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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

TWI PHARMACEUTICALS INC.,

Petitioner,

v.

MERCK SERONO SA,

Patent Owner.

IPR2023-00050 (Patent 8,377,903 B2)

Before ULRIKE W. JENKS, ZHENYU YANG and TINA HULSE,
Administrative Patent Judges.

PETITIONER'S REPLY TO PATENT OWNER'S RESPONSE

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Petitioner TWi Pharmaceuticals Inc. ("Petitioner") respectfully submits this Reply to Paper 27, Patent Owner's Response ("*PO's Resp.*"), and in further support of Paper 1, its Petition ("*Petition*").

I. The Challenged Claims Are Anticipated By The Bodor Art.

Bodor discloses all elements of the challenged claims. (*See* Ex. 1047, Greenberg Rebuttal Decl. ¶ 15.)

A. The Bodor Art Is "By Another."

Patent Owner's assertion that the named inventors of the challenged patent also conceived the relevant disclosure in Bodor is legally insufficient, inconsistent with its position during prosecution and not born out by the evidence.

First, Patent Owner's argument that Bodor is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) (*PO's Resp.* 9 n.3) fails because the challenged claims are due a priority date no earlier than December 18, 2009. As explained in the Petition, the '903 Patent is a continuation of, and claims priority to, the '947 Patent. (*Petition* at 8.) The challenged claims are continuations of claims added by amendment during prosecution of the application for the '947 Patent, dated December 18, 2009, (Ex. 1003, 405–423; Ex. 1004, 10, 25, 51-55) and recite a regimen in which the maintenance period dose can be ***equal*** to the induction period dose. (*Petition* 10–11.) Every previous filing (including provisional Ser. No. 60/638,669 (Ex. 1003, 301–332 at 309), EP 04106909 (Ex. 1003, 268–299 at 276), PCT/WP2005/056954

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