sole inventor? 09:43:03

12 A. I think, yes. 09:43:05

13 Q. Do you recall what numbers those were? 09:43:06

14 A. No. 09:43:09

15 Q. You also said that you met with counsel 09:43:09

16 yesterday. Who was that counsel? 09:43:18

17 A. Next to me, David and Asher. 09:43:22

18 Q. These patents that you reviewed, what were the 09:43:33

19 titles of the patents that you reviewed? 09:43:35

20 A. I think it's "Cladribine Oral Formulation" or 09:43:37

21 something like that. I don't know the exact title. 09:43:51

22 It was "Oral formulation of cladribine" -- 09:43:55

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1	Q.	Did you meet with your counsel yesterday?	09:43:55
2	A.	Yes.	09:43:59
3	Q.	I'm sorry, I talked over you. What did you	09:43:59
4		say?	09:44:02
5	A.	I think it was "Oral Formulation for	09:44:02
6		Cladribine."	09:44:12
7	Q.	For how long did you meet with counsel	09:44:12
8		yesterday to prepare for today's deposition?	09:44:16
9	A.	I would say it was about three to four hours.	09:44:19
10	Q.	... counsel, did you talk to anyone else	09:44:22
11		regarding the substance of your deposition today?	09:44:31
12	A.	No.	09:44:33
13	MS. DASHE:	Emil, I would like you to	09:44:44
14		introduce tab 1, which is the Bodor declaration,	09:44:46
15		it's been marked as Exhibit 2054 in these	09:44:49
16		proceedings.	09:44:53
17	REMOTE ZOOM TECHNICIAN WHITE:	Stand by.	09:45:02
18	MR. MLAYER:	Counsel, if we're going to ask	09:45:03
19		questions about the declaration, is it all right if	09:45:05
20		I hand him the paper copy of his declaration so he	09:45:07
21		can refer to it?	09:45:10
22	MS. DASHE:	That is just fine, Counsel.	09:45:11

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1	MR. MLAYER: Thank you.	09:45:13
2	THE WITNESS: Thank you.	09:45:14
3	REMOTE ZOOM TECHNICIAN WHITE: Now showing	09:45:19
4	what has been marked as Exhibit 2054.	09:45:20
5	BY MS. DASHE:	09:45:27
6	Q. Dr. Bodor, can you see the document on the	09:45:28
7	screen as well?	09:45:30
8	A. Yes.	09:45:31
9	Q. And Exhibit 2054, this is your declaration	09:45:31
10	that you submitted in Cases IPR2023-00480 and	09:45:36
11	IPR2023-00481?	09:45:52
12	A. Yes.	09:45:52
13	Q. And if I refer to "this case" or "this	09:45:53
14	proceeding," I will be collectively referring to both of	09:45:55
15	these IPRs. Will you understand that?	09:45:59
16	A. Yes.	09:46:02
17	Q. If you could please turn to the last page of	09:46:04
18	your declaration.	09:46:07
19	MS. DASHE: Which is page 13 of the PDF on the	09:46:08
20	screen, Emil.	09:46:12
21	A. Yes.	09:46:15
22	BY MS. DASHE:	09:46:15



1	Q.	Let me know when you're there. Okay.	09:46:15
2		And your declaration is signed and dated	09:46:19
3		December 21st, 2023?	09:46:24
4	A.	Yes.	09:46:26
5	Q.	That's your signature that we see on the page?	09:46:27
6	A.	Yes.	09:46:30
7	Q.	Do you stand by your testimony in your	09:46:31
8		declaration in this case?	09:46:38
9	A.	Yes.	09:46:39
10	Q.	You were asked to provide this declaration as	09:46:40
11		an inventor of the Bodor PCT patent application titled	09:46:43
12		"Oral Formulations to Cladribine"?	09:46:50
13	A.	Yes.	09:46:53
14	Q.	When were you first approached to provide your	09:46:54
15		declaration in this case?	09:46:56
16	A.	I don't remember the exact date, but must have	09:47:00
17		been some -- sometime in December.	09:47:07
18		Late --	09:47:08
19	Q.	And that would be December 2023?	09:47:08
20	A.	Yes.	09:47:11
21	Q.	Who approached you to provide your declaration	09:47:11
22		in this case?	09:47:23

1 MR. MLAYER: If you recall who it was, you can 09:47:23  
2 answer, but I'll caution you not to reveal the 09:47:25  
3 substance of any communication with counsel. 09:47:27  
4 A. I really don't remember with who. It was 09:47:30  
5 maybe my assistant who took the -- the message from the 09:47:35  
6 patent office -- I mean the law office. 09:47:43  
7 BY MS. DASHE: 09:47:46  
8 Q. So was it Merck or its counsel, then, that 09:47:46  
9 reached out to you to provide your declaration in this 09:47:51  
10 case? 09:47:53  
11 Yes-or-no question. 09:47:53  
12 A. I assume so. Yeah. 09:47:55  
13 Q. So you have no reason to believe anybody 09:48:01  
14 besides Merck's counsel reached out to you to provide 09:48:04  
15 your declaration in this case; right? 09:48:08  
16 A. No. 09:48:10  
17 Q. How long did you spend preparing your 09:48:10  
18 declaration? 09:48:16  
19 A. I think about four or five hours. 09:48:19  
20 Q. Was that over the course of multiple days? 09:48:20  
21 A. Yes. 09:48:29  
22 Q. Do you know who else provided a declaration in 09:48:29

1	this case?	09:48:35
2	A. I -- I just learned that I believe Yogesh	09:48:41
3	Dandiker did too, my coinventor.	09:48:47
4	Q. Just learned, how recently was that?	09:48:50
5	A. I think yesterday.	09:48:56
6	Q. And so you learned that from counsel?	09:48:57
7	A. Yes.	09:48:59
8	Q. And have you read Dr. Dandiker's declaration	09:49:00
9	in this case?	09:49:07
10	A. No.	09:49:08
11	Q. And are you aware of anyone else who provided	09:49:08
12	a declaration in this case?	09:49:16
13	A. No.	09:49:18
14	Q. And so because you just learned yesterday that	09:49:18
15	Dr. Dandiker provided a declaration, you did not assist	09:49:21
16	him in drafting his declaration; correct?	09:49:25
17	A. I didn't talk to Dr. Dandiker for 20 years.	09:49:28
18	Q. And so Dr. Dandiker also did not help you	09:49:38
19	draft or provide your declaration --	09:49:45
20	A. No.	
21	Q. -- in this case; correct?	09:49:46
22	A. No.	09:49:47

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1	Q.	Besides counsel, did you communicate with	09:49:47
2		anyone else in order to create your declaration?	09:49:52
3	A.	My assistant in my office.	09:49:59
4	Q.	And do you know what the substance of	09:50:00
5		Dr. Dandiker's declaration is in this case?	09:50:07
6	A.	No.	09:50:10
7	Q.	So besides your assistants in your office and	09:50:10
8		counsel, you did not communicate with anyone else in	09:50:21
9		order to create your declaration in this case; right?	09:50:24
10	A.	To prepare the declaration?	09:50:26
11		I did ask my former director of research at	09:50:31
12		IVAX to send me files related to cladribine.	09:50:39
13	Q.	And -- and who -- what was that person's name?	09:50:49
14	A.	That is Dr. Peter Buchwald.	09:50:52
15	Q.	Could you spell that for the record, please?	09:50:55
16	A.	B-U-C-H-W-A-L-D.	09:50:58
17	Q.	... speak or communicate with Dr. Buchwald in	09:51:03
18		the presence of counsel?	09:51:11
19	A.	No.	09:51:12
20	Q.	So what did you speak with Dr. Buchwald about	09:51:12
21		specifically?	09:51:20
22	A.	Just to send me -- actually, my assistant	09:51:20

1	called him to send me the -- if he has any file on the	09:51:23
2	cladribine work we have done in the research institute	09:51:32
3	in Hungary.	09:51:39
4	Q. Did he send you any files?	09:51:40
5	A. Yes.	09:51:42
6	Q. What files did he send you?	09:51:43
7	A. Monthly reports.	09:51:45
8	Q. Monthly reports?	09:52:00
9	A. Yes.	09:52:01
10	And two annual reports too.	09:52:02
11	Q. How did Dr. Buchwald send you these reports?	09:52:05
12	Was it by email? Mail? Something else?	09:52:11
13	A. I think by email, and my assistant then made	09:52:14
14	copies.	09:52:18
15	Q. ... is Dr. Buchwald?	09:52:18
16	THE COURT REPORTER: Excuse me, you broke off.	
17	This is the court reporter.	
18	BY MS. DASHE:	09:52:18
19	Q. Where is Dr. Buchwald?	09:52:18
20	A. He is a professor at University of Miami.	09:52:37
21	Q. When you say University of Miami, that's in	09:52:42
22	Florida?	09:52:54

1	A. Yes.	09:52:54
2	Q. And did you provide these monthly reports and	09:52:54
3	annual reports Dr. Buchwald sent you to counsel?	09:53:07
4	A. Yes.	09:53:10
5	Q. And so -- and Dr. Buchwald, did he work with	09:53:10
6	you on the cladribine project at IVAX?	09:53:28
7	A. No. No, he did not.	09:53:33
8	Q. How would Dr. Buchwald have had these files,	09:53:34
9	then?	09:53:39
10	A. Because he was my assistant at IVAX. He had	09:53:39
11	the position of assistant director of research. And so	09:53:46
12	he was contact in between the researchers in Budapest	09:53:52
13	and me and my assistants. So he was part of my team,	09:53:59
14	but he did not work on cladribine here, I don't believe	09:54:03
15	he had any involvement of any kind.	09:54:09
16	Q. ... a cladribine team at IVAX?	09:54:13
17	A. Yes, well, there was not really a team, but	09:54:21
18	most of the work was done, actually, at Budapest, at the	09:54:30
19	research institute, where they developed the analytical	09:54:36
20	methods and then the pharmacokinetic and bioavailability	09:54:39
21	studies.	09:54:48
22	But Buchwald was not part of it.	09:54:50

1	Q. ... talk to Dr. Buchwald about your	09:54:51
2	cladribine --	09:54:55
3	A. He was not part of this.	09:54:55
4	Q. Okay. So Dr. -- so Dr. Buchwald was not part	09:54:56
5	of the actual cladribine research?	09:54:59
6	A. Right.	09:55:01
7	Q. He was part of --	09:55:02
8	A. Correct.	09:55:04
9	Q. Okay. And when you reached out to	09:55:04
10	Dr. Buchwald about your cladribine files, did you	09:55:07
11	discuss those files with him at all?	09:55:12
12	A. No.	09:55:19
13	Q. Their substance?	09:55:20
14	A. No.	09:55:22
15	Q. And before you reached out to Dr. Buchwald	09:55:22
16	about these documents, when was the last time you had	09:55:25
17	spoken with him?	09:55:28
18	A. Last fall sometime. His father, who was my	09:55:29
19	best friend at the university, passed away, and then we	09:55:43
20	talked about his memories and...	09:55:50
21	Q. I'm sorry to hear that.	09:55:57
22	Besides reaching out to Dr. Buchwald about his	09:55:58

1 father, when was the last time you had spoken with him 09:56:02

2 before that? 09:56:06

3 A. We spoke in -- occasionally last year, because 09:56:06

4 I nominated him to be member of the Florida Academia of 09:56:12

5 Sciences, and so I needed update his CV. 09:56:22

6 But I talked to him on the phone. I -- I 09:56:29

7 don't remember when I met him in person. 09:56:32

8 Q. And so do you know if Merck provided these 09:56:33

9 documents you received from Dr. Buchwald to Hopewell? 09:56:42

10 A. I'm sorry, can I have -- you ask again? 09:56:45

11 Q. Yeah. 09:56:50

12 Do you know if Merck provided these -- 09:56:51

13 A. Merck. Yeah. 09:56:53

14 Q. -- documents to Hopewell? 09:56:55

15 A. No. No. These were our files in my I- -- in 09:56:57

16 IVAX office. 09:57:06

17 Q. And did you provide all of the files you 09:57:09

18 received from Dr. Buchwald to Merck's counsel? 09:57:12

19 A. Yes. 09:57:15

20 Q. Do you recall -- is it that you don't know 09:57:15

21 whether or not Merck provided the documents to Hopewell? 09:57:25

22 Or Merck did not provide the documents to Hopewell? 09:57:29



1           A.    I really don't know if Merck had these           09:57:34  
2           reports, because these were in Hungarian, internal       09:57:42  
3           reports of the Hungarian research institute, which I was   09:57:46  
4           director of, and which they did the analytical and       09:57:50  
5           pharmacokinetic development.                               09:57:56

6           Q.    ... was a little bit different.                   09:57:58

7                    My question was did Merck not provide these       09:58:03  
8           documents from Dr. Buchwald to Hopewell? Or do you not   09:58:07  
9           know whether or not Merck provided these documents to   09:58:12  
10          Hopewell?   09:58:14

11          A.    I -- again, I said I don't know if Merck had       09:58:22  
12          these reports, because these were Hungarian reports       09:58:23  
13          internal to the institute. So I don't think Merck had   09:58:27  
14          these reports.   09:58:31

15          Q.    ... one way or another whether or not Merck       09:58:32  
16          provided these reports from Dr. Buchwald to Hopewell;   09:58:34  
17          correct?   09:58:38

18          A.    I don't know.                                       09:58:38

19          Q.    Okay. But Merck's counsel has these reports       09:58:42  
20          from Dr. Buchwald at this point in time; correct?       09:58:47

21          A.    Yes.   09:58:51

22          Q.    Okay. Do you know what the substance of these   09:58:52

1	reports are from Dr. Buchwald?	09:58:58
2	A. Yes.	09:59:00
3	Q. And what is that?	09:59:00
4	MR. MLAYER: Objection, form.	09:59:03
5	You can answer.	09:59:07
6	A. I mentioned before that the bioavailability	09:59:08
7	and pharmacokinetic studies were done by the research	09:59:16
8	institute in Hungary. And these monthly and then annual	09:59:24
9	report related to the findings of animal and then human	09:59:27
10	studies of the very formulation which we developed in	09:59:34
11	my -- in our patent.	09:59:45
12	BY MS. DASHE:	09:59:46
13	Q. That formulation you're referring to in your	09:59:46
14	patent in your declaration is the complex --	09:59:49
15	A. Complex --	
16	Q. -- cladribine-cyclodextrin complex; correct?	09:59:55
17	A. Yes.	09:59:59
18	Q. Okay. And that's the formu- -- that --	09:59:59
19	scratch that.	10:00:02
20	The complex cladribine-cyclodextrin complex	10:00:02
21	described in your Bodor PCT application and your	10:00:09
22	declaration, that's your invention; right?	10:00:12

1 A. That's my invention and Dr. Dandiker's 10:00:15

2 invention. 10:00:21

3 Q. And you just referred to bioavailability and 10:00:21

4 pharmacokinetic studies related to the findings of 10:00:29

5 animal and human studies. What were those findings? 10:00:34

6 A. Well, actually, all of those findings or 10:00:37

7 almost all you can find in our patents, in the PCT 10:00:39

8 patent. 10:00:47

9 Q. The reports you received from Dr. Buchwald 10:00:48

10 contain study results that were ultimately disclosed in 10:00:53

11 your Bodor PCT application? 10:00:58

12 A. Correct. 10:01:01

13 Q. And when were these reports prepared? 10:01:01

14 A. As I remember, it was in 2003, '4, '5. Mostly 10:01:05

15 '4. 10:01:14

16 Q. And how many documents did you receive from 10:01:15

17 Dr. Buchwald? 10:01:24

18 A. As I remember, about five or six monthly 10:01:26

19 reports, or -- monthly, and two annual reports in 10:01:40

20 English. 10:01:42

21 Q. How many pages are the reports apiece? 10:01:43

22 A. I would estimate about six or seven pages. 10:01:48

1 Q. Five to six reports that you received total 10:01:53  
2 about 30 to 40 pages? Is that right? 10:02:01

3 A. Yes. 10:02:04

4 Q. And you said that almost all of the findings 10:02:04  
5 for your bioavailability and pharmacokinetic studies are 10:02:14  
6 in the Bodor PC- -- Bodor PCT. Are there any findings 10:02:19  
7 in these reports that are not reported in your Bodor PCT 10:02:26  
8 application? 10:02:32

9 A. Yes. 10:02:35

10 Q. What findings are those? 10:02:35

11 A. If I may disclose, they were some attempts to 10:02:39  
12 modify cladribine structure. [REDACTED] 10:02:45  
13 [REDACTED] 10:02:50

14 Q. ... modify the cladribine structure? 10:02:51

15 A. Modify, yes. 10:02:57

16 Q. But what would -- I'm sorry, I'm not a 10:02:59  
17 scientist, so -- but what do you mean by modify the 10:03:01  
18 cladribine structure? 10:03:05

19 A. To make a derivative of cladribine. 10:03:05

20 Q. What is a derivative of cladribine? 10:03:09

21 A. To have a substituent introduced into the 10:03:14  
22 molecule. 10:03:20

1 Q. Why were you trying to modify the cladribine 10:03:21  
2 structure? 10:03:25

3 A. Maybe to find a different drug. That was our 10:03:27  
4 main business, drug research. 10:03:35

5 Q. You said a derivative of cladribine is a 10:03:45  
6 substituent to introduce into the molecule; is that 10:03:53  
7 right? 10:03:55

8 A. Yes. 10:03:55

9 Q. And which substituent was that? 10:03:56

10 MR. MLAYER: I'm going to object on scope and 10:04:00  
11 relevance. This has nothing to do with the 10:04:04  
12 substance of Dr. Bodor's testimony. 10:04:07

13 THE WITNESS: But I -- 10:04:13

14 MS. DASHE: And Dr. Bodor provided testimony 10:04:14  
15 in his declaration regarding the formulation of the 10:04:17  
16 cladribine complex. This is directly relevant to 10:04:21  
17 that. 10:04:24

18 And so, Dr. Bodor, I will continue asking my 10:04:25  
19 questions. 10:04:31

20 And, Counsel, I would like to remind you that 10:04:32  
21 the rules at the PTO are one-word objections, so. 10:04:34

22 BY MS. DASHE: 10:04:38

1 Q. Dr. Bodor, just to reask my question here for 10:04:39  
2 the record, what substituent were you trying to 10:04:44  
3 introduce into cladribine? 10:04:46  
4 MR. MLAYER: Objection, scope. Objection, 10:04:48  
5 relevance. 10:04:49  
6 THE WITNESS: But I can answer? 10:04:50  
7 MR. MLAYER: You can answer. 10:04:51  
8 A. [REDACTED] 10:04:52  
9 [REDACTED] 10:05:01  
10 [REDACTED] 10:05:06  
11 [REDACTED] --  
12 BY MS. DASHE: 10:05:09  
13 Q. Attempts related to -- 10:05:09  
14 A. [REDACTED] 10:05:11  
15 Q. I'm sorry, could you repeat that, Dr. Bodor? 10:05:16  
16 I did not mean to talk over you. 10:05:19  
17 A. [REDACTED] 10:05:20  
18 [REDACTED] 10:05:23  
19 [REDACTED] 10:05:31  
20 Q. And what indication -- scratch that. 10:05:33  
21 This formulation you were trying to make, was 10:05:36  
22 this for treating multiple sclerosis? 10:05:39

1           A.    That was not -- it simply modified cladribine           10:05:44  
2 molecule.   And while the cladribine is effective, maybe           10:05:51  
3 the activity will be modified.                                       10:05:57

4                        But it was not directed to multiple sclerosis           10:06:00  
5 or anything, it's just try to modify the cladribine           10:06:03  
6 molecule.   10:06:07

7                        [REDACTED]   10:06:07

8                        [REDACTED]   10:06:10

9           Q.    [REDACTED]   10:06:18

10                       MR. MLAYER:  Objection, scope.  Objection,           10:06:20  
11 relevance and form.   10:06:23

12           A.    [REDACTED]   10:06:25

13                        [REDACTED]   10:06:31

14                        [REDACTED]   10:06:38

15 BY MS. DASHE.   10:06:39

16           Q.    ... Dr. Buchwald and counsel, did you talk to           10:06:53  
17 anyone else in order to create your declaration in this           10:06:58  
18 case?   10:07:02

19           A.    No.   10:07:02

20                        But I didn't talk to Buchwald about           10:07:07  
21 declaration.   10:07:12

22           Q.    You talked to him about the reports.           10:07:12

1 A. I did not talk about anything, just had him 10:07:15

2 send the -- everything he had on -- on the cladribine. 10:07:18

3 Q. And did you communicate -- scratch that. 10:07:22

4 Did you otherwise communicate with anyone in 10:07:31

5 order to create your declaration besides counsel and 10:07:33

6 your discussions, communications with Buchwald to get 10:07:36

7 the reports? 10:07:41

8 A. No. 10:07:41

9 Q. Have you heard of Dr. Alain Munafo? 10:07:42

10 A. No. 10:07:54

11 Q. Have you heard of Dr. Bernd Meibohm? 10:07:55

12 A. No. 10:07:59

13 Q. Have you heard of Dr. Fred Lublin? 10:08:04

14 A. No. 10:08:07

15 Q. And just in case I'm mispronouncing these 10:08:07

16 names, I'll just go through those questions again, but 10:08:29

17 I'll spell the names for you in case -- to clarify 10:08:32

18 anything. 10:08:33

19 So have you heard of Dr. Alain Munafo, spelled 10:08:33

20 A-L-A-I-N, space, M-U-N-A-F-O? 10:08:37

21 A. Still no. 10:08:45

22 Q. And have you heard of Dr. Bernd Meibohm, 10:08:46



1 spelled B-E-R-N-D, space, M-E-I-B-O-H-M? 10:08:51

2 A. No. 10:09:01

3 Q. Have you heard of Dr. Fred Lublin, spelled 10:09:01

4 F-R-E-D, space, L-U-B-L-I-N? 10:09:07

5 A. No -- no. 10:09:11

6 Just for curiosity, -- 10:09:13

7 Q. Were -- 10:09:15

8 A. -- why should I know about them? 10:09:15

9 Q. I was just asking, so. 10:09:18

10 Your current billing rate is \$1,250 an hour? 10:09:22

11 A. Yes. 10:09:27

12 Q. And how much have you billed so far in this 10:09:27

13 case? 10:09:33

14 A. I would have to ask my assistant, but I guess 10:09:36

15 maybe five or six hours. 10:09:39

16 Q. So the amount of money that you are either 10:09:47

17 owed or have received for your work on this case is five 10:09:50

18 or six hours times \$1,250 an hour, roughly? 10:09:52

19 A. Yes. 10:09:57

20 Q. Are you owed any additional money for this 10:09:58

21 case? 10:10:09

22 A. I feel I am, based on yesterday and today. 10:10:09

1 Q. Do you know approximately how much money that 10:10:13

2 will be? 10:10:16

3 A. It depends on you very much. 10:10:16

4 Q. But I think you said you spent a few hours 10:10:21

5 yesterday with counsel and then you've spent however 10:10:26

6 many hours today on your deposition. 10:10:29

7 Is the amount of money you will be owed just 10:10:31

8 the number of hours that you spent preparing and sitting 10:10:33

9 for this deposition times your current rate of \$1,250 an 10:10:35

10 hour? 10:10:40

11 A. Yes. 10:10:40

12 Q. Have you ever received any other compensation 10:10:41

13 from Merck or related entity? 10:10:48

14 A. No. 10:10:50

15 Well, I shouldn't say -- 10:10:50

16 Q. Have you -- 10:10:50

17 A. No, no. In 2008, the very patent was 10:10:55

18 defended, I went to the patent office, had an interview 10:11:04

19 with the patent examiner with the counsel, which 10:11:09

20 ultimately led to the allowance of the patent. 10:11:13

21 So at that time, I was also compensated. I 10:11:16

22 don't remember what was that time my hourly rate. 10:11:20

1 Q. When you say the patent, do you mean the 10:11:26

2 Bodor -- the Bodor PCT patent? 10:11:31

3 A. Yes. 10:11:34

4 Q. What patent office was that in front of? 10:11:34

5 A. The US patent office in Washington. 10:11:36

6 Q. Do you recall how much time you spent on 10:11:39

7 defending the Bodor PCT application in front of the 10:11:49

8 patent office? 10:11:52

9 A. I don't know, but all in all, going there and 10:11:53

10 talking and then -- probably there is a couple of days. 10:11:56

11 Q. What was discussed during your interview with 10:11:58

12 the patent office in 2008 about your Bodor PCT? 10:12:07

13 A. Well, as I remember, it's really essence of 10:12:13

14 the patent that is a combination of two types of 10:12:16

15 complexes, inclusion and noninclusion complexes, and 10:12:22

16 this forms a unique complex complex. And that was 10:12:28

17 really the essence of the discussions. 10:12:34

18 Q. Was your complex complex in your Bodor PCT -- 10:12:38

19 actually, scratch that. 10:12:50

20 The complex complex you are referring to is 10:12:51

21 the complex cladribine-cyclodextrin complex; right? 10:12:52

22 A. Yes. 10:12:58

1 Q. And why was that complex complex unique? Or 10:12:58  
2 what did you tell the patent office as to why it was 10:13:03  
3 unique? 10:13:06

4 A. Cyclodextrins were known then, and I had a 10:13:10  
5 long time working on cyclodextrins. Cyclodextrins are 10:13:14  
6 known to form inclusion complexes in which a molecule or 10:13:20  
7 part of a molecule is incorporated into the middle of 10:13:26  
8 the cyclodextrin by van der Waals forces. And that was 10:13:34  
9 well-known. And we have done that before. 10:13:39

10 But as it turns out, certain conditions, 10:13:51  
11 temperature and time, you can increase the cyclodextrin 10:13:54  
12 or incorporate the cladribine incorporation into 10:14:00  
13 cyclodextrin. But, of course, this will not be 10:14:03  
14 inclusion complex, this additional one, because that is 10:14:08  
15 limited and that was determined by the phase solubility 10:14:13  
16 diagram. 10:14:17

17 So the ideal component is now hydrogen-bonded, 10:14:21  
18 different type of complex, hydrogen-bonded complex, 10:14:25  
19 which is in addition to the inclusion complex, and that 10:14:30  
20 together is forming the complex complex, which is the 10:14:35  
21 Merck or our PCT patent. 10:14:40

22 It almost tripled the amount of cladribine 10:14:48

1 which can be incorporated in -- in cyclodextrin in this 10:14:53

2 way. 10:14:58

3 Q. Did you want to increase the amount of 10:15:00

4 cladribine in your complex? 10:15:04

5 A. Yes. Yeah, because the molecule are very 10:15:06

6 difference, and more the ratio of the incorporation 10:15:13

7 would require large amounts of cyclodextrin if that 10:15:18

8 would be -- if the inclusion complex would be the only 10:15:23

9 one. 10:15:27

10 Q. ... something about requiring large amounts of 10:15:28

11 cyclodextrin. 10:15:41

12 Just so that I understand, were you trying to 10:15:43

13 increase or decrease the amount of cyclodextrin in your 10:15:48

14 formulation? 10:15:54

15 A. Yeah, the latter, to the cladribine ratio want 10:15:54

16 to decrease so you won't have a gigantic pill to take. 10:15:58

17 Q. Why would you want to decrease the relative 10:16:05

18 amount of cyclodextrin in your formulation? 10:16:08

19 A. There are several reasons, but one of the main 10:16:13

20 reason would be to make a saturated complex in which the 10:16:15

21 cladribine is in the highest thermodynamic activity 10:16:26

22 stage, so when taken as a pill and gets in contact with 10:16:32

1 the mucosa, the fact that it's in the highest 10:16:39  
2 thermodynamic activity stage would allow the dilution to 10:16:45  
3 drive the drug to the mucosa, so facilitate absorption. 10:16:50  
4 Q. Why would you want a high thermodynamic state 10:16:56  
5 for the cladribine? 10:17:01  
6 MR. MLAYER: Objection to scope and relevance. 10:17:03  
7 You can answer. 10:17:08  
8 A. Well, just, as I said before, to optimize 10:17:08  
9 absorption to the mucosa, intestinal mucosa. 10:17:17  
10 BY MS. DASHE. 10:17:22  
11 Q. ... optimizing the absorption of cladribine to 10:17:22  
12 the intestinal mucosa do? Like, why do you want to do 10:17:30  
13 that? 10:17:35  
14 MR. MLAYER: Objection to scope and relevance 10:17:35  
15 and also to the extent this calls for expert 10:17:37  
16 testimony. 10:17:40  
17 MS. DASHE: And, Counsel, again, "calls for 10:17:40  
18 expert testimony" is not permitted under the PTO 10:17:43  
19 rules. So single-word objections. 10:17:46  
20 BY MS. DASHE: 10:17:49  
21 Q. But, Dr. Bodor, if you would like me to repeat 10:17:49  
22 my question, I can. 10:17:54

1           A.    Yeah, I think the answer is obvious. I mean,           10:17:55  
2           the main reason to do this kind of complex, number one,           10:17:59  
3           to protect cy- -- cladribine from the acidity in the           10:18:08  
4           symptom, and number two, to allow oral absorption. And           10:18:12  
5           that was the objective of the whole project, and that           10:18:16  
6           was the objective of making the complex complex.           10:18:22

7           Q.    Why does absorption matter for the cladribine           10:18:25  
8           formulation you were developing?           10:18:39

9                   MR. MLAYER:  Objection, scope, relevance,           10:18:40  
10           foundation, form.           10:18:42

11           A.    Again, that's obvious. We are comparing it to           10:18:42  
12           injectable forms. When you inject something in           10:18:49  
13           the circulatory system, it's there, you cannot remove.           10:18:57

14                   What you want to achieve, a high blood levels           10:18:59  
15           from an oral formulation. That's the basis of the --           10:19:03  
16           the whole exercise.           10:19:09

17           BY MS. DASHE:           10:19:10

18           Q.    Did you achieve the high blood levels of           10:19:10  
19           cladribine with your complex cladribine-cyclodextrin           10:19:16  
20           complex described in your Bodor PCT application?           10:19:23

21                   MR. MLAYER:  Objection, form.           10:19:28

22           A.    Well, it is in the patent, so you can see the           10:19:29

1 results compared to injectable forms. You can achieve 10:19:33  
2 more than 30 percent, that was the objective, to achieve 10:19:38  
3 more than 30 percent bioavailability, and you -- we can 10:19:41  
4 read the report, something like 39 or so percent. 10:19:48  
5 BY MS. DASHE: 10:19:51  
6 Q. ... objective to achieve 30 percent 10:19:51  
7 bioavailability? 10:19:56  
8 A. More than 30 percent I say. That was the 10:19:57  
9 objective. 10:20:01  
10 Q. And why was the objective to achieve more than 10:20:01  
11 35 -- or, excuse me, scratch that. 10:20:04  
12 Why was the objective to achieve more than 30 10:20:06  
13 percent bioavailability? 10:20:10  
14 MR. MLAYER: Objection to scope and relevance. 10:20:13  
15 A. Because that would make it practical to have 10:20:16  
16 a -- an oral formulation. Because below that, they have 10:20:20  
17 a 10 percent or so percentage of bioavailability, 10:20:23  
18 that's -- and it cannot be a successful drug. 10:20:29  
19 BY MS. DASHE: 10:20:32  
20 Q. ... successful drug? 10:20:36  
21 A. Successful. 10:20:37  
22 Q. Yeah, what do you mean by successful drug? 10:20:38



1           A.    To be used in any kind of treatment. To           10:20:44  
2    replace injectable forms by oral formulation, that's a           10:20:50  
3    successful drug.           10:20:56

4           Q.    Your complex cladribine-cyclodextrin complex           10:20:56  
5    as described in your Bodor PCT application, you           10:21:07  
6    described that in the application that it is a           10:21:12  
7    successful drug?           10:21:16

8           A.    Yes.           10:21:16

9           Q.    Because it -- okay.           10:21:17

10           And what was the basis for the 30 percent           10:21:18  
11    bioavailability complex -- excuse me, strike that.           10:21:22

12           What was the basis for the 30 percent cutoff           10:21:25  
13    for the bioavailability?           10:21:28

14           A.    I don't know exactly. That's just generally           10:21:30  
15    in the field, you think achieve at least 30 percent           10:21:35  
16    bioavailability. And that's one thing. The other thing           10:21:43  
17    is reproducibility and reduced interpatient variation.           10:21:47

18           Q.    ... by reduced interpatient variation?           10:21:54

19           A.    Yes.           10:22:03

20           Q.    I'm sorry, I don't -- just -- I'm asking           10:22:03  
21    what -- when you say reduced interpatient variation,           10:22:05  
22    what do you mean by that?           10:22:09

1           A.    That one patient shows 10 percent, the other           10:22:13  
2           50 percent.  That cannot be a successful drug because           10:22:16  
3           the variability by this patient who is treated is too           10:22:19  
4           much, you cannot assure the desired blood concentration.       10:22:25  
5           Q.    Complex cladribine-cyclodextrin complex           10:22:33  
6           described in your Bodor PCT application, you described           10:22:39  
7           that as achieving reduced interpatient variation and           10:22:42  
8           that's a successful drug; right?           10:22:52  
9           A.    Yes.           10:22:53  
10           MR. MLAYER:  Objection to --           10:22:54  
11           Just let me put in my object and then you can           10:22:54  
12           answer.           10:22:55  
13           Objection to form, scope, relevance.           10:22:56  
14           You can answer.           10:23:01  
15           A.    Yes.           10:23:02  
16           And if you look in the patent, we have done a           10:23:02  
17           very important demonstration of the reduction of the           10:23:08  
18           interpatient variation, it's called crossover           10:23:11  
19           pharmacokinetic studies, which means a group of patients       10:23:19  
20           who are treated the different oral formulations and the       10:23:30  
21           IV, so the very patients could serve as its own control.       10:23:34  
22           Then you can compare the interpatient and inpatient           10:23:40

1 variations. 10:23:45

2 So that was what demonstrated the value of the 10:23:47

3 formu- -- of the complex. 10:23:52

4 BY MS. DASHE: 10:23:57

5 Q. And that was described in the Bodor PCT 10:23:57

6 application; right? 10:23:57

7 A. Yes. Yes. 10:23:57

8 Q. Okay. Now, besides the desired blood level 10:23:58

9 concentrations and this reduction in interpatient 10:24:01

10 variation, are there any other reasons to increase the 10:24:04

11 absorption of cladribine? 10:24:08

12 MR. MLAYER: Objection, scope, foundation. 10:24:10

13 You can answer. 10:24:15

14 A. I don't know what the reason. As I say, it's 10:24:16

15 obvious that what the objective is to develop an oral 10:24:22

16 formulation of an active drug, in this case cladribine. 10:24:28

17 BY MS. DASHE. 10:24:31

18 Q. ... want to reduce the interpatient variation 10:24:34

19 of the drug? 10:24:37

20 A. Well, I already addressed this, but I don't 10:24:42

21 like to repeat myself. 10:24:48

22 The interpatient variations means that 10:24:50

1 depending on the individual, the absorption is 10:24:52  
2 different. Now, if you have a form of the cladribine 10:24:55  
3 which does not depend on individual stomach content, 10:25:02  
4 et cetera, but in all cases gives about the same blood 10:25:07  
5 levels, then you are on the right way to develop a 10:25:15  
6 successful drug. 10:25:19

7 Q. Interpatient variation in the cladribine 10:25:20  
8 absorption, would that affect the therapeutic efficacy 10:25:30  
9 between patients of the cladribine? 10:25:35

10 A. Of course. 10:25:36

11 MR. MLAYER: Objection, form, scope, 10:25:37  
12 relevance. 10:25:39

13 You can answer. 10:25:41

14 A. Of course. 10:25:41

15 BY MS. DASHE: 10:25:42

16 Q. Now, you've said that it was obvious to try to 10:25:49  
17 reduce the interpatient variation and increase the 10:25:56  
18 cladribine absorption. To whom are you referring -- 10:26:02  
19 like, it was obvious to whom? Like, obviously, it's not 10:26:05  
20 obvious to me because I'm a lawyer. But who would it be 10:26:08  
21 obvious to? 10:26:10

22 MR. MLAYER: Objection, form, scope, 10:26:12

1 foundation. 10:26:14

2 A. I didn't say it's obvious to reduce the 10:26:14

3 interpatient variation. 10:26:21

4 I mean, in drug discovery or drug development, 10:26:23

5 your objective is to have a drug which is equally or 10:26:26

6 close to equally effective in different patients, so 10:26:31

7 somebody who has blue eyes is not more sensitive to the 10:26:35

8 tablet what you give than the others. 10:26:44

9 BY MS. DASHE: 10:26:46

10 Q. Dr. Bodor, you are the founder and CEO of 10:26:53

11 Bodor Laboratories? 10:26:57

12 A. Yes. 10:26:58

13 Q. And has Bodor Laboratories ever received any 10:26:59

14 compensation from Merck or any related entity? 10:27:03

15 A. I don't believe so. No. 10:27:06

16 Q. You are also the executive director of the 10:27:11

17 University of Florida Center for Drug Discovery? 10:27:17

18 A. Well, I was. I was. I retired from that. 10:27:20

19 But I am graduate research professor emeritus, and I am 10:27:28

20 involved in some activities at the University. There is 10:27:32

21 a Nicholas Bodor Distinguished Lectureship Award given 10:27:38

22 at the University every year, which will be in April of 10:27:46

1 this year. And also there is a Nicholas Bodor 10:27:49  
2 Distinguished Chair in drug discovery. 10:27:54

3 Q. The University of Florida for Drug -- Center 10:28:02  
4 for Drug Discovery or the distinguished lectureship or 10:28:08  
5 the distinguished chair received any compensation from 10:28:11  
6 Merck or any other related entity? 10:28:14

7 A. Not as I know. 10:28:16

8 Q. Now, Dr. Bodor, I know you have a copy, a 10:28:17  
9 paper copy of your declaration in front of you, but does 10:28:25  
10 it have your Appendix A with your CV attached to it? 10:28:28

11 A. Not here, no. But I understand that's how -- 10:28:31

12 Q. Okay. 10:28:38

13 A. -- you received it or... 10:28:38

14 Q. Okay. Then I'll just have -- 10:28:41

15 MS. DASHE: Emil, could you please pull up 10:28:44  
16 Appendix A of Dr. Bodor's CV, Exhibit 2054. It 10:28:46  
17 should be page 14 of the PDF. 10:28:52

18 REMOTE ZOOM TECHNICIAN WHITE: 54 or 2045? 10:29:11

19 MS. DASHE: 2054. It was the tab 1 that I had 10:29:14  
20 you introduce earlier today. 10:29:17

21 Yes. Okay. 10:29:26

22 And, Emil, could you scroll to the next page? 10:29:28

1           And maybe make that full-sized? It's kind of           10:29:35  
2           cutting off the top and the bottom. Or, rather,           10:29:37  
3           shrink it so that the whole page shows up on the           10:29:40  
4           screen? Thank you.           10:29:43  
5 BY MS. DASHE:  
6           Q. And, Dr. Bodor, this Appendix A, this is your           10:29:45  
7 CV?           10:29:48  
8           A. Yes. It looks like it.           10:29:51  
9           Q. And your CV has, we see, 144 pages?           10:29:53  
10          A. I understand, yes.           10:30:01  
11          Q. Okay. And when did you last update this CV?           10:30:02  
12          A. I don't believe I know, but my assistant           10:30:08  
13 always puts on the new publications or patents or awards           10:30:16  
14 or whatever happens. Anytime some important event           10:30:21  
15 happens, she updates it.           10:30:27  
16          Q. Has this CV -- or scratch that.           10:30:29  
17                Was this CV updated before December 2023, when           10:30:38  
18 you started working on your declaration?           10:30:42  
19                MR. MLAYER: Objection, form.           10:30:44  
20                You can answer.           10:30:50  
21          A. I don't know when was the last time updated.           10:30:51  
22                MS. DASHE: Emil, could you please go to page           10:31:00

1	131 of the PDF? Still on your CV.	10:31:04
2	And you could -- yeah. Thank you.	10:31:10
3	BY MS. DASHE:	10:31:12
4	Q. So, Dr. Bodor, this is a list of your	10:31:12
5	publications and your CV. Do you see where it says last	10:31:15
6	update, April 21, 2023?	10:31:19
7	A. Yes.	10:31:21
8	Q. Does that help you recall when your CV was	10:31:22
9	last updated?	10:31:30
10	A. Well, no, not really. That just means the	10:31:30
11	list of publications updated. Some other things could	10:31:33
12	have happened, I don't remember.	10:31:46
13	I think I achieved my lifetime achievement	10:31:46
14	award last May, so that's included somewhere.	10:31:50
15	But this update is mainly for the list of	10:31:53
16	publication.	10:31:55
17	Q. Was your CV -- was this CV updated before	10:31:56
18	December of 2023?	10:32:09
19	MR. MLAYER: Objection, form.	10:32:10
20	BY MS. DASHE:	10:32:11
21	Q. Scratch that.	10:32:12
22	Was this CV last updated before December 2023?	10:32:12



1           A.    Yeah, I told you, I don't remember, I have           10:32:15  
2           to -- to look. But this is -- when the list was           10:32:17  
3           updated, the list of the publications, is April, but           10:32:23  
4           not -- something must have -- or could have been added,   10:32:26  
5           I don't know.           10:32:28  
6                    Again, my assistant takes care of --           10:32:29  
7           Q.    Did...           10:32:31  
8           A.    But it is irrelevant.           10:32:37  
9           Q.    Does your CV -- I was trying to get the --           10:32:39  
10          does your CV accurately reflect your areas of scientific   10:32:45  
11          expertise and credentials?           10:32:48  
12          A.    I would say yes.           10:32:50  
13                    MS. DASHE: So, Emil, could you please go to           10:32:58  
14          page 57 of the PDF.           10:33:02  
15                    This will be page 43 of your CV, Dr. Bodor.           10:33:03  
16                    If you could, Emil, kind of let the whole           10:33:12  
17          thing be on the page.           10:33:17  
18                    So -- thank you.           10:33:18  
19          BY MS. DASHE:           10:33:20  
20          Q.    Dr. Bodor, your CV, provided as a part of           10:33:21  
21          Exhibit 2054, your declaration, it contains a list of   10:33:24  
22          the patents you've had issued --           10:33:28

1	A. Yes.	10:33:29
2	Q. -- here?	10:33:29
3	A. Yes.	10:33:33
4	Q. And I believe you're the named inventor on	10:33:33
5	over 300 patents; is that right?	10:33:36
6	A. Yes.	10:33:37
7	MS. DASHE: Emil, could you please go to page	10:33:41
8	73 of the PDF, we'll still be on the list of	10:33:48
9	patents.	10:33:51
10	BY MS. DASHE:	10:34:02
11	Q. Okay. And do you see item 228, "N. Bodor, Y.	10:34:03
12	Dandiker, 'Oral Formulations of Cladribine,' US Patent	10:34:08
13	7,888,328"? Do you see that?	10:34:12
14	A. Yes.	10:34:16
15	Q. And if I refer to this as the `328 patent,	10:34:16
16	you'll know what I'm referring to?	10:34:26
17	A. Yes.	10:34:28
18	Q. And is this `328 patent -- you refer to this	10:34:28
19	patent in your declaration; right?	10:34:33
20	A. Yes.	10:34:34
21	MS. DASHE: So then if we flip to the next	10:34:35
22	page, Emil, please.	10:34:37

1 BY MS. DASHE: 10:34:44

2 Q. So this would be page 60 of your CV. If we go 10:34:44

3 to item 252, towards the bottom of the page there, do 10:34:49

4 you see, Dr. Bodor, "N. Bodor and Y. Dandiker, 'Oral 10:34:56

5 Formulations of Cladribine,' US Patent 8,785,415"? 10:35:00

6 A. Yes. 10:35:06

7 Q. Okay. If I refer to this patent as the '415 10:35:09

8 patent, you'll know what I'm referring to? 10:35:15

9 A. Yes. Yeah. 10:35:21

10 Q. If you need it bigger, please let me know. 10:35:21

11 MR. MLAYER: Yeah, it would be helpful. The 10:35:24

12 screen is -- is maybe 3 feet away from Dr. Bodor, 10:35:25

13 so it's -- 10:35:29

14 MS. DASHE: Got it. 10:35:29

15 MR. MLAYER: It would be helpful if we could 10:35:30

16 zoom in on the things we're -- we're talking about. 10:35:32

17 MS. DASHE: Yes. 10:35:33

18 Emil, could you go -- have it zoomed in on 10:35:35

19 item 252? 10:35:41

20 Thank you.

21 BY MS. DASHE:

22 Q. All right. Is that better, Dr. Bodor? 10:35:42

1	A.	Not yet.	10:35:44
2	Q.	Okay.	10:35:45
3	A.	Okay.	10:35:45
4	Q.	Oops. Well, that's a little much. There we	10:35:46
5		go.	10:35:52
6		Okay, so this `415 patent on item 252, that's	10:35:52
7		the `415 patent that you refer to in your declaration;	10:35:57
8		right?	10:36:01
9	A.	Yes.	10:36:01
10	Q.	Okay.	10:36:06
11		MS. DASHE: Emil, could we please go to page	10:36:06
12		81 of the PDF of Exhibit 2054.	10:36:10
13		BY MS. DASHE:	
14	Q.	And so, Dr. Bodor, again, this is still part	10:36:18
15		of your CV in Exhibit 2054. You provide a list of all	10:36:21
16		of your publications; right?	10:36:31
17	A.	Yeah. Yes.	10:36:33
18	Q.	And I believe you have more than 500; is that	10:36:34
19		right?	10:36:37
20	A.	Yes.	10:36:37
21	Q.	Have you retracted any of the publications	10:36:37
22		listed in your CV?	10:36:41

1	A. No.	10:36:42
2	Q. And have you issued any corrections?	10:36:43
3	A. No.	10:36:46
4	Q. Okay.	10:36:46
5	MS. DASHE: And could we also, Emil, please go	10:36:49
6	to page 26 of the PDF, still in Dr. Bodor's CV, of	10:36:54
7	Exhibit 2054.	10:37:02
8	So -- and if -- Emil, could you just have the	10:37:05
9	whole paper so we can see it so it's not so zoomed	10:37:10
10	in? We can zoom back in, but...	10:37:13
11	And Emil, if you could flip through, the	10:37:16
12	witness --	
13	BY MS. DASHE:	
14	Q. Page 12, 13, and 14 of your CV provides a	10:37:20
15	summary of your scientific interests and achievements;	10:37:24
16	right?	10:37:27
17	A. Yes.	10:37:27
18	Q. Okay.	10:37:31
19	MS. DASHE: And, Emil, could you please go to	10:37:33
20	page 14 of this section to page 28 of the PDF. And	10:37:38
21	could you zoom in, Emil, on the top paragraph so	10:37:42
22	everybody can see?	10:37:48

1 BY MS. DASHE: 10:37:53

2 Q. Dr. Bodor, can you see that text on the top 10:37:54

3 paragraph all right? 10:37:56

4 A. Yes. 10:37:56

5 Q. Okay. Do you see in the middle "Dr. Bodor's 10:37:58

6 US, and associated European and US, patents, 'Oral 10:38:04

7 Formulations of Cladribine'"? Do you see that? 10:38:09

8 MS. DASHE: Emil, if you could highlight that 10:38:16

9 for the -- for the witness. 10:38:17

10 A. Yes. Yes. 10:38:18

11 MS. DASHE: "Dr. Bodor's US" -- 10:38:19

12 A. Yes. 10:38:20

13 BY MS. DASHE: 10:38:21

14 Q. Okay, you can see that. 10:38:21

15 Okay. And so the -- your US patents entitled 10:38:22

16 "Oral Formulations of Cladribine" referred to here are 10:38:26

17 those two patents we just looked at in your CV, the `328 10:38:30

18 and `415 patent; correct? 10:38:33

19 A. I assume so, except European patents mentioned 10:38:38

20 also here. 10:38:45

21 Q. Right. But the specific US patents referred 10:38:45

22 to here -- 10:38:47

1 A. Yes. 10:38:48

2 Q. -- are the `328 and `415 patent? 10:38:49

3 A. Yeah. 10:38:51

4 Q. Okay.

5 MS. DASHE: You can take that down, Emil. 10:38:55

6 Actually, we've been going for about an hour, 10:38:58

7 Dr. Bodor, if you would like to take a brief break. 10:39:01

8 THE WITNESS: I appreciate it. 10:39:04

9 MS. DASHE: Okay. I think we can take a 10:39:05

10 ten-minute break. 10:39:08

11 MR. MLAYER: Okay. 10:39:10

12 VIDEOGRAPHER ELMILKI: Okay. We off of the 10:39:10

13 record, the time now is 10:39 a.m. 10:39:12

14 (Recess taken.) 10:39:17

15 VIDEOGRAPHER ELMILKI: We are back on the 10:51:33

16 record, and the time now is 10:51 a.m. 10:51:43

17 BY MS. DASHE: 10:51:48

18 Q. Welcome back, Dr. Bodor. 10:51:48

19 A. Yes. 10:51:49

20 Q. During your -- during the break, did you speak 10:51:50

21 with counsel about the substance of your testimony? 10:51:53

22 A. No. 10:51:54

1 Q. Okay. Now, Dr. Bodor, I'm going to ask you 10:51:55  
2 some questions regarding your career and scientific 10:52:01  
3 background. And I would like you to focus on the 2004 10:52:04  
4 time frame unless I specifically say otherwise. Do you 10:52:08  
5 understand that? 10:52:12

6 A. Yes. 10:52:12

7 Q. Okay. Now, you developed a number of drug 10:52:13  
8 formulations; right? 10:52:17

9 MR. MLAYER: Objection, form. 10:52:19

10 A. I don't -- I wouldn't call that I developed 10:52:24  
11 formulations. I invented some new drugs, yes, new 10:52:28  
12 chemicals. 10:52:35

13 BY MS. DASHE: 10:52:36

14 Q. What's a formulation? 10:52:39

15 A. Like you take cladribine, which is a chemical, 10:52:41  
16 and you formulate into a tablet. Or formulate 10:52:45  
17 prednisolone into a liquid formulation or topical. 10:52:53  
18 Those are formulations. 10:52:57

19 You make a drug accessible to the body. So 10:53:00  
20 you modify the -- the drug substance surrounding to make 10:53:07  
21 it another as a useful drug. 10:53:16

22 So formulation is a -- is a combination of the 10:53:20



1 drug, active drug and many other things. 10:53:23

2 Q. ... you said drug substances? 10:53:27

3 A. Drug substance. 10:53:37

4 Q. What's a drug substance? 10:53:38

5 A. For example, cladribine is a drug substance, a 10:53:39

6 chemical. 10:53:43

7 They call it anything -- 10:53:43

8 Q. ... of formulations because your complex 10:53:43

9 cladribine-cyclodextrin complex, that's a formulation; 10:53:58

10 right? 10:53:59

11 A. That's a formulation, yes. 10:53:59

12 Q. Okay. And have you developed formulations or 10:54:01

13 drug substances for different routes of administration? 10:54:07

14 A. Yes, for a number of my new chemical drugs, I 10:54:10

15 did develop some formulations, yes. 10:54:15

16 Q. What routes of administration did you develop 10:54:17

17 for formulations? 10:54:24

18 MR. MLAYER: Objection, form. 10:54:25

19 You can answer. 10:54:33

20 A. Yeah, for example, ophthalmic drugs, developed 10:54:34

21 eyedrops to be suspension, or gels for topical use on 10:54:37

22 the skin, or brain-targeted drugs using the redox system 10:54:47

1 and -- so variety. I was involved in a large number of 10:54:54  
2 different fields using in my retrometabolic drug design 10:54:57  
3 concept. 10:55:05

4 BY MS. DASHE. 10:55:07

5 Q. ... oral routes of administration for 10:55:08  
6 formulations; right? 10:55:10

7 A. Oral -- 10:55:11

8 MR. MLAYER: Counsel, I think the first words 10:55:12  
9 of your questions may be getting cut off by the 10:55:14  
10 audio, because we keep getting, kind of, sentence 10:55:17  
11 fragments. And I -- 10:55:23

12 MS. DASHE: Okay. Okay, I'll -- I'll -- I'll 10:55:24  
13 reask the question. 10:55:26

14 BY MS. DASHE: 10:55:28

15 Q. So you developed formulations for oral route 10:55:29  
16 of administration; right? 10:55:33

17 A. I wouldn't say -- my -- it's not my main field 10:55:34  
18 to develop formulations, that is defined on the adaptive 10:55:42  
19 mean, but, yes, we developed a number of formulations of 10:55:48  
20 the drugs, I invented. 10:55:53

21 Q. Were oral -- sorry, let me just rephrase, I'm 10:55:58  
22 not trying to be confusing, and I think my question came 10:56:11

1 out confusing. 10:56:13

2 So you have developed drugs for the oral route 10:56:16

3 of administration; correct? 10:56:21

4 A. As well. Not -- that wasn't -- 10:56:22

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. That wasn't my prime interest. 10:56:24

7 Q. What was your prime interest or main field in 10:56:26

8 your career? 10:56:30

9 A. There are several of them, but I say 10:56:31

10 brain-targeting drugs, ophthalmic drugs, and then 10:56:33

11 topical to be dermatological, like my most recent one is 10:56:39

12 for hyperhidrosis, and that's a topical use. 10:56:46

13 Q. And you developed the drug substances -- 10:56:54

14 scratch that. 10:56:59

15 Your focus was on developing the drug 10:56:59

16 substances, not as much developing the drug 10:57:01

17 formulations; right? 10:57:05

18 A. My prime -- yes. My prime objective is to 10:57:06

19 develop a reactive new chemical entity for a specify 10:57:09

20 disease. And then, of course, you have to develop 10:57:14

21 formulation to be used for that particular reason. 10:57:17

22 Q. Now, there is other routes to administration, 10:57:21

1 right? Like injectables or -- 10:57:27

2 A. Yes. Yes. 10:57:28

3 Q. -- inhaled drugs? 10:57:29

4 A. Yes. 10:57:31

5 Q. Have you -- what is the parenteral route to 10:57:32

6 administration? 10:57:38

7 A. Parenteral is different injectable, you know, 10:57:38

8 subQ or intravenous, intramuscular. 10:57:44

9 Q. Are there any benefits of the oral route of 10:57:51

10 administration over an injectable or parenteral route? 10:57:55

11 MR. MLAYER: Objection to scope, form, 10:58:00

12 foundation. 10:58:04

13 A. I say convenience. 10:58:05

14 BY MS. DASHE: 10:58:06

15 Q. What do you mean by convenience? 10:58:10

16 A. People rather take a pill than get injected. 10:58:11

17 Q. And does that increase patient compliance with 10:58:20

18 taking their medications? 10:58:23

19 A. Yes. 10:58:25

20 MR. MLAYER: Objection to scope and foundation 10:58:25

21 and form. 10:58:27

22 You can answer. 10:58:30

1 A. Yes. Yes. Of course. 10:58:30

2 BY MS. DASHE: 10:58:33

3 Q. Are there any cost savings for the oral route 10:58:35

4 of administration over injectables or parenterals? 10:58:39

5 MR. MLAYER: Objection to scope, form, and 10:58:45

6 foundation. 10:58:47

7 A. Yes. 10:58:47

8 BY MS. DASHE: 10:58:48

9 Q. And would the oral route of administration be 10:58:54

10 less painful or less uncomfortable than an injectable or 10:58:57

11 parenteral medication? 10:59:03

12 MR. MLAYER: Objection to scope, form, and 10:59:05

13 foundation. 10:59:07

14 A. Generally, yes. 10:59:07

15 BY MS. DASHE: 10:59:08

16 Q. Now, the oral medicines can be given in a slow 10:59:08

17 or extended-release form; right? 10:59:17

18 A. Yes. 10:59:18

19 Q. Is that possible with an injectable or 10:59:19

20 parenteral medication? 10:59:26

21 A. Yes. 10:59:27

22 Q. But is it more common to have an oral 10:59:27

1	formulation that is	10:59:33
2	MR. MLAYER: Objection.	10:59:35
3	BY MS. DASHE:	10:59:35
4	Q. a slow or extended release than an	10:59:35
5	injectable?	10:59:38
6	MR. MLAYER: Objection to form, scope,	10:59:39
7	relevance, and foundation.	10:59:40
8	A. Well, both are possible.	10:59:43
9	BY MS. DASHE:	10:59:47
10	Q. Now, you referred to oral dosage form a number	10:59:49
11	of times in your declaration. What do you mean by an	10:59:53
12	oral dosage form?	10:59:56
13	A. Those are oral, normally pills or can be,	10:59:59
14	well, a solution too. Oral, whatever you take it, by	11:00:05
15	mouth.	11:00:13
16	Q. Pills, could that be a tablet?	11:00:13
17	A. Yes.	11:00:19
18	Q. Is there any reason a drug developer might	11:00:19
19	prefer to use a solid tablet over an oral liquid?	11:00:26
20	MR. MLAYER: Objection to form, scope,	11:00:30
21	foundation.	11:00:32
22	A. Well, there could be many reasons. Again,	11:00:33

1 convenience, or cost, or compliance, stability. 11:00:39

2 Stability. 11:00:49

3 BY MS. DASHE. 11:00:52

4 Q. ... stability? 11:00:55

5 MR. MLAYER: I'm sorry, I think your question 11:00:58

6 was cut off again. 11:00:59

7 MS. DASHE: Oh, I'm sorry. 11:01:01

8 BY MS. DASHE: 11:01:02

9 Q. You refer to stability. What is stability? 11:01:02

10 A. A molecule, which is a drug, can undergo 11:01:05

11 degradation. And if it's in a solution, it's more 11:01:13

12 likely to degrade than if it's in a solid form. In a 11:01:22

13 solid form, it's more stable. 11:01:31

14 So the shelf life is different. 11:01:33

15 Q. ... specific formulation of a drug impact its 11:01:36

16 stability? 11:01:43

17 A. Yes. 11:01:43

18 Q. How so? 11:01:44

19 MR. MLAYER: Objection to scope, foundation, 11:01:47

20 form. 11:01:51

21 A. If you have a drug which is an ester, I am 11:01:51

22 specifically thinking of something, which would be 11:01:57

1 hydrolyzed in water, if you make an aqueous solution, 11:02:00  
2 you let it sit, the drug will degrade within a given 11:02:06  
3 time, days or weeks, who knows. 11:02:12

4 So, of course, the formulation affects 11:02:17  
5 stability. 11:02:20

6 BY MS. DASHE. 11:02:21

7 Q. .. -er stability better than a lower stability 11:02:24  
8 for a drug formulation? 11:02:25

9 MR. MLAYER: Objection to scope. 11:02:26

10 A. Well, you always go for high stability, 11:02:28  
11 otherwise you have to throw -- throw out your drug after 11:02:34  
12 a month or so. 11:02:40

13 BY MS. DASHE: 11:02:42

14 Q. Any other reasons besides the ones we've just 11:02:42  
15 discussed as to why a drug formulation -- formulator 11:02:44  
16 might prefer to use a solid tablet over an oral liquid? 11:02:48

17 MR. MLAYER: Objection to scope, foundation, 11:02:51  
18 relevance. 11:02:53

19 A. There are many reasons, but I think it's 11:02:54  
20 outside of our current interest. 11:03:00

21 BY MS. DASHE: 11:03:03

22 Q. But do you -- do you have any of those other 11:03:05



1 reasons in mind right now? 11:03:07

2 MR. MLAYER: Objection to scope, relevance, to 11:03:08

3 form. 11:03:12

4 A. The primary is really convenience and the 11:03:12

5 stability. You know, if it's a liquid formulation, it 11:03:20

6 has to be sterile. If it's a tablet, it doesn't have to 11:03:23

7 be sterile, you have -- you can handle it by hand. 11:03:29

8 BY MS. DASHE. 11:03:32

9 Q. ... reasons known in 2004? 11:03:39

10 A. Oh, yes. 11:03:41

11 MR. MLAYER: Objection to scope, relevance, 11:03:42

12 form. 11:03:44

13 You can answer. 11:03:46

14 A. Yes. These are all known in 2004. 11:03:47

15 BY MS. DASHE: 11:03:53

16 Q. You referred -- okay. 11:03:54

17 You referred to dosing regimen a number of 11:03:55

18 times in your declaration. What do you mean by dosing 11:04:00

19 regimen? 11:04:04

20 A. Well, dosing regimen in general, I say it's 11:04:04

21 the frequency of taking the -- a pill, or an injection, 11:04:10

22 or eyedrops, or whatever, that is the dosing regimen. 11:04:21

1 Q. ... or days you might have to take the 11:04:26

2 formulation, something like that? 11:04:34

3 A. Yes. 11:04:35

4 Q. Okay. Does the number of days you have to 11:04:35

5 take the drug in a dosing regimen matter? 11:04:40

6 MR. MLAYER: Objection to form, foundation, 11:04:44

7 scope. 11:04:47

8 A. It depends on the drug. 11:04:47

9 BY MS. DASHE: 11:04:51

10 Q. Well, what about for cladribine, does the 11:05:02

11 number of days you would take cladribine in a dosing 11:05:07

12 regimen matter? 11:05:09

13 MR. MLAYER: Objection to form, foundation, 11:05:10

14 scope. 11:05:12

15 A. Well, let me tell you something about this, 11:05:13

16 treatment, medical treatment and dosing regimen is 11:05:21

17 really not my field. And I don't have the expertise to 11:05:24

18 comment on the value or variation of dose regimens. 11:05:32

19 I was never involved in any of this. 11:05:44

20 BY MS. DASHE: 11:05:47

21 Q. Do you know if it can matter, the number of 11:05:49

22 days that one takes the cladribine in a dosing regimen? 11:05:51

1 MR. MLAYER: Objection to form, foundation, 11:05:56  
2 scope. 11:05:57  
3 A. I didn't understand the question. Can you 11:05:58  
4 repeat the question? 11:06:03  
5 BY MS. DASHE:  
6 Q. Of course. 11:06:05  
7 Do you know if it can matter, the number of 11:06:06  
8 days that one takes cladribine in a dosing regimen? 11:06:09  
9 MR. MLAYER: Same objections. 11:06:12  
10 A. Again, as I said, I don't know, but if you are 11:06:13  
11 thinking about 2004, I didn't have any knowledge of 11:06:22  
12 cladribine use and -- and certainly regimen and 11:06:26  
13 whatever. 11:06:35  
14 BY MS. DASHE: 11:06:35  
15 Q. Now, you joined IVAX in 2000; right? 11:06:36  
16 A. Um-hum (affirmative). 11:06:42  
17 Q. And you left in 2006; right? 11:06:42  
18 A. Yes. 11:06:44  
19 Q. And after you left IVAX, excluding the 11:06:44  
20 discussions with Dr. Buchwald we already talked about 11:06:51  
21 today, did you have access to your documents and 11:06:53  
22 communications from IVAX at any point after you left the 11:06:56

1	company?	11:07:00
2	MR. MLAYER: Objection to form.	11:07:00
3	You can answer.	11:07:06
4	A. I think, you know, I licensed at the beginning	11:07:09
5	to IVAX a new steroid, which was developed to some	11:07:17
6	extent, and after I left, I regained ownership, and so a	11:07:25
7	lot of documents, files, were transferred back to me.	11:07:39
8	BY MS. DASHE:	11:07:45
9	Q. Let me get to the relevant question here, I	11:07:45
10	guess, which is after you left IVAX in 2006, aside from	11:07:47
11	our discussions of Dr. Buchwald, did you have access to	11:07:52
12	your cladribine-related documents and communications at	11:07:56
13	IVAX at any point after you left the company?	11:08:00
14	A. No.	11:08:02
15	MR. MLAYER: Objection to form.	11:08:03
16	A. No.	11:08:04
17	BY MS. DASHE:	11:08:05
18	Q. Okay. Now, when you were at IVAX, you served	11:08:07
19	in various managing capacities, including chief	11:08:11
20	scientific officer?	11:08:16
21	A. Yes.	11:08:16
22	Q. How many people worked under you when you were	11:08:16

1 at IVAX? Approximately. 11:08:21

2 A. My main role was to drive the research 11:08:23

3 institute in Hungary, which at some point I had like 400 11:08:33

4 people. 11:08:37

5 In my office here in Miami, it was limited to 11:08:41

6 a few, like Peter Buchwald; my assistant, Mrs. Guy; and 11:08:46

7 there was another senior director, John Howes, who was 11:08:58

8 under me. 11:09:04

9 Q. Chief scientific officer, you were an officer 11:09:04

10 of the company? 11:09:11

11 A. Yes. 11:09:12

12 Q. Okay. And when you were at IVAX, were you 11:09:13

13 physically located in Hungary or Miami? 11:09:21

14 A. I was located in -- in Miami, and I usually 11:09:25

15 went for a week a month to Hungary. 11:09:30

16 Q. Primary office was in Miami, but the 400 11:09:36

17 people that worked under you were in Hungary; -- 11:09:43

18 A. Yes. 11:09:47

19 Q. -- is that right? 11:09:48

20 A. Right. 11:09:48

21 Q. Okay. Now, you say in your declaration that 11:09:49

22 you were on a team at IVAX. How many overall teams were 11:09:57



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1 Q. Okay. And I know -- you said your primary 11:11:52  
2 office was in the United States and you visited Hungary 11:11:58  
3 about, I think you said, once a month; is that right? 11:12:02  
4 A. Yeah, one week, 12 months, yeah. 11:12:04  
5 Q. Okay. How often would you visit IVAX's other 11:12:07  
6 offices in person? 11:12:14  
7 A. I did not. 11:12:15  
8 Q. Okay. 11:12:15  
9 A. I mean, maybe once or twice I was in -- in 11:12:20  
10 London and talked to the vice-chairman who was there, I 11:12:25  
11 forgot his name. But I never had been to their offices 11:12:29  
12 in Chile -- in -- in Czechoslovakia or Chile. 11:12:37  
13 Q. ... visits to Hungary that you mentioned, were 11:12:47  
14 these visits happening in 2004? 11:12:52  
15 A. I don't get -- I didn't get that question. In 11:13:00  
16 2004 -- 11:13:04  
17 Q. Did you -- go ahead. 11:13:05  
18 A. Yeah, in 2004, I was -- 11:13:07  
19 Q. Well, let me re- -- let me rephrase. 11:13:10  
20 I just -- the once-a-month visits to Hungary, 11:13:12  
21 were you doing those once-a-month visits in 2004? 11:13:16  
22 A. Yes. Yeah. 11:13:21

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1 Q. Okay. And all of these other locations for 11:13:21  
2 IVAX that you mentioned around the world, were they 11:13:26  
3 doing research and development on drugs as well? 11:13:30  
4 A. Yes. I would say mostly -- 11:13:32  
5 Q. And -- 11:13:36  
6 A. -- development -- not basic research, but many 11:13:37  
7 of them were just commercial sites. 11:13:41  
8 Q. What offices were doing drug developments -- 11:13:45  
9 MR. MLAYER: Objection -- 11:13:58  
10 BY MS. DASHE: 11:13:58  
11 Q. -- at IVAX when you were there? 11:13:59  
12 MR. MLAYER: -- to form and relevance. 11:14:02  
13 A. To my knowledge, the UK; in Ireland, 11:14:04  
14 Waterford; Czech -- the Czech Republic, Czechoslovakia 11:14:18  
15 was then, site or something. 11:14:27  
16 BY MS. DASHE: 11:14:29  
17 Q. The visits that you did to Hungary, did you 11:14:29  
18 also make those visits in 2003? 11:14:33  
19 A. Yes, I -- after I became director, managing 11:14:37  
20 director, which was in November 1999, I often visited 11:14:42  
21 the research institute. That was the main research 11:14:51  
22 institute of IVAX. 11:14:55



1 Q. During your time at IVAX from 2000 to 2006, 11:15:02  
2 the offices that were doing drug development were the 11:15:07  
3 United States, Hungary, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and 11:15:12  
4 the Czech Republic; right? 11:15:20

5 A. Yes. 11:15:23

6 MR. MLAYER: Umm -- that's fine, just go ahead 11:15:24  
7 and answer. 11:15:26

8 A. Yes. 11:15:27

9 Maybe more, maybe I don't remember some, you 11:15:28  
10 know, but... 11:15:31

11 BY MS. DASHE: 11:15:35

12 Q. So there could have been more beyond what I 11:15:35  
13 just listed, but you just don't recall at this time; -- 11:15:37

14 A. Yes. 11:15:41

15 Q. -- is that right? 11:15:42

16 A. Right. 11:15:43

17 Q. Now, approximately how many drug development 11:15:43  
18 projects would a team at IVAX work on? 11:15:50

19 A. Well, if the question is -- is -- my main job 11:15:55  
20 was new drug discovery and development. There were many 11:16:04  
21 other groups and sites who worked on the OTC drugs or -- 11:16:09  
22 but the new drug development and discovery was my field. 11:16:22

1           And as I remember, at a given point, we had           11:16:27  
2     like 12 or 13 active projects of different kinds,           11:16:30  
3     epilepsy, inflammation, all kinds.                       11:16:38  
4           Q.     ... teen active projects that you recall,           11:16:42  
5     were those active in the 2003, 2004 time frame?           11:16:51  
6           A.     Yes.   11:16:54  
7           Q.     Did you have any role at IVAX for deciding           11:16:55  
8     what to patent?   11:17:06  
9           A.     No.    11:17:08  
10          Q.     Do you know what the process was at IVAX for       11:17:09  
11     deciding what to patent?                                    11:17:18  
12           MR. MLAYER:  Objection, privilege.                   11:17:20  
13           I'll -- you can answer yes or no.                    11:17:22  
14          A.     I don't know.  I can only talk about my own       11:17:27  
15     intellectual topic.  
16     BY MS. DASHE:    11:17:36  
17          Q.     Did you have any role in deciding whether to       11:17:36  
18     file your Bodor PCT application?                            11:17:42  
19           MR. MLAYER:  I'll give you the same caution.        11:17:47  
20           You can answer yes or no.                            11:17:49  
21          A.     Well, not really.  I mean, the filing was        11:17:50  
22     decided by the patent office -- I mean the IVAX patent       11:17:57

1 office, the chairman, president, and they maybe asked me 11:18:04

2 sometimes, but I don't recall except my own patents. 11:18:14

3 BY MS. DASHE: 11:18:19

4 Q. You mentioned an IVAX patent office. Do you 11:18:24

5 know how big the IVAX patent office was? 11:18:27

6 A. I really don't -- 11:18:30

7 Q. Like how many people, I mean? 11:18:32

8 A. Depends on time. I mean, we are talking about 11:18:33

9 six years. But most of the time, it was one or two 11:18:41

10 lawyer and then patent assistant. 11:18:45

11 I'd say the office was maybe four or five 11:18:54

12 people. 11:18:56

13 Q. The 2003, 2004 time frame? 11:18:56

14 A. That's what I remember, yes. 11:19:04

15 Q. And do you recall any of the names of the 11:19:06

16 people in the IVAX patent department? 11:19:14

17 A. I remember just one, who was head for quite 11:19:17

18 some time, I don't know when did she start. Her name 11:19:23

19 was Simona Levi-Minzi. 11:19:26

20 Q. Can you spell that for us spelling-challenged 11:19:30

21 folks on the record? 11:19:35

22 A. Simona, S-I-M-O-N-A, L-E-V-I dash M-I-N-Z-I. 11:19:35

1 Q. Was she at IVAX in the 2003, 2004 time frame? 11:19:45

2 A. I think so, yes. Not a hundred percent 11:19:56

3 positive, but that's what I remember. 11:19:59

4 Q. Do you know if Simona is at -- still at IVAX 11:20:03

5 as a part of Teva now, or has she left? 11:20:10

6 A. Well, IVAX doesn't exist anymore after 2006. 11:20:13

7 And I don't know if Simona stayed with Teva or not. I 11:20:22

8 lost -- I don't know --

9 Q. So you don't recall -- 11:20:37

10 A. I don't know where she is. 11:20:30

11 Q. Okay. So you don't recall -- or, excuse me. 11:20:38

12 Do you recall the last time you spoke with Simona? 11:20:39

13 A. Probably in 2006. 11:20:42

14 Q. ... have any role in drafting your Bodor PCT 11:20:43

15 application? 11:21:01

16 MR. MLAYER: Objection, privilege. 11:21:01

17 You can answer yes or no. 11:21:02

18 A. Not as I know. 11:21:04

19 BY MS. DASHE: 11:21:12

20 Q. And did you communicate with Simona about your 11:21:12

21 Bodor PCT application? 11:21:18

22 A. Maybe some -- to some extent, but the patent 11:21:22

1 was worked by an outside firm, patent -- what was 11:21:28  
2 it -- Buckingham -- 11:21:40  
3 Q. Sorry. 11:21:41  
4 A. Buchanan Inger- -- 11:21:42  
5 Q. Do you recall -- 11:21:44  
6 A. Buchanan Inger- --  
7 Q. I keep talking over you. I'm sorry. 11:21:45  
8 A. Buchanan -- 11:21:46  
9 Q. Just so the record is clear because I keep, 11:21:48  
10 kind of, heading in and out, so who was the outside firm 11:21:50  
11 responsible for your Bodor PCT? 11:21:56  
12 A. Buchanan Inger- -- something like that. 11:22:02  
13 Q. Buchanan Ingersoll, does that ring a bell? 11:22:05  
14 A. Yes. 11:22:10  
15 Q. Okay. So -- okay. Did you communicate within 11:22:10  
16 Buchanan Ingersoll lawyers about your Bodor -- or 11:22:15  
17 scratch that. 11:22:22  
18 Did you communicate with the Buchanan 11:22:23  
19 Ingersoll lawyers when they submitted your PCT 11:22:25  
20 application to the patent office? 11:22:30  
21 MR. MLAYER: Objection to privilege, I'll 11:22:32  
22 caution you, but you can answer yes or no. 11:22:34

1           A.    Well, certainly I communicated with them, but           11:22:37  
2    I don't know who filed the patent ultimately.  The -- if           11:22:40  
3    you look at the patent issued, well, two different           11:22:49  
4    patents, I have either Dentson [sic] or Buchanan.           11:22:52

5                    What -- both represented -- I worked with a           11:23:00  
6    patent agent, Mary Katherine Baumeister, for many, many           11:23:02  
7    years.  So any patent which I worked on during my IVAX           11:23:10  
8    time, I -- although we had a patent office, I did use           11:23:20  
9    from Denton or -- or the other firm because of -- of           11:23:29  
10   Baumeis- -- Kathy Baumeister.           11:23:07

11           Q.    ... patent agent's name, but I missed it.  Who           11:23:39  
12   was this patent agent that you communicated with?           11:23:44

13           A.    Mary Katherine Baumeister.  B-A-U-M-E --           11:23:45

14           Q.    Could you spell that?           11:23:51

15           A.    B-A-U-M-E-I-S-T-E-R.           11:23:53

16                    And before that, there was Norman Stepno.  But           11:24:06  
17   unfortunately, both of them are dead.           11:24:10

18           Q.    Well, that takes care of my next question, so.           11:24:14

19                    When was the last time you spoke with either           11:24:17  
20   Mary or Norman?           11:24:19

21           A.    I talked to Kathy maybe two years ago, she was           11:24:22  
22   working on a patent for me.           11:24:29

1 Q. That had nothing... 11:24:31

2 A. Didn't get any -- 11:24:39

3 MR. MCGUFFIN: Did -- 11:24:43

4 BY MS. DASHE: 11:24:45

5 Q. Correct. 11:24:45

6 So when was the last time you communicated 11:24:45

7 with -- with Norman? 11:24:48

8 A. Oh, it must have been six, seven years. I 11:24:52

9 don't remember when he passed. 11:24:57

10 Q. Have you -- had you communicated with Mary or 11:25:06

11 Norman about your Bodor PCT or related US patents after 11:25:10

12 you left IVAX? 11:25:15

13 A. Yes, Mary -- or Kathy, we called her Kathy, I 11:25:16

14 actually didn't use the "Mary." 11:25:25

15 Kathy was with me, I said before, at the 11:25:27

16 patent office interview for the very application in 11:25:29

17 2008. And she was in contact with Merck people. 11:25:38

18 Q. And besides the 2008 patent office interview, 11:25:45

19 did you have any role in communicating with the patent 11:25:52

20 office about either your Bodor PCT or issued US patents, 11:25:57

21 the `328 and `415 patent? 11:26:05

22 A. No. 11:26:08

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1	Q. Okay. Did you ever review IVAX's SEC or	11:26:08
2	Securities and Exchange Commission filings when you were	11:26:28
3	at the company?	11:26:29
4	A. No.	11:26:30
5	Q. Have you ever seen IVAX's SEC filings?	11:26:30
6	A. I don't believe so. I don't know.	11:26:40
7	Q. So you don't know if you've ever seen, for	11:26:43
8	example, a 10-K or an annual report for IVAX?	11:26:48
9	A. That's right, I don't know. I was not	11:26:53
10	involved in the financial part, although I was an	11:26:55
11	officer, but I was not involved in the finances.	11:27:01
12	Q. Okay.	11:27:10
13	MS. DASHE: Emil, could you please pull up tab	11:27:14
14	11, which is the IVAX Corporation's Form 10-K to	11:27:19
15	the SEC for fiscal year 2003, and mark that as	11:27:27
16	Hopewell's Exhibit 1055, please.	11:27:32
17	MR. MLAYER: I'm going to object to the	11:27:35
18	introduction of a document that hasn't been	11:27:37
19	previously produced and to the extent any new	11:27:42
20	argument is based on that and to foundation.	11:27:44
21	MS. DASHE: Emil, could you please zoom in on	11:28:03
22	the address under IVAX Corporation for Dr. Bodor?	11:28:06

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1 BY MS. DASHE: 11:28:20

2 Q. Dr. Bodor, do you see it lists this 10-K, 11:28:20

3 Exhibit 1055, for IVAX Corporation? 11:28:23

4 A. Um-hum (affirmative). 11:28:29

5 Q. Do you see where it says 4400 Biscayne 11:28:29

6 Boulevard, Miami, Florida 33137? 11:28:32

7 A. Yes. 11:28:36

8 Q. And was that the address, the US address for 11:28:36

9 IVAX in 2003? 11:28:44

10 A. Yes. 11:28:45

11 Q. Okay. And so you have not previously seen 11:28:45

12 this 10-K? 11:28:51

13 A. I don't think I have seen any 10-Ks or looked 11:28:52

14 at it or -- I don't think so. 11:28:58

15 Q. Do you have any reason to believe that this 11:29:00

16 SEC filing for IVAX has any errors in it? 11:29:07

17 MR. MLAYER: Objection, foundation. 11:29:14

18 A. I have no reason one way or another. 11:29:16

19 MS. DASHE: Go to page 19 of the PDF for 11:29:23

20 Exhibit 1055, please. 11:29:25

21 And scroll to where it says "employees." 11:29:37

22 Go back up. You scrolled past it. 11:29:43

1	"Employees." There you go. Thank you.	11:29:47
2	BY MS. DASHE:	11:29:50
3	Q. And, Dr. Bodor, do you see where it says,	11:29:50
4	Exhibit 1055, the 2003 10-K for IVAX, --	11:29:55
5	A. Yes.	11:30:00
6	Q. -- "As of December 31, 2003, we had	11:30:00
7	approximately 8,719 employees worldwide"?	11:30:04
8	A. Yes.	11:30:07
9	Q. Do you see that? Okay.	11:30:08
10	A. Yeah.	11:30:13
11	Q. And is that number of employees that IVAX	11:30:14
12	listed here consistent with your recollection of the	11:30:18
13	number of employees that IVAX had in 2003?	11:30:19
14	A. I -- I don't have any recollection, really. I	11:30:21
15	said before 12,000, but I don't know when was it. You	11:30:28
16	know, at some point, IVAX was the largest generic firm	11:30:30
17	in the world. And so I don't know.	11:30:36
18	I don't have any reason to doubt that this	11:30:38
19	is -- this number is right.	11:30:41
20	MS. DASHE: Emil, turn to page 13 -- back to	11:30:49
21	page 13 of the PDF of Exhibit 1055, the 2003 10-K,	11:30:53
22	please.	11:31:03

1           And if you could scroll down to "Patents and           11:31:04

2           proprietary rights" on this page for the witness.       11:31:07

3           And, Emil, if you could zoom in on the "We           11:31:20

4           hold approximately" paragraph so the witness could       11:31:24

5           see it.   11:31:27

6   BY MS. DASHE:   11:31:34

7           Q.   And so, Dr. Bodor, do you see here page 10 of       11:31:34

8           the 10-K, page 13 of Exhibit 1055, it says for IVAX       11:31:39

9           "Patents and proprietary rights," and "We hold           11:31:46

10          approximately 1,026 United States and foreign patents   11:31:49

11          and have filed several hundred United States and foreign   11:31:54

12          patent applications," do you see that?                   11:31:59

13          A.   Yes.   11:32:01

14          Q.   And my question for you, is that number of       11:32:01

15          patents and patent applications consistent with your       11:32:06

16          recollection of the number IVAX had in 2003?           11:32:11

17          A.   I have no recollection. I didn't know number       11:32:13

18          of --   11:32:16

19          Q.   Do you have any reason to believe this is       11:32:17

20          inaccurate?   11:32:19

21                   MR. MLAYER: Objection to foundation.           11:32:20

22          A.   I believe it is accurate. I don't see any       11:32:22

1 reason why they didn't report accurately. 11:32:25

2 MS. DASHE: You can take Exhibit 1055 down. 11:32:36

3 And could you please open tab 14, which will 11:32:38

4 be IVAX's -- IVAX Corporation's Form 10-K to the 11:32:51

5 SEC for fiscal year ending in December 31, 2004. 11:32:55

6 And that will be Exhibit 1056. 11:33:00

7 MR. MLAYER: And I'll object again to the 11:33:03

8 introduction of a new document and to any new 11:33:05

9 argument as well as to foundation. 11:33:08

10 REMOTE ZOOM TECHNICIAN WHITE: You said that's 11:33:25

11 the IVAX 2001? 11:33:27

12 MS. DASHE: No. So this will be tab 14, which 11:33:29

13 should be the IVAX 2004 10-K. 11:33:35

14 REMOTE ZOOM TECHNICIAN WHITE: My apologies. 11:33:44

15 MS. DASHE: No problem. 11:33:47

16 BY MS. DASHE: 11:34:00

17 Q. Okay. So -- 11:34:00

18 MS. DASHE: Oh, Emil, that will be 11:34:04

19 Exhibit 1056, please. 11:34:08

20 BY MS. DASHE: 11:34:08

21 Q. Dr. Bodor, you can see Exhibit 1056 on the 11:34:20

22 screen? 11:34:23

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1 A. It's too small. 11:34:23

2 MS. DASHE: Emil, maybe if you could zoom in a 11:34:25

3 little bit on the first page, yeah. 11:34:29

4 BY MS. DASHE: 11:34:33

5 Q. Okay. So, Dr. Bodor, I'm showing you 11:34:34

6 Exhibit 1056 in this case, which is IVAX Corporation's 11:34:38

7 Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31st, 2004. 11:34:43

8 And do you see in the middle there, it says 11:34:48

9 "4400 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida 33137"? 11:34:51

10 A. Yes. 11:34:57

11 Q. And again, that is the correct address for the 11:34:58

12 IVAX Corporation in the United States? 11:35:06

13 A. It was, yes. 11:35:08

14 Q. And do you have -- have you ever seen this 11:35:09

15 Form 10-K before? 11:35:17

16 A. Maybe. I don't know. 11:35:22

17 I was never party to any -- 11:35:25

18 Q. Reason to --

19 A. -- interested in looking at 10-Ks. 11:35:27

20 Q. Okay. But do you have any reason to believe 11:35:30

21 that IVAX's filing with the Securities and Exchange 11:35:32

22 Commission that we see here was -- has any errors in it? 11:35:38

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1 MR. MLAYER: Objection, foundation. 11:35:43

2 A. I have no -- no reason to think. 11:35:45

3 MS. DASHE: Turn -- Emil, if you could please 11:35:50

4 turn to page 21 of the PDF, that will be page 16 of 11:35:53

5 the 10-K. 11:35:59

6 MR. MLAYER: While that's happening, I would 11:36:02

7 also like to object to this exhibit and the 11:36:03

8 previous exhibit as hearsay as well. 11:36:05

9 BY MS. DASHE: 11:36:14

10 Q. Okay. And, Dr. Bodor, could you -- do you see 11:36:14

11 "employees," kind of in the middle of the page? 11:36:17

12 MS. DASHE: Emil, if you could zoom in a 11:36:20

13 little bit. 11:36:22

14 A. Yes. It's a little too small, but I think 11:36:22

15 it's... 11:36:26

16 BY MS. DASHE: 11:36:33

17 Q. Yeah. There we go. 11:36:35

18 A. 10 -- 10,100. 11:36:36

19 Q. Right. So my question for you is IVAX's 10-K, 11:36:38

20 Exhibit 1056, says that as of December 31st, 2004, "We 11:36:43

21 had approximately 10,100 employees worldwide." 11:36:47

22 My question for you, is that number of 11:36:52

1 employees at IVAX shown here consistent with your 11:36:55  
2 recollection of the ballpark number of employees IVAX 11:36:58  
3 had in 2004? 11:37:02  
4 MR. MLAYER: Objection to the form, hearsay, 11:37:03  
5 scope, and relevance. 11:37:05  
6 A. As I said before, I don't recall, and I don't 11:37:06  
7 think I ever was particularly interested to -- to know 11:37:11  
8 the total number of employees. 11:37:16  
9 BY MS. DASHE. 11:37:20  
10 Q. ... to doubt that IVAX had 10,100 employees as 11:37:25  
11 of December 31, 2004? 11:37:32  
12 A. No, I don't doubt. 11:37:33  
13 Q. Okay. And so similarly, you have no reason to 11:37:38  
14 doubt that during your time at IVAX, there were roughly 11:37:40  
15 between 8 to 10,000 employees at the company? 11:37:42  
16 A. Yes. You know, when I see the numbers, I 11:37:47  
17 believe them. 11:37:51  
18 Q. Okay. Excuse me, I'm dropping my papers here. 11:37:51  
19 Just one second. 11:38:07  
20 MS. DASHE: All right. Emil, if we could 11:38:23  
21 please go to page 13 of the PDF for Exhibit 1056. 11:38:26  
22 BY MS. DASHE: 11:38:39

1 Q. And do you see where it says "Patents and 11:38:39  
2 proprietary rights"? 11:38:41  
3 MS. DASHE: That's perfect, Emil, thank you. 11:38:43  
4 BY MS. DASHE: 11:38:46  
5 Q. Do you see that, Dr. Bodor? 11:38:46  
6 A. No. I saw it before. 11:38:47  
7 MS. DASHE: Emil, if you could zoom back in, 11:38:51  
8 that was -- yeah. 11:38:54  
9 A little bit more, Emil, please. 11:38:56  
10 Thank you. That's great, right there. 11:38:58  
11 BY MS. DASHE: 11:39:00  
12 Q. Do you see now, Dr. Bodor, -- 11:39:00  
13 A. Yes. 11:39:02  
14 Q. -- where it says "Patents and proprietary 11:39:02  
15 rights"? 11:39:05  
16 A. Um-hum (affirmative). 11:39:05  
17 Q. Okay. And do you see in the second paragraph 11:39:05  
18 under that subheader -- 11:39:09  
19 A. Yes. 11:39:11  
20 Q. -- "We hold approximately 1,490 US and foreign 11:39:11  
21 patents and have filed several hundred US and foreign 11:39:15  
22 applications," do you see that? 11:39:20





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1	MS. DASHE: Emil, you can take down	11:40:33
2	Exhibit 1056.	11:40:37
3	Thank you.	11:40:37
4	BY MS. DASHE:	11:40:38
5	Q. When did Dr. Dandiker join the cladribine team	11:40:38
6	at IVAX?	11:40:43
7	A. I really don't remember. I mean, I met	11:40:44
8	Dr. Dandiker once in my life, when we discussed his	11:40:52
9	findings about making the complex complex. And that	11:40:56
10	must have been sometime in 2003, but I don't know. I	11:41:03
11	don't remember.	11:41:07
12	Q. Okay.	11:41:07
13	A. I don't know when he got employed, when he	11:41:09
14	left.	11:41:13
15	Q. What office was Dr. Dandiker at in IVAX?	11:41:18
16	A. I thought he was working in Waterford,	11:41:24
17	Northern Ireland. Is that Northern? Or just Ireland?	11:41:29
18	But I --	11:41:36
19	Q. You met Dr. Dandiker once in your life?	11:41:37
20	A. Yes, in my office here in Miami.	11:41:40
21	Q. That -- when you -- the one time you met	11:41:42
22	Dr. -- scratch that.	11:41:55

1           Aside from meeting in person in your       that           11:41:55  
2           one time in Miami, how many times did you communicate           11:41:58  
3           with Dr. Dandiker during your time at IVAX on           11:42:02  
4           cladribine?           11:42:07  
5           MR. MLAYER: Objection to form.           11:42:12  
6           A. I really don't remember. Not many times. I           11:42:13  
7           mean, the issue related to the patent was done by some           11:42:19  
8           other people who talked to us separate, not -- I didn't           11:42:24  
9           talk to him.           11:42:29  
10           Maybe some of my other people contacted him           11:42:39  
11           for some material, but I didn't talk to him. Don't           11:42:41  
12           remember talking -- talking to him after.           11:42:46  
13           BY MS. DASHE:           11:42:55  
14           Q. Would you communicate with Dr. Dandiker via           11:42:55  
15           email?           11:43:01  
16           A. I don't recall any email communication. I           11:43:01  
17           communi- -- I talked to him in person when he came to my           11:43:11  
18           office.           11:43:13  
19           Q. Communication in person in your office in           11:43:14  
20           Miami in roughly 2003, was that the only communication           11:43:23  
21           that you had with Dr. Dandiker at IVAX regarding           11:43:28  
22           cladribine?           11:43:30

1 A. Yes. 11:43:30

2 Q. And you said you communicated with 11:43:31

3 Dr. Dandiker regarding, I want to make sure I get your 11:43:43

4 wording right here, "his findings about making the 11:43:48

5 complex complex." 11:43:51

6 A. Yes. 11:43:53

7 Q. What do you mean by that? 11:43:53

8 A. Well, he found, as I said before, that raising 11:43:56

9 the temperature and extending the time of combining 11:44:04

10 cladribine and hydroxypropyl beta cyclodextrin leads to 11:44:13

11 an increased incorporation of cladribine into the 11:44:21

12 cyclodextrin, which was an unusual finding, and I 11:44:27

13 discussed with him, because the inclusion complex 11:44:33

14 formation is actually decreasing with the increasing 11:44:38

15 temperature. 11:44:43

16 However, since cladribine is a complex 11:44:44

17 molecule which has this sugar relate -- part, then it 11:44:50

18 became obvious that that is contributing to a different 11:44:54

19 type of interaction with the 11:45:01

20 hydroxypropyl-beta-cyclodextrin. 11:45:04

21 And so that's what I described many times led 11:45:06

22 to this complex complex concept in actuality. 11:45:09

1 Q. Oh, go ahead. 11:45:16

2 And did you work together with Dr. Dandiker on 11:45:20  
3 developing the complex cladribine-cyclodextrin complex? 11:45:23

4 A. Well, if the -- this is how we worked 11:45:31  
5 together, that we discussed it in my office and we 11:45:34  
6 agreed that -- 11:45:43

7 Q. Work with -- together with Dr. Dandiker on 11:45:43  
8 cladribine at IVAX involved the one meeting that you had 11:45:48  
9 in your office in Miami in roughly 2003; is that right? 11:45:53

10 A. Yes. 11:45:56

11 Q. Now, you mentioned you had some other team 11:45:57  
12 members at IVAX. Who were they? 11:46:06

13 A. Not the cladribine team, if that's what you 11:46:15  
14 mean. In the cladribine team at IVAX I considered was 11:46:17  
15 Dr. Steve Marcus. 11:46:23

16 Q. I meant -- I should have said about the 11:46:25  
17 cladribine team. So let me just rephrase to make sure 11:46:32  
18 we're all on the same page. 11:46:35

19 So the members of your cladribine team at IVAX 11:46:36  
20 were Dr. Dandiker and Dr. Steve Marcus; is that right? 11:46:40

21 A. And a large number of researchers in the 11:46:47  
22 research institute in Hungary who did the actual -- 11:46:52

1 Q. What were their names? 11:47:00

2 A. -- work on the pharmacokinetic and 11:47:02

3 bioavailability studies. 11:47:08

4 Oh, Dandiker, I am sure he had other people 11:47:08

5 working with him. They made the complex complex, which 11:47:11

6 was then provided to Hungary for the studies. 11:47:15

7 Q. Other people were on the cladribine team at 11:47:17

8 IVAX that you mentioned? 11:47:27

9 A. Yes. I told you about the people at the 11:47:32

10 research -- research institute in Budapest. But again, 11:47:39

11 I am sure that there were others in Waterford working 11:47:41

12 with Dr. Dandiker. 11:47:49

13 Q. ... figure out is what number of people at 11:47:50

14 IVAX worked on the cladribine project. 11:47:55

15 A. Well, besides these whom I mentioned, only the 11:48:01

16 people in Hungary. There were quite a number, five or 11:48:05

17 six involved development of the analytical technique, 11:48:11

18 and then receiving the blood samples from different 11:48:15

19 sites in Europe and also the dog studies which were 11:48:22

20 performed at the Budapest institute. 11:48:32

21 But these are, again -- 11:48:43

22 Q. Besides Dr. Dandiker -- Dr. Dandiker and 11:48:45

1 Dr. Steve Marcus, you don't recall the specific names of 11:48:58  
2 the other IVAX people who worked on cladribine; is that 11:49:02  
3 right? 11:49:05  
4 A. That's right. 11:49:05  
5 Q. All right. So we discussed Dr. Dandiker and 11:49:05  
6 his role on the cladribine project. What was Dr. Steve 11:49:20  
7 Marcus' role on the cladribine project at IVAX? 11:49:27  
8 A. Well, all I can tell you, that Steve was the 11:49:30  
9 originator in 2000 sometime, I was fairly new and he was 11:49:34  
10 fairly new, he was the vice president of clinical 11:49:43  
11 affairs, he came to my office and talked about 11:49:45  
12 cladribine. 11:49:54  
13 So he introduced to me, he said that there is 11:49:55  
14 an interest in cladribine if I could find a way to make 11:49:58  
15 it orally bioavailable. And I looked at the structure 11:50:03  
16 and I said I think there should be a way complexing with 11:50:11  
17 cyclodextrins. 11:50:15  
18 After that, I really don't -- didn't have 11:50:19  
19 any -- much interaction with Steve about the cladribine. 11:50:22  
20 Q. ... by something you -- 11:50:31  
21 A. I had many interactions otherwise. 11:50:32  
22 Q. Go ahead. 11:50:36







1 off again. 11:53:58

2 MS. DASHE: Oh. 11:53:58

3 BY MS. DASHE:

4 Q. This discussion with Dr. Dandiker, that was 11:53:58

5 sometime in 2003 you said; right? 11:54:00

6 A. Well, I don't remember the date. But it must 11:54:09

7 have been before we filed the patent application. 11:54:16

8 Q. ... charged with keeping your complex 11:54:18

9 cladribine-cyclodextrin complex confidential before you 11:54:25

10 filed your Bodor PCT application? 11:54:30

11 MR. MLAYER: Objection, form. 11:54:36

12 A. Would you repeat that question? 11:54:37

13 BY MS. DASHE:

14 Q. Yes. 11:54:40

15 Were you -- were you -- strike that. 11:54:42

16 Were you and your team at IVAX charged with 11:54:45

17 keeping your complex cladribine-cyclodextrin complex 11:54:50

18 confidential before you filed your Bodor PCT 11:54:55

19 application? 11:54:59

20 MR. MLAYER: Objection, form. 11:55:01

21 A. Well, of course, any work done at IVAX we kept 11:55:02

22 confidential. We never published. 11:55:07

1 BY MS. DASHE: 11:55:12

2 Q. Before you filed your Bodor PCT application, 11:55:20

3 you kept your complex cladribine-cyclodextrin complex 11:55:24

4 confidential; is that right? 11:55:31

5 A. Confidential from whom? 11:55:31

6 Of course. It was the company 11:55:35

7 confidentiality. We didn't talk about internal work 11:55:39

8 with outsiders. 11:55:46

9 Q. So you didn't talk about your complex 11:55:47

10 cladribine-cyclodextrin -- excuse me, let me rephrase 11:55:57

11 that. 11:56:00

12 So did IVAX as a company keep your complex 11:56:00

13 cladribine-cyclodextrin complex confidential from the 11:56:09

14 public before you filed your Bodor PCT application? 11:56:12

15 MR. MLAYER: Objection, form, foundation, 11:56:18

16 scope, relevance. 11:56:21

17 A. I assume so. I mean, I have no reason to 11:56:22

18 believe that IVAX went and advertised our work. 11:56:24

19 BY MS. DASHE: 11:56:27

20 Q. So this initial conversation with Dr. Marcus, 11:56:33

21 you said it happened in 2000. Do you recall when in 11:56:40

22 2000 that would have been? 11:56:43

1 MR. MLAYER: Objection to form. 11:56:43

2 A. I assume it was in 2000 because it was early 11:56:44

3 my position at IVAX. And Steve Marcus just joined also 11:56:52

4 IVAX not long before me. 11:57:02

5 And so we are both early. I was new coming 11:57:04

6 from university. So Steve came to my office and talked 11:57:09

7 about cladribine. 11:57:16

8 I -- 11:57:21

9 BY MS. DASHE: 11:57:22

10 Q. That -- and forgive me if I've already covered 11:57:23

11 this, I just want to make it clear. 11:57:25

12 After that initial conversation with Dr. Steve 11:57:26

13 Marcus about cladribine, did you have any other 11:57:28

14 communications with Dr. Marcus about cladribine at IVAX? 11:57:32

15 A. I am sure that I told him later, after we have 11:57:36

16 succeeded to make complex, the results. I don't know 11:57:41

17 what -- don't remember what his reaction was. These -- 11:57:47

18 these are the complexes in -- included in the other 11:57:52

19 patents which were never used. 11:57:58

20 But you have to understand, if I may say, 11:58:10

21 cladribine, on the larger scale for me in my position, 11:58:14

22 was a very minor issue, it was not a main thing. So I 11:58:18

1 don't remember too much about it. It became more 11:58:23  
2 important after the patent examiner in 2008 finally 11:58:29  
3 allowed it. 11:58:38

4 Q. What was Dr. Marcus' role on the cladribine 11:58:39  
5 project at IVAX? Aside from that one conversation you 11:58:54  
6 had with him, what was his role? 11:58:58

7 A. I don't know. I mean, with me, we were just 11:58:59  
8 communicating about this complexation. If he talked to 11:59:05  
9 others -- I know he talked to the president, Dr. Frost, 11:59:11  
10 because he told me that he -- Dr. Frost is interested. 11:59:16  
11 And, you know, he probably talked to other people, I 11:59:19  
12 don't know. 11:59:23

13 Q. Cladribine was somewhat of a minor project for 11:59:23  
14 you -- 11:59:33

15 A. Yes. 11:59:33

16 Q. -- at the time at IVAX and it happened a long 11:59:33  
17 time ago, -- 11:59:36

18 A. Yes. 11:59:37

19 Q. -- you just don't really recall the details of 11:59:37  
20 folks' roles? 11:59:40

21 A. That's correct. 11:59:41

22 Q. Okay. 11:59:42

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1 MS. DASHE: You know, we've been going for 11:59:44  
2 about an hour, so I'm happy to take a break if you 11:59:45  
3 would like to, Dr. Bodor. 11:59:48  
4 THE WITNESS: I appreciate it. 11:59:50  
5 VIDEOGRAPHER ELMILKI: Okay. We are off the 11:59:52  
6 record, and the time now is 11:59. 11:59:54  
7 (Recess taken.) 11:59:59  
8 VIDEOGRAPHER ELMILKI: We are back on the 12:46:54  
9 record, and the time now is 12:46 p.m. 12:46:56  
10 BY MS. DASHE: 12:47:02  
11 Q. Welcome back, Dr. Bodor. During the break, 12:47:02  
12 did you speak with your counsel about your testimony at 12:47:05  
13 all? 12:47:08  
14 A. No. 12:47:08  
15 Q. We've been talking a bit about the Bodor PCT 12:47:08  
16 today, so let's actually pull that up. That would be 12:47:19  
17 tab 2, Exhibit 1022 in this case. 12:47:23  
18 MR. MLAYER: Is that supposed to appear on the 12:47:40  
19 screen? 12:47:42  
20 Oh, sorry. We see it now. 12:47:43  
21 BY MS. DASHE: 12:47:49  
22 Q. Okay. And we are looking at Exhibit 1022 in 12:47:49

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1 this case, the Bodor PCT application. 12:48:00

2 MS. DASHE: Emil, could you zoom in on item 12:48:05

3 75, where it says "Inventors/applicants"? 12:48:08

4 BY MS. DASHE: 12:48:27

5 Q. And, Dr. Bodor, do you see the that PCT 12:48:27

6 application lists you and Dr. Dandiker as inventors? 12:48:30

7 A. Yes. 12:48:33

8 Q. Did you read the Bodor PCT application before 12:48:34

9 it was filed? 12:48:48

10 A. Most of it, I guess, yes. 12:48:49

11 THE COURT REPORTER: Could you repeat that? 12:48:55

12 THE WITNESS: Most of it. 12:48:57

13 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

14 A. I mean, many times I read these things, just 12:48:58

15 focusing on the important things, what I see in the 12:49:01

16 examples and the claims. The preliminaries don't matter 12:49:06

17 that much. 12:49:13

18 BY MS. DASHE. 12:49:15

19 Q. ... stand by the disclosures within the Bodor 12:49:15

20 PCT application? 12:49:18

21 MR. MLAYER: So I think the -- the first words 12:49:19

22 of your question were cut off there. 12:49:21

1	MS. DASHE: Oh, no. Okay.	12:49:23
2	BY MS. DASHE:	12:49:25
3	Q. Dr. Bodor, do you stand by the disclosures of	12:49:25
4	your Bodor PCT application?	12:49:30
5	A. Yes.	12:49:36
6	Yes. Yes.	12:49:36
7	Q. What was your specific contribution to the	12:49:37
8	complex cladribine-cyclodextrin complex disclosed in the	12:49:45
9	Bodor PCT?	12:49:54
10	A. Well, I described before, first the concept of	12:49:54
11	using cyclodextrins and using hydroxypropyl-beta-	12:49:58
12	cyclodextrin, which is one of my favorites for many	12:50:07
13	years, then doing the actual phase solubility diagram in	12:50:09
14	the interpretation, and talking to Yogesh Dandiker about	12:50:20
15	his finding, then I give an explanation of the happening	12:50:29
16	why this complex complex is not just a simple inclusion	12:50:34
17	process of a cyclodextrin.	12:50:45
18	Q. You mentioned hydroxy something, I missed the	12:50:50
19	word.	12:50:52
20	A. Hydroxypropyl.	
21	Q. What was that word and how do you spell it?	12:50:53
22	A. Hydroxypropyl. Hydroxy, and propyl,	12:50:55



1	P-R-O-P-Y-L.	12:51:00
2	Important thing, the hydroxypropyl-beta-	12:51:03
3	cyclodextrin is a intrinsically amorphous material,	12:51:11
4	because it's a mixture of a variety of isomers, and that	12:51:15
5	makes it very water soluble.	12:51:20
6	It has a lot of advantages.	12:51:33
7	Q.   ... those advantages?	12:51:36
8	MR. MLAYER:  Sorry, we only got the last two	12:51:38
9	words of your question.	12:51:40
10	BY MS. DASHE:	12:51:41
11	Q.   What are some of those advantages you just	12:51:42
12	mentioned, Dr. Bodor?	12:51:44
13	A.   I just said the high water solubility and the	12:51:47
14	safety, it was tested in people in many different	12:51:50
15	conditions, even intravenous administration, it's very	12:51:58
16	safe.	12:52:01
17	Q.   The findings that Dr. Dandiker communicated to	12:52:07
18	you in that one in-person meeting, what else did he	12:52:10
19	specifically contribute to the complex	12:52:15
20	cladribine-cyclodextrin complex disclosed in the Bodor	12:52:21
21	PCT?	12:52:25
22	MR. MLAYER:  Objection to form.	12:52:25

1           A.   Well, first I want to clarify one thing. To           12:52:32  
2 my knowledge, the inventorship is decided by the patent           12:52:34  
3 lawyer. So it's not up to me to judge what Yogesh's           12:52:38  
4 contribution was.           12:52:52

5                    But, of course, he is the one who -- who found           12:52:52  
6 that you can increase the certain conditions, the           12:52:58  
7 incorporation of cladribine in cyclodextrin, in this           12:53:01  
8 cyclodextrin only, and then we figured out the           12:53:07  
9 conditions to optimize formulation of the complex           12:53:11  
10 complex.           12:53:19

11 BY MS. DASHE:           12:53:20

12           Q.   Just to make sure that I was clear, because I           12:53:20  
13 don't want to muck anything up here, I was simply asking           12:53:23  
14 what were Dr. Dandiker's scientific contributions to the           12:53:27  
15 complex cladribine-cyclodextrin complex disclosed in the           12:53:34  
16 Bodor PCT?           12:53:39

17           A.   And I said, he found that you can increase the           12:53:40  
18 incorporation of cladribine in the cyclodextrin under           12:53:48  
19 certain conditions. Because before that, we always just           12:53:58  
20 made the -- the -- the inclusion complex, which is           12:53:58  
21 probably 30 to 40 percent of the total product.           12:54:05

22           Q.   So the inventorship thing.           12:54:10

1           You said that -- well, let me scratch that.           12:54:16

2           What is your under- -- or scratch that again.           12:54:22

3           Do you have an understanding of the legal           12:54:25

4 requirements for inventorship?           12:54:28

5           MR. MLAYER: Objection to scope and           12:54:30

6 foundation.           12:54:36

7           A. My understanding is that somebody has to be           12:54:36

8 responsible at least for one of the claims or invented           12:54:40

9 one of the claims to be a potential inventor.           12:54:47

10           But again, that is decided by the patent           12:54:51

11 lawyer.           12:54:53

12 BY MS. DASHE.           12:54:54

13           Q. ... responsible for?           12:55:01

14           THE COURT REPORTER: We lost the beginning of           12:55:04

15 your question.           12:55:06

16 BY MS. DASHE:           12:55:07

17           Q. You said "My understanding is someone has to           12:55:10

18 be responsible for at least one of the claims."           12:55:13

19           A. Yes.           12:55:16

20           Q. My question to you is what do you mean by           12:55:16

21 "responsible for"?           12:55:20

22           A. That his contribution is that that specific           12:55:22

1 claim was his idea or the result of his work or 12:55:27  
2 whatever. 12:55:36

3 Q. Do you have any understanding of the legal 12:55:36  
4 requirements for conception? 12:55:44

5 A. For what? 12:55:49

6 Q. Conception. 12:55:50

7 A. Confection? 12:55:54

8 Q. Conception, C-O-N- -- 12:55:56

9 A. Conception, yeah.

10 Q. -- C-E-P-T-I-O-N. 12:55:59

11 A. I am not a lawyer, so I -- I -- I cannot 12:56:01  
12 really define you. 12:56:05

13 And again, if we -- we are talking -- 12:56:10

14 Q. And similarly -- oh, go ahead. 12:56:11

15 A. If you are talking about inventorship again, I 12:56:13  
16 rely on whatever the patent lawyer decided who is that 12:56:19  
17 inventor. It's not up to me. 12:56:26

18 Q. ... of any understanding of the difference or 12:56:28  
19 any differences between conception and inventorship? 12:56:36

20 MR. MLAYER: Objection, foundation and form. 12:56:46

21 A. I -- I don't know. 12:56:47

22 I mean, the concept can be an invention. 12:56:56

1	Maybe not all inventions are concepts, I don't know.	12:57:00
2	This is semantics.	12:57:05
3	BY MS. DASHE:	12:57:06
4	Q. And do you have any understanding of any	12:57:06
5	differences between reduction to practice and	12:57:10
6	inventorship?	12:57:15
7	MR. MLAYER: Objection, form, foundation.	12:57:15
8	A. Yes, I do. Reduction to practice is to	12:57:17
9	practically demonstrate the concept or the invention.	12:57:26
10	BY MS. DASHE:	12:57:33
11	Q. And did you read the Bodor PCT application	12:57:42
12	before you signed your declaration in this case?	12:57:46
13	MR. MLAYER: Objection, form, asked and	12:57:49
14	answered.	12:57:53
15	A. Yes. I said that before, it was.	12:57:54
16	BY MS. DASHE:	12:58:01
17	Q. And when was the last time that you read the	12:58:05
18	Bodor PCT application?	12:58:08
19	A. Maybe before I signed this declaration or	12:58:10
20	deposition.	12:58:24
21	MS. DASHE: And so, Emil, you can take down	12:58:31
22	Exhibit 1022.	12:58:36

1           And could you please pull up tab 6, which has           12:58:38  
2           already been marked as Exhibit 2069 in these           12:58:43  
3           proceedings, and it's US Patent Number 7,888,328.           12:58:47

4           And, Emil, could you zoom in a little bit on           12:59:08  
5           the top of the -- of Exhibit 2069 so Dr. Bodor can           12:59:11  
6           see? Thank you.           12:59:17

7 BY MS. DASHE:           12:59:19

8           Q.    So, Dr. Bodor, Exhibit 2069 on the screen           12:59:19  
9           here, this is the `328 patent that you referred to in           12:59:25  
10          your declaration; right?           12:59:32

11          A.    Yes.           12:59:33

12          Q.    And it names you and Dr. Dandiker as           12:59:33  
13          inventors?           12:59:36

14          A.    Yes.           12:59:36

15          Q.    And did you read the `328 patent before it was           12:59:37  
16          filed?           12:59:42

17          MR. MLAYER: Objection, scope.           12:59:44

18          A.    I would say yes.           12:59:45

19 BY MS. DASHE:           12:59:47

20          Q.    Okay. Do you stand by the disclosures of your           12:59:47  
21          `328 patent?           12:59:52

22          A.    Yes.           12:59:55

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1	Q.	And we see here that the 32 patent is assigned	12:59:55
2		to Ares Trading SA. Do you see that?	13:00:03
3	A.	Yes.	13:00:07
4	Q.	Did you receive any sort of compensation for	13:00:07
5		this assignment?	13:00:11
6	A.	No.	13:00:12
7	Q.	Did you receive any awards or accolades,	13:00:12
8		plaques on the wall, anything like that?	13:00:17
9	A.	No.	13:00:19
10	Q.	Did Dr. Dandiker?	13:00:21
11	A.	I don't know.	13:00:22
12	Q.	And did you read the `328 patent,	13:00:23
13		Exhibit 2069, before you signed your declaration in this	13:00:37
14		case?	13:00:45
15	A.	Yes.	13:00:45
16	Q.	When was the last time you read the `328	13:00:46
17		patent?	13:00:49
18	A.	Maybe a few days ago. I didn't read --	13:00:49
19		MS. DASHE: Emil --	13:00:56
20		BY MS. DASHE:	
21	Q.	Oh, go on.	13:00:57
22	A.	I didn't read it all. I mean, it's a long	13:00:58

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1 patent, a lot of introductory statements, which I -- I 13:01:00

2 just glanced to, is a... 13:01:12

3 Q. ... last time you read the `328 patent before 13:01:12

4 you signed your declaration in this case? 13:01:15

5 A. Yes. 13:01:18

6 Q. Oh, I think my question might have been cut 13:01:26

7 off. 13:01:28

8 My question was when was the last time you 13:01:28

9 read the `328 patent before you signed your declaration 13:01:32

10 in this case? 13:01:35

11 MR. MLAYER: Objection to form. 13:01:37

12 A. Maybe sometime in December. Was it -- 13:01:41

13 BY MS. DASHE:

14 Q. 2023? 13:01:47

15 A. Yes. 13:01:47

16 MS. DASHE: All right, Emil, you can take down 13:01:53

17 Exhibit 2069. 13:01:56

18 And could you please introduce tab 10. And 13:01:59

19 this will be Exhibit 1057 in these proceedings. 13:02:05

20 And this is the full file history for US Patent 13:02:09

21 Number 7,888,328. 13:02:16

22 MR. MLAYER: I want to object again to a new 13:02:20



1 document to the extent any new argument is 13:02:23  
2 introduced. 13:02:26

3 BY MS. DASHE: 13:02:43

4 Q. All right. Dr. Bodor, for one thing, have you 13:02:43  
5 seen the whole prosecution history for your `328 patent 13:02:49  
6 before? 13:02:53

7 A. I don't know. Probably. 13:03:02  
8 I mean, this was a long time ago. 13:03:09

9 Q. ... read through the whole -- have you ever 13:03:12  
10 read through the whole thing? 13:03:14

11 A. Yes, I did. At that time, I guess. I don't 13:03:19  
12 know when. See, again, this goes back to 2008 or 13:03:21  
13 before. 13:03:32

14 Q. Anticipated my next question. 13:03:37  
15 When was the last time you read through the 13:03:38  
16 prosecution history for the `328 patent? 13:03:41

17 A. I don't remember. I guess that was -- 13:03:51

18 Q. Did you -- 13:03:56

19 A. -- before my interview at the patent office. 13:03:57

20 Q. So that would have been sometime in the 2008 13:04:03  
21 time frame? 13:04:10

22 A. Yes. 13:04:10

1 MS. DASHE: Emil, if you could please go to 13:04:15

2 page 159 of the PDF of Exhibit 1057, please. 13:04:17

3 And, Emil, if you could zoom in about the top 13:04:31

4 third of the document so everybody can see. 13:04:35

5 Maybe zoom out just a little bit. 13:04:38

6 Thank you. That's great. 13:04:40

7 BY MS. DASHE:

8 Q. Now, Dr. Bodor, we see here a declaration from 13:04:48

9 the below-named inventors of the `328 patent. Do you 13:04:53

10 see that? 13:04:58

11 A. Um-hum (affirmative). Yes. 13:04:58

12 Q. Okay. 13:05:03

13 MS. DASHE: And, Emil, if you could flip to 13:05:04

14 the next page of Exhibit 1057. 13:05:09

15 And, Emil, do you see how there is a table? 13:05:13

16 Could you center around the table? 13:05:15

17 Thank you.

18 BY MS. DASHE:

19 Q. And so, Dr. Bodor, do you see on page 160 of 13:05:25

20 the PDF of Exhibit 1057 a table of the inventors of the 13:05:28

21 `328 patent? 13:05:35

22 A. Yes. 13:05:36

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1	Q.	And it shows your name in that table?	13:05:36
2	A.	Yes.	13:05:40
3	Q.	That is your signature in the table?	13:05:46
4	A.	Yes.	13:05:47
5	Q.	And it also shows Dr. Dandiker's name and	13:05:51
6		signature below that; right?	13:05:54
7	A.	Yes.	13:05:55
8		MS. DASHE: Okay, Emil, you can take down	13:05:55
9		Exhibit 1057.	13:05:57
10		And could you please pull up tab 3,	13:06:00
11		Exhibit 2029 in these proceedings, which is US	13:06:09
12		Patent Number 8,785,415.	13:06:13
13		Thank you.	13:06:25
14		And again, Emil, if you could zoom in maybe on	13:06:31
15		the top third of the page.	13:06:33
16		BY MS. DASHE:	
17	Q.	Dr. Bodor, this Exhibit 2029, that is the `415	13:06:43
18		patent that you have referred to in your declaration;	13:06:48
19		right?	13:06:50
20	A.	Yes.	13:06:50
21	Q.	And again, it names you and Dr. Dandiker as an	13:06:51
22		inventor?	13:06:58

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1	A. Yes.	13:06:59
2	Q. Did you read the `415 patent before it was	13:06:59
3	filed?	13:07:10
4	A. Yes.	13:07:10
5	Q. And do you stand by the disclosures of your	13:07:11
6	`415 patent?	13:07:21
7	A. Yes.	13:07:24
8	Q. And again we see the `415 patent is assigned	13:07:25
9	to Ares Trading, SA, do you see that?	13:07:33
10	A. Yes.	13:07:36
11	Q. Did you receive any compensation or awards or	13:07:37
12	accolades for this assignment?	13:07:39
13	A. No.	13:07:41
14	Q. Did Dr. Dandiker?	13:07:43
15	A. I don't know.	13:07:44
16	Q. Did you read the `415 patent, Exhibit 2029,	13:07:54
17	before you signed your declaration in this case?	13:08:01
18	A. Most of it. I didn't read the whole patent	13:08:08
19	because it's long and verbose. I didn't read the whole	13:08:11
20	thing in order to sign the affidavit.	13:08:17
21	Q. When was the last time you read the `415	13:08:19
22	patent?	13:08:27

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1 Q. So in front of you is Exhibit 1058 in these 13:10:19  
2 proceedings, which is the full file history for your 13:10:28  
3 `415 patent. 13:10:34

4 My question for you is have you ever seen the 13:10:36  
5 full prosecution history for your `415 patent before? 13:10:38

6 A. Not as I recall. I am sure the patent lawyer 13:10:44  
7 who handled it did it, but she never showed it to me. I 13:10:48  
8 don't recall seeing the full file. 13:10:57

9 MS. DASHE: And, Counsel, before I move on, 13:11:09  
10 with respect to the new documents, you're being 13:11:12  
11 provided with copies during the deposition, and we 13:11:14  
12 agreed to remote, and you have the download link, 13:11:18  
13 so you have access to the documents during the 13:11:21  
14 deposition today. 13:11:23

15 BY MS. DASHE: 13:11:29

16 Q. And, Dr. Bodor, when was -- or have you 13:11:29  
17 ever -- scratch that. 13:11:37

18 And for -- I apologize if I covered this 13:11:38  
19 before, but I just want to make sure that the record is 13:11:40  
20 clear. 13:11:43

21 Have you ever read through the whole 13:11:43  
22 prosecution history for the `415 patent? 13:11:45



1 Q. I was looking at "Dandiker" on the page. 13:13:19

2 Dr. Bodor, do you see the table listing the 13:13:23

3 inventors of the '415 patent -- 13:13:27

4 A. Yes. 13:13:31

5 Q. -- on page 10 of the PDF? 13:13:31

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Okay. I apologize for that.

8 And so it shows that -- it shows your name at 13:13:31

9 the top of the table; right? 13:13:32

10 A. Yes. 13:13:34

11 Q. And that's your signature right underneath? 13:13:34

12 A. Yes. 13:13:36

13 Q. Okay. And then again it shows Dr. Dandiker's 13:13:37

14 name and signature? 13:13:41

15 A. Yes. 13:13:42

16 Q. Okay. 13:13:47

17 MS. DASHE: Okay, Emil, you can take down 13:13:47

18 Exhibit 1058. 13:13:49

19 And could you actually bring up, Emil, 13:13:53

20 Exhibit 1022 that we've already introduced, which 13:13:56

21 would be the Bodor PCT. 13:13:58

22 MR. MLAYER: I just wanted to say at the next 13:14:09



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1 break, would it be okay to email us that download 13:14:12  
2 link? We're not sure we have it. 13:14:16  
3 MS. DASHE: Chat, I believe, on the Zoom link. 13:14:18  
4 MR. MLAYER: Oh. I am not in the Zoom because 13:14:21  
5 I am here. So if you could just -- 13:14:23  
6 MS. DASHE: Oh. 13:14:26  
7 MR. MLAYER: -- send an email, that would be 13:14:26  
8 great. 13:14:28  
9 MS. DASHE: Emil -- Emil, is that possible, to 13:14:30  
10 send that link to opposing counsel via their email? 13:14:33  
11 REMOTE ZOOM TECHNICIAN WHITE: Yes, I can -- 13:14:39  
12 excuse me, my apologies. Yes, I can -- I can 13:14:40  
13 forward that to you, Counsel. 13:14:44  
14 MS. DASHE: Thank you very much, Emil. 13:14:46  
15 BY MS. DASHE: 13:14:48  
16 Q. Okay. Dr. Bodor, we have your Bodor PCT up on 13:14:48  
17 the screen. Do you see that? 13:14:56  
18 A. Yes. Sort of. 13:14:57  
19 Q. Okay. Sort of. Yeah. 13:15:00  
20 MS. DASHE: Emil, could you just zoom into the 13:15:08  
21 top part so Dr. Bodor can be sure that he's looking 13:15:10  
22 at the right thing? 13:15:12

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1 BY MS. DASHE: 13:15:19

2 Q. You got your Bodor PCT, you can see it, 13:15:20

3 Dr. Bodor? 13:15:24

4 A. Yes. 13:15:24

5 Q. Okay. 13:15:24

6 MS. DASHE: And, Emil, could you please go to 13:15:29

7 page 25 of the PDF of Exhibit 1022? 13:15:31

8 And this is actually page 23 of the actual 13:15:36

9 Bodor PCT application. 13:15:41

10 Emil, could you please go down to the bottom 13:15:44

11 third of this page? 13:15:46

12 All right. Yeah. And then just zoom in on -- 13:15:55

13 starting on line 26, just kind of zoom in on that 13:15:58

14 bottom part so it's centered and everybody can see. 13:16:01

15 Okay. 13:16:05

16 BY MS. DASHE: 13:16:06

17 Q. And, Dr. Bodor, do you see starting page 23 of 13:16:06

18 your reference, 25 of the PDF, -- 13:16:09

19 A. Um-hum (affirmative). 13:16:13

20 Q. -- starting on line 24, it mentions two US 13:16:13

21 provisional patent applications, both entitled 13:16:20

22 "Cladribine Regimen for Treating Multiple Sclerosis," 13:16:24

1 filed on March 25th, 2004, and incorporated by reference 13:16:28  
2 into the Bodor PCT, do you see that? 13:16:34  
3 A. Yes. 13:16:36  
4 Q. And you see that the specific application 13:16:37  
5 numbers are left blank? 13:16:41  
6 A. Yes. 13:16:42  
7 Q. But in the brackets next to the blank space, 13:16:43  
8 do you see some attorney docket numbers? 13:16:52  
9 A. Yes. 13:16:54  
10 Q. Those are IVAX attorney docket numbers? 13:16:54  
11 A. I don't know. 13:17:02  
12 Q. They do say IVAX, though; right? 13:17:03  
13 A. Well, it starts with IVAXX0022 [sic]. So it 13:17:11  
14 may be IVAX docket number. 13:17:18  
15 Q. Before you filed your Bodor PCT application, 13:17:19  
16 did you read those two provisional applications 13:17:32  
17 referenced here? 13:17:37  
18 A. No. 13:17:37  
19 Q. And before you filed your Bodor PCT 13:17:37  
20 application, did you have any understanding of the 13:17:44  
21 contents or the subject matter of the two provisional 13:17:48  
22 applications? 13:17:52



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1 MR. MLAYER: Looks like we're all back.

2 MS. DASHE: Can people hear me? 13:19:12

3 THE WITNESS: Yes. 13:19:13

4 MR. MLAYER: Yes. 13:19:13

5 MS. DASHE: I cannot hear them. 13:19:13

6 MR. MLAYER: Yes, you --

7 MS. DASHE: Ah, here we go. 13:19:15

8 MR. MLAYER: You disappeared for a minute 13:19:16

9 there, so. 13:19:17

10 MS. DASHE: Okay. 13:19:25

11 BY MS. DASHE: 13:19:25

12 Q. Let me -- let me repeat my question, then. 13:19:25

13 So do you know who wrote on page 23 of your 13:19:31

14 Bodor PCT application, lines 24 to the end of the 13:19:41

15 page, -- 13:19:47

16 A. No, I don't. 13:19:48

17 Q. -- that we see here on the screen? 13:19:48

18 A. I don't. 13:19:50

19 Q. But it would have been one of the lawyers; 13:19:51

20 right? 13:20:00

21 A. Yes, it would have been one of the lawyers at 13:20:00

22 IVAX. 13:20:06

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1 Q. Okay. Do you know who wrote any part of the 13:20:07  
2 Bodor PCT application? 13:20:19  
3 MR. MLAYER: Objection to form. 13:20:19  
4 A. I really don't. 13:20:22  
5 MS. DASHE: Emil, could you please go to the 13:20:38  
6 first page of Exhibit 1022, please. 13:20:40  
7 BY MS. DASHE: 13:20:51  
8 Q. And, Dr. Bodor, do you see where it says 13:20:51  
9 agents, Norman Stepno, for Burns, Doane or Doane or 13:20:55  
10 however you pronounce that? 13:21:00  
11 A. Yes. 13:21:02  
12 Q. Did you communicate with Norman Stepno about 13:21:02  
13 the Bodor PCT application? 13:21:07  
14 MR. MLAYER: Objection, privileged. 13:21:10  
15 I'll instruct the witness to answer a limited 13:21:12  
16 answer to yes or no. 13:21:15  
17 A. No. 13:21:18  
18 MS. DASHE: Okay, Emil, you can take down 13:21:24  
19 Exhibit 1022, please. 13:21:28  
20 Thank you. 13:21:36  
21 BY MS. DASHE: 13:21:37  
22 Q. So, Dr. Bodor, in 2002, IVAX entered into an 13:21:38

1 agreement with Serono for the development of an oral 13:21:42  
2 formulation of cladribine for the treatment of MS; 13:21:44  
3 right? 13:21:47  
4 A. I -- I don't know that for a fact until fairly 13:21:47  
5 recently. I was not part of that kind of agreement. 13:21:56  
6 Q. So just so the record is clear, then, and 13:22:04  
7 because your audio broke up a little bit, you were not 13:22:07  
8 personally involved with the agreement between IVAX and 13:22:11  
9 Serono; is that right? 13:22:14  
10 A. That's right. 13:22:16  
11 Q. Okay. Do you at all know how the agreement 13:22:16  
12 between IVAX and Serono came about? 13:22:27  
13 A. I don't know. 13:22:30  
14 Q. Okay. Now, as a part of IVAX and Serono 13:22:30  
15 having an agreement, Serono also had a team that worked 13:22:41  
16 on cladribine; right? 13:22:47  
17 A. I assume so. I -- I don't know. 13:22:48  
18 I mean, it was -- 13:22:49  
19 Q. Did you ever communicate with -- oh, go ahead. 13:22:51  
20 A. That was clearly part of the IVAX/Serono 13:22:53  
21 agreement, which I was not part of. 13:22:58  
22 Q. Okay. Did you ever communicate with anybody 13:22:59

1 about cladribine at Serono? 13:23:03

2 A. No. 13:23:07

3 Q. Okay. And do you have any knowledge of what 13:23:07

4 individuals at Serono worked on cladribine? 13:23:12

5 A. Well, I do, because I saw the publication, the 13:23:18

6 paper, the study about this complex complex. 13:23:24

7 But I 13:23:33

8 Q. So aside from your thirdhand knowledge of a 13:23:33

9 public paper -- 13:23:38

10 A. Yes. 13:23:40

11 Q. Go ahead. 13:23:40

12 A. Yeah, I didn't have any other -- 13:23:41

13 Q. So aside -- oh, yeah. 13:23:43

14 Okay, I talked over you, so I'm just going to 13:23:46

15 reask my question so it's clear. And I'm sorry for 13:23:48

16 doing that, sir. So let me just ask one more time. 13:23:51

17 So aside from your thirdhand knowledge from a 13:23:53

18 public paper, did you have any other knowledge of who at 13:23:58

19 Serono worked on the cladribine project? 13:23:59

20 A. No. 13:24:02

21 MR. MLAYER: Objection to form. 13:24:03

22 BY MS. DASHE: 13:24:12



1 Q. And do you have any knowledge of the joint 13:24:13  
2 work allocation between IVAX and Serono beyond what's in 13:24:16  
3 the agreement between the two parties? 13:24:20

4 MR. MLAYER: Objection to form. 13:24:24

5 A. Again, I don't know about the agreement. 13:24:25

6 In -- in 2004, when I was director of the 13:24:30  
7 institute, indirectly some came through because -- it 13:24:38  
8 must have been based on the agreement, how they have 13:24:42  
9 done some clinical studies in Europe, but the blood 13:24:45  
10 samples from the patients were sent to the institute to 13:24:54  
11 be analyzed. 13:24:58

12 So I knew that there must be some kind of 13:25:02  
13 bio- -- bioavailability study ongoing, but I didn't know 13:25:09  
14 that it -- that it was an IVAX/Serono joint or whatever. 13:25:11

15 BY MS. DASHE: 13:25:21

16 Q. Some came through regarding clinical studies. 13:25:24  
17 I'm not -- I guess I'm not quite following what you were 13:25:27  
18 saying. Could you just maybe repeat that and explain 13:25:29  
19 yourself a little bit more? 13:25:33

20 MR. MLAYER: Objection to form. 13:25:34

21 A. As I have seen in the reports given to me on 13:25:34  
22 the cladribine project at the institute, it was clear 13:25:48

1 that four or three or four different clinical sites in 13:25:54  
2 Europe were used to study single doses of complex 13:26:01  
3 complex, and blood level -- blood samples were collected 13:26:09  
4 and sent to the institute to be analyzed. 13:26:14

5 And this was the basis of the disclosures in 13:26:22  
6 our patent. 13:26:27

7 BY MS. DASHE: 13:26:27

8 Q. Studies on single doses of the complex complex 13:26:27  
9 and the blood samples, these were studies that were done 13:26:38  
10 at IVAX? 13:26:42

11 A. No. These studies, as I said, I don't know 13:26:42  
12 the sites, but it indicated in the report that sites in 13:26:45  
13 Europe, in Belgium, in Poland, and I don't remember 13:26:51  
14 where, but I don't know where sites and who all was 13:26:56  
15 conducting the studies, who was the involved physician 13:26:59  
16 and who was from part of IVAX or Serono, whoever. 13:27:03

17 So that -- I tell you what I know. 13:27:10

18 Q. ... have any first -- you don't have any 13:27:11  
19 firsthand knowledge of the division of labor between 13:27:17  
20 IVAX and Serono pursuant to the agreement between the 13:27:20  
21 two companies; is that right? 13:27:23

22 A. I have -- no, I have no idea, because I didn't 13:27:25

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1 even know about the agreement. 13:27:27

2 Q. Okay. And so, then, you don't have any 13:27:32

3 specific recollection of anyone at Serono communicating 13:27:36

4 any dosing regimens for cladribine directly to you; 13:27:40

5 right? 13:27:44

6 A. Actually, I don't even know anybody from 13:27:44

7 Serono. I don't remember ever meeting anybody. 13:27:47

8 Q. You don't remember anybody from Serono 13:27:52

9 indicating a dosing regimen to you; right? 13:28:01

10 A. Or any, anything. I had no connection with 13:28:04

11 Serono. 13:28:10

12 MS. DASHE: A quick five-minute break or -- 13:28:14

13 Dr. Bodor, is that -- is that all right? 13:28:18

14 THE WITNESS: Sure. That's fine. 13:28:20

15 MR. MLAVER: Okay. We'll be back on at 1:33. 13:28:21

16 VIDEOGRAPHER ELMILKI: Okay. We are off the 13:28:24

17 record, and the time now is 1:28 p.m. 13:28:26

18 (Recess taken.) 13:28:29

19 VIDEOGRAPHER ELMILKI: We are back on the 13:45:25

20 record, and the time is now 1:45 p.m. 13:45:26

21 BY MS. DASHE: 13:45:30

22 Q. Dr. Bodor, did you discuss the substance of 13:45:32

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1 your testimony during the breaks today? 13:45:35

2 A. No. 13:45:36

3 Q. Okay. Now, going back to my line of 13:45:37

4 questioning before we broke, I just want to clean up a 13:45:42

5 few things here with the timelines, I'm a little bit 13:45:45

6 fuzzy on that. 13:45:49

7 Now, before 2004, were you aware of the 13:45:50

8 existence of any joint work between Serono and IVAX on 13:45:55

9 cladribine at that time? 13:46:01

10 A. No. 13:46:01

11 Q. And so then before you filed your Bodor PCT 13:46:01

12 application, were you aware of the existence of any 13:46:09

13 joint work between Serono and IVAX on cladribine at that 13:46:12

14 time? 13:46:17

15 A. No. 13:46:17

16 MR. MLAYER: Objection to form. 13:46:18

17 BY MS. DASHE: 13:46:18

18 Q. When did you first become aware that IVAX and 13:46:22

19 Serono had entered into a joint research agreement? 13:46:29

20 A. That's a good question. I don't think I ever 13:46:47

21 knew that there is an agreement. I was not involved. 13:46:49

22 So even though I -- I cannot say that I was ever aware 13:46:54

1 of the agreement until I read some publication 13:46:57

2 somewhere, press release or something like that. 13:47:06

3 Q. So the first time you became knowledgeable of 13:47:09

4 the specific agreement between IVAX and Serono was when 13:47:15

5 Merck approached you to write your declaration in this 13:47:20

6 case? 13:47:23

7 A. No, not really. I mean, as I said before, I 13:47:24

8 just assumed that there was an agreement because 13:47:30

9 somebody said, oh, no, IVAX sent the samples to be 13:47:36

10 analyzed at the institute of the -- that the 13:47:40

11 bioavailability clinical trials. 13:47:48

12 So I assumed that it was somebody from Serono 13:47:52

13 who was involved in sending the material, but I'm not 13:47:54

14 sure. It might -- 13:47:58

15 Q. And approximately when was that? 13:47:59

16 A. That was in 2003 sometime. 13:48:00

17 Q. Let -- well, hold on. So you -- you were not 13:48:13

18 aware of -- strike that. 13:48:18

19 When did you become aware specifically of the 13:48:23

20 joint research agreement between Serono and IVAX? 13:48:28

21 A. I never really saw a specific agreement. So 13:48:35

22 I -- 13:48:43

1 Q. My question is a little different, it's not 13:48:43  
2 when did you see the agreement, it's when did you first 13:48:45  
3 become aware that there -- of the existence of an 13:48:48  
4 agreement between IVAX and Serono regarding cladribine? 13:48:51  
5 A. It could be before the patent office interview 13:48:59  
6 in 2008. 13:49:06  
7 Q. But would it have been much before that? 2008 13:49:07  
8 would be roughly the time that you first became aware 13:49:16  
9 that -- 13:49:19  
10 A. You see, I don't know about the agreement, 13:49:20  
11 didn't know about the agreement, but could be that 13:49:23  
12 somebody from Serono was involved with IVAX for the -- 13:49:27  
13 for people and organized these clinical trials, which 13:49:35  
14 was analyzed at the institute, but I was not in the know 13:49:41  
15 about the agreement or kind of agreement. I still don't 13:49:48  
16 know. I don't know what was -- 13:49:51  
17 Q. So -- 13:49:54  
18 A. -- what was the subject, -- 13:49:55  
19 Q. So then -- 13:49:56  
20 A. -- what was the conditions, what was the 13:49:57  
21 terms, I don't know. 13:49:59  
22 Q. Okay. So then the first time you became aware 13:49:59

1 of the existence of an agreement between IVAX and Serono 13:50:04  
2 regarding cladribine was roughly in the 2008 time frame; 13:50:10  
3 is that right? 13:50:16

4 A. Well, it -- yes. And if I think back, see, it 13:50:16  
5 is the patent which we filed in 2004 ultimately was 13:50:22  
6 assigned to R. Arens. So that's -- I think that is part 13:50:27  
7 of the Serono or something like that. 13:50:33

8 But again, it is something that is not clear 13:50:38  
9 to me, I was not involved in. 13:50:40

10 Q. So when did you first become aware -- strike 13:50:46  
11 that.

12 What was -- when did you first become aware of 13:50:56  
13 any existence of any joint cladribine work between IVAX 13:51:02  
14 and Serono? 13:51:08

15 A. We are going back and forth on the same issue. 13:51:22

16 I did not know about IVAX/Serono agreement 13:51:24  
17 whenever that happened, I don't know, 2003, '4. I 13:51:27  
18 assume within that period there was some kind of 13:51:35  
19 agreement because the material studied in Europe and the 13:51:37  
20 material was sent to IVAX in Budapest for analysis, and 13:51:45  
21 that's what was in my patent. 13:51:53

22 So that -- that shows the flavor, except I did 13:51:55

1 not know what was said on those involvement. I never 13:52:00  
2 have met -- the Serono people never came to visit 13:52:04  
3 Budapest and -- and that's all I can say. 13:52:10

4 Q. What material -- excuse me. 13:52:15

5 You referenced material that was sent to IVAX 13:52:21  
6 in Budapest for analysis. What material was that? 13:52:26

7 A. I mentioned before, the blood samples drawn 13:52:28  
8 from patients, in the hundreds of blood samples, based 13:52:33  
9 on these crossover studies comparing various oral 13:52:37  
10 formulation and subcutaneous or inter- -- intervenous, 13:52:45  
11 which are in the patent. 13:52:51

12 Q. And who sent this material? 13:52:53

13 A. The clinical sites from Poland and whatever, I 13:53:01  
14 don't know, they sent to the institute. Who organized 13:53:07  
15 it and collect it, I don't know. I assume that my -- 13:53:13

16 Q. Okay, so you don't -- 13:53:16

17 A. My deputy director at the institute and the 13:53:17  
18 clinical director, they knew where the samples come 13:53:22  
19 from, but I never knew, it really didn't matter, it was 13:53:29  
20 just one of the jobs they did. 13:53:34

21 Q. So you do not know who organized, collected, 13:53:38  
22 and sent these blood sample materials to IVAX; is that 13:53:41



1 right? 13:53:47

2 A. Yes. That's correct. 13:53:48

3 Q. And so then do you know why these materials 13:53:50

4 were sent to IVAX? 13:53:58

5 A. They were sent for analysis. I told you I 13:53:59

6 knew about -- 13:54:03

7 Q. Well, what sort -- 13:54:03

8 A. Analytical methods were developed for 13:54:05

9 cyclodextrin from blood samples at the institute, and 13:54:17

10 then the samples were received and analyzed. 13:54:20

11 Q. But you don't know -- I'm just trying to -- to 13:54:23

12 get a frame of reference here. 13:54:27

13 These weren't samples that were being sent 13:54:32

14 from Serono? Or do you know? 13:54:34

15 A. I don't think it was Serono. It was the 13:54:35

16 clinical sites where the studies were done. Who 13:54:40

17 organized these clinical studies, I don't know, I just 13:54:43

18 assumed was done by IVAX with Serono or alone, but 13:54:47

19 primarily IVAX because the samples came to the IVAX 13:54:58

20 institute in Budapest. 13:55:05

21 Q. So does any of this have anything to do with 13:55:05

22 Serono's work on cladribine? 13:55:07



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2	MS. DASHE: Okay.	13:56:52
3	VIDEOGRAPHER ELMILKI: Off the record, and the	13:56:53
4	time now is 1:56 p.m.	13:56:54
5	(Recess taken.)	13:57:06
6	VIDEOGRAPHER ELMILKI: We are back on the	14:00:38
7	record, and the time now is 2:00 p.m.	14:00:44
8	MS. DASHE: Good afternoon, Dr. Bodor. I have	14:00:49
9	no further questions for you.	14:00:51
10	THE WITNESS: Great.	14:00:54
11	Thank you.	14:01:00
12	MR. MLAVER: No questions for me. Let's go	14:01:02
13	off the record.	14:01:05
14	MS. DASHE: Thank you.	14:01:06
15	All right, thank you very much. Thank you for	14:01:06
16	your time, Dr. Bodor, I really appreciate it.	14:01:08
17	THE WITNESS: Thank you.	14:01:11
18	VIDEOGRAPHER ELMILKI: Wait. Wait.	14:01:12
19	We are off the record, and the time now is	14:01:13
20	2:01 p.m.	14:01:15
21	THE COURT REPORTER: Let me check, I don't	
22	have it in front of me, but I know someone is	

1 getting a rough draft. Is that both sides or is it  
2 just -- 14:01:38

3 MR. MCGUFFIN: I mean, I don't think we've put 14:01:38  
4 in our order. It would be great if we can get a 14:01:40  
5 rough. 14:01:41

6 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay. This evening.  
7 Okay.

8 MR. MCGUFFIN: Yeah. 14:01:42

9 MS. DASHE: Yes, us too as well, please, for 14:01:42  
10 the Hopewell team. 14:01:45

11 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay. And regular time 14:01:48  
12 on the transcript delivery? 14:01:49

13 MS. DASHE: Oh, regular versus expedited. 14:02:09

14 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes.

15 MS. DASHE: Is what you're saying?

16 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes.

17 MS. DASHE: Let me quickly confer with my team 14:02:22  
18 here. 14:02:23

19 Expedited, please. Thank you. 14:02:30

20 THE COURT REPORTER: When would you like it? 14:02:32

21 MS. DASHE: Sometime today would be great if 14:02:36  
22 you could. 14:02:44

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1 (Off the record from 2:03 p.m. to 2:03 p.m.) 14:03:00

2 THE COURT REPORTER: I could have it probably  
3 in 24 hours.

4 (Off the record from 2:03 p.m. to 2:03 p.m.)

5 MS. DASHE: Final as soon as possible, please.  
6 Expedited on the -- 24 hours on the full, nice,  
7 pretty copy is wonderful.

8 THE COURT REPORTER: Good. Yes. I will have  
9 you the draft before too long.

10 And would y'all like a copy -- expedited copy? 14:03:13

11 MR. MCGUFFIN: We'll take the same, yeah, 14:03:13

12 rough when it's ready, expedited when it's ready. 14:03:15

13 (Off the record from 2:03 p.m. to 2:03 p.m.) 14:03:33

14 MR. MLAYER: And I just forgot to say on the 14:03:34

15 record that we would like to designate the 14:03:35

16 transcript confidential under the protective order. 14:03:38

17 If you could have it marked that way. And that's 14:03:43

18 all for me. 14:03:45

19 (This deposition was concluded at 2:03 p.m.)

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10 February, 2024.

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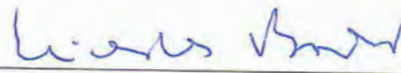
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Page	Line	Correction/Change and Reason
5	8	Typo. Address should read as "4400"
23	4	Typo. Replace "Academia" with "Academy"
23	5	Typo. Should read, "and so I needed an updated CV."
36	5-6	Typo. Should read, "because the molecules are very different,"
37	9	Typo. Delete "to"; replace with "through"
37	11	Typo. Delete "to"; replace with "through"
38	3	Typo. Delete "cy- --"
57	2	Typo. Delete "in"
58	19	Typo. Delete "a reactive"; Replace with "an active"
59	8	Clarification. "Sub-Q" is short for "subcutaneous"
76	15	Typo. Should read "did you communicate with"
77	4	Typo. Delete "Dentson" and replace with "Dentons"
84	17	Typo. Should read "I was never particularly"
91	17	Typo. Delete "relate --"; Replace with "related"
92	14	Typo. Should read "The only cladribine team at Ivax, I consider, was"
92	22	typo. Delete "--"; Replace with "work"
95	7	Misspoke. "Scripps"
95	8-9	Typo. Should read "for use in hairy-cell leukemia"
95	14	Typo. Delete "-- as it's"; Replace with "acid"
96	10	Typo. Delete "--"; Replace with "Waterford"
96	14-15	Typo. Should read "He looked at extending"

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I, Nicholas Bodor, Ph.D., DSc, dhc, HoF, do hereby acknowledge that I have read and examined the foregoing testimony, and the same is a true, correct and complete transcription of the testimony given by me and any corrections appear on the attached Errata sheet signed by me.

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