

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD**

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HOPEWELL PHARMA VENTURES, INC.,  
Petitioner,

v.

MERCK SERONO SA,  
Patent Owner.

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Case IPR2023-00481  
U.S. Patent No. 8,377,903

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**NOTICE OF JOINT STIPULATION  
TO MODIFY THE SCHEDULING ORDER**

## Notice of Joint Stipulation to Modify the Scheduling Order

On September 22, 2023, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (“Board”) issued a Scheduling Order for this *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 8,377,903 (IPR2023-00481, Paper 11) setting forth due dates for the parties.

The Scheduling Order provides that the “parties may stipulate different dates for DUE DATES 1, 5, and 6, as well as the portion of DUE DATE 2 related to Petitioner’s reply (earlier or later, but no later than DUE DATE 3 for Patent Owner’s sur-reply) and the portion of DUE DATE 3 related to Patent Owner’s sur-reply (earlier or later, but no later than DUE DATE 7).” Paper 11 at 8.

The Parties hereby stipulate to modify DUE DATES 1, 2, and 3 as follows:

	<b>Filing</b>	<b>Original Due Date</b>	<b>Modified Date Pursuant to Stipulation</b>
Due Date 1	Patent Owner’s Response	December 15, 2023	December 22, 2023
Due Date 2	Petitioner’s Reply	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024
Due Date 3	Patent Owner’s Sur-Reply	April 19, 2024	May 3, 2024

Additionally, Patent Owner states that it will not file a motion to amend the claims, so the deadlines pertaining to motion to amend are not applicable.

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All other due dates remain unchanged. For the Board's convenience, below is a table identifying the original dates set forth in the Scheduling Order (Paper 11) for DUE DATES 4-8:

	<b>Original Due Date</b>	<b>Modified Date Pursuant to Stipulation</b>
Due Date 4	May 10, 2024	Unchanged
Due Date 5	May 31, 2024	Unchanged
Due Date 6	June 7, 2024	Unchanged
Due Date 7	June 14, 2024	Unchanged
Due Date 8	June 25, 2024	Unchanged

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on November 6, 2023, I caused a true and correct copy of the following document:

- Notice of Joint Stipulation to Modify the Scheduling Order

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