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PATENT NO. : 9,914,763 B2
APPLICATION NO. : 15/095606
DATED : March 13, 2018
INVENTOR(S) : Eric Furfine et al.

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

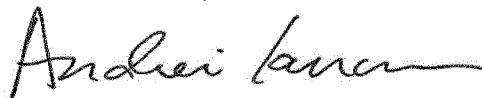
In the Claims

In Column 19, Claim 7 at Line 61, please delete the word “poylsorbate” and insert --polysorbate--;

In Column 19, Claim 7 at Line 62, please delete the word “gycol” and insert --glycol--; and

In Column 20, Claim 10 at Line 36, please delete the word “poylsorbate” and insert --polysorbate--.

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PETITION FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION Address to: Mail Stop Certificate of Correction Branch Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket No.	REGN-024CON5
	First Named Inventor	Eric Furfine
	Patent Number	9,914,763
	Issue Date	March 13, 2018
	Application Number	15/095,606
	Filing Date	April 11, 2016
	Title:	<i>“VEGF Antagonist Formulations Suitable for Intravitreal Administration”</i>

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a Certificate of Correction for the above-identified patent. Please correct the typographical errors contained in claims 7 and 10.

It is believed that no fee is due since the error was made by the Patent and Trademark Office. If for any reason a fee is found to be necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number REGN-024CON5.

Respectfully submitted,
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ISSUE NOTIFICATION

The projected patent number and issue date are specified above.

Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment is 24 day(s). Any patent to issue from the above-identified application will include an indication of the adjustment on the front page.

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) WEB site (<http://pair.uspto.gov>).

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TITLE OF INVENTION: VEGF ANTAGONIST FORMULATIONS SUITABLE FOR INTRAVITREAL ADMINISTRATION

APPLN. TYPE	ENTITY STATUS	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	UNDISCOUNTED	\$960	\$0	\$0	\$960	02/01/2018

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

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LOCKARD, JON MCCLELLAND	1647	424-134100

1. Change of correspondence address or indication of "Fee Address" (37 CFR 1.363). ☐ Change of correspondence address (or Change of Correspondence Address form PTO/SB/122) attached. ☐ "Fee Address" indication (or "Fee Address" Indication form PTO/SB/47; Rev 03-02 or more recent) attached. Use of a Customer Number is required.	2. For printing on the patent front page, list (1) The names of up to 3 registered patent attorneys or agents OR, alternatively, 1 _____ (2) The name of a single firm (having as a member a registered attorney or agent) and the names of up to 2 registered patent attorneys or agents. If no name is listed, no name will be printed. 2 _____ 3 _____
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3. ASSIGNEE NAME AND RESIDENCE DATA TO BE PRINTED ON THE PATENT (print or type)

PLEASE NOTE: Unless an assignee is identified below, no assignee data will appear on the patent. If an assignee is identified below, the document has been filed for recordation as set forth in 37 CFR 3.11. Completion of this form is NOT a substitute for filing an assignment.

(A) NAME OF ASSIGNEE (B) RESIDENCE: (CITY and STATE OR COUNTRY)

Please check the appropriate assignee category or categories (will not be printed on the patent) : ☐ Individual ☐ Corporation or other private group entity ☐ Government

4a. The following fee(s) are submitted:

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- ☐ A check is enclosed.
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☐ Applicant asserting small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
☐ Applicant changing to regular undiscounted fee status.

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Section 1(h)(2) of the AIA Technical Corrections Act amended 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(i) to eliminate the requirement that the Office provide a patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance. See Revisions to Patent Term Adjustment, 78 Fed. Reg. 19416, 19417 (Apr. 1, 2013). Therefore, the Office is no longer providing an initial patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance. The Office will continue to provide a patent term adjustment determination with the Issue Notification Letter that is mailed to applicant approximately three weeks prior to the issue date of the patent, and will include the patent term adjustment on the patent. Any request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment determination (or reinstatement of patent term adjustment) should follow the process outlined in 37 CFR 1.705.

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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 15/095,606	Applicant(s) FURFINE ET AL.	
	Examiner JON M. LOCKARD	Art Unit 1647	AIA (First Inventor to File) Status No

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 11 October 2017.
☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.
2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2 and 4-13 (renumbered as claims 1-3,5-9,4 and 10-12, respectively). As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

Certified copies:

- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some *c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 2. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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| 3. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 7. ☐ Other _____. |
| 4. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. | |

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A61M		5	/	178	I	2013-01-01
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<p style="text-align: center;">AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111</p> <p>Address to: Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	Attorney Docket No.	REGN-024CON5
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	Group Art Unit	1647
	Examiner Name	LOCKARD, JON M.
	Title:	“VEGF ANTAGONIST FORMULATIONS SUITABLE FOR INTRAVITREAL ADMINISTRATION”

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated July 5, 2017 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before October 5, 2017. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A prefilled glass syringe suitable for intravitreal administration containing a stable ophthalmic formulation, comprising:
a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) antagonist,
an organic co-solvent,
a buffer, and
a stabilizing agent,
wherein the VEGF antagonist is a **fusion** protein produced in a Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cell, **the fusion protein comprising an immunoglobulin-like (Ig) domain 2 of a first VEGF receptor and Ig domain 3 of a second VEGF receptor, and a multimerizing component.**
2. (Currently Amended) The prefilled glass syringe of claim 1, wherein 90% or more of the weight of the **fusion** protein is not present as an aggregate.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) The prefilled glass syringe of claim ~~2~~**3**, wherein the first VEGF receptor is ~~the~~ human Flt1 and the second VEGF receptor is **selected from the group consisting of** the human Flk1 ~~or~~**and** the human Flt4.
5. (Original) The prefilled glass syringe of claim 4, wherein the fusion protein comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.
6. (Original) The prefilled glass syringe of claim 5, wherein the VEGF antagonist is a dimer of the fusion protein.
7. (Original) The prefilled syringe of claim 1, wherein the organic co-solvent is selected for the group consisting of polysorbate 20, polysorbate 90, polyethylene glycol (PEG), pPGE3350, and propylene glycol.
8. (Original) The prefilled syringe of claim 1, wherein the stabilizing agent is selected from the group consisting of sucrose, sorbitol, glycerol, trehalose, and mannitol.
9. (Original) The prefilled syringe of claim 1, wherein the buffer comprises phosphate.
10. (Original) The prefilled syringe of claim 4 comprising (a) 1-100 mg/ml of the VEGF antagonist; (b) 0.01-5% of the organic co-solvent; (c) 5-40 mM of the buffer; and (d) 1.0-10% of the stabilizing agent.

11. **(Currently Amended)** The prefilled syringe of claim ~~144~~, wherein the organic co-solvent is polysorbate 20, the buffer is phosphate, and the stabilizing agent is sucrose.

12. **(New)** A prefilled glass syringe suitable for intravitreal administration containing a stable ophthalmic formulation, comprising:

1-100mg/ml of a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) antagonist,
an organic co-solvent,

5-40mM of a phosphate buffer, and

1.0-10% of a stabilizing agent is selected from the group consisting of sucrose, sorbitol, glycerol, trehalose, and mannitol;

wherein the VEGF antagonist is a fusion protein comprising an immunoglobulin-like (Ig) domain 2 of a first VEGF receptor and Ig domain 3 of a second VEGF receptor, and a multimerizing component.

13. **(New)** A prefilled glass syringe suitable for intravitreal administration containing a stable ophthalmic formulation, comprising:

a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) antagonist,

polysorbate 20,

a phosphate buffer, and

a sucrose,

wherein the VEGF antagonist is a fusion protein produced in a Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cell, the fusion protein comprising an immunoglobulin-like (Ig) domain 2 of a first VEGF receptor and Ig domain 3 of a second VEGF receptor, and a multimerizing component.

REMARKS

FORMAL MATTERS:

Claims 1-2 and 4-13 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claim 3 is canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1-2, 4 and 11 are amended. The amendments to claim 1 are supported within previously pending, now cancelled claim 3.

The amendments to claim 4 are formal in nature and partly necessitated by the cancellation of claim 3 from the application.

The amendment to claim 11 is formal in nature and necessitated because the claim cannot be dependent upon itself.

New claim 12 is supported within original claims 1, 3, 9 and 10.

New claim 13 is supported within original claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

No new matter is added.

REJECTIONS UNDER §112, ¶2

Claim 11 was rejected as being indefinite. The rejection is correct and claim 11 has been amended to overcome the rejection by making claim 11 dependent on claim 1.

REJECTIONS UNDER §112, ¶1

Claims 1, 2 and 7-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶1.

Without acquiescing to the validity of the rejection, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of previously pending now cancelled dependent claim 3. The rejection was not applied against claim 3. Accordingly, the rejection is believed to have been overcome or rendered moot with respect to the currently pending claims.

New claims 12 and 13 also include limitations of the fusion protein as contained within previously pending now cancelled claim 3.

In view of the amendments to the claims as well as the newly added claims, the rejection is believed to have been overcome.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

All of the claims were rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims within U.S. Patent 8,092,803; U.S. Patent 7,608,261; and U.S. Patent 9,340,594.

Without acquiescing to the validity of the rejections, applicants have attached the Terminal Disclaimer rendering the rejections moot.

CONCLUSION

The rejection of claim 11 is overcome by amendments to claim 11. The rejection of claim 1 is overcome by the incorporation of the limitations of dependent claim 3 into claim 1. Other formal amendments have been made. New claims 12 and 13 have been added and support for these new claims is pointed out above.

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Respectfully submitted,
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 April 2016.
☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on ____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
- 4) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims*

- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
5a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 9) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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Application Papers

- 10) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

Certified copies:

- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some** c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on 11 April 2016 and 12 July 2016 have been considered by the examiner.

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:
4. An updated status of the parent nonprovisional applications should be included in the first sentence of the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 112(b):
(b) CONCLUSION.—The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the inventor or a joint inventor regards as the invention.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 112 (pre-AIA), second paragraph:
The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112(b) or 35 U.S.C. 112 (pre-AIA), second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the inventor or a joint inventor, or for pre-AIA the applicant regards as the invention.

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7. Claim 11 is rejected as being indefinite because it depends from itself, and therefore the metes and bounds of the claim cannot be determined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, 1st Paragraph (Written Description)

8. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112(a):

(a) IN GENERAL.—The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same, and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor or joint inventor of carrying out the invention.

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same, and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

9. Claims 1, 2 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112(a) or 35 U.S.C. 112 (pre-AIA), first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor or a joint inventor, or for pre-AIA the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.
10. The claims are drawn quite broadly to a prefilled glass syringe suitable for intravitreal administration containing a stable ophthalmic formulation comprising a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) antagonist, an organic co- solvent, a buffer, and a stabilizing agent, wherein the VEGF antagonist is a protein produced in a Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cell.

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The claims also recite wherein 90% or more of the weight of the protein is not present as an aggregate.

11. The guidelines for the Examination of Patent Applications Under the 35 U.S.C. 112, ¶1 “Written Description” Requirements make clear that the written description requirement for a claimed genus may be satisfied by disclosure of relevant, identifying characteristics, i.e., structure or other physical and/or chemical properties, by functional characteristics coupled with a known or disclosed correlation between function and structure, or by a combination of such identifying characteristics, sufficient to show the applicant was in possession of the genus (Federal Register, Vol. 66, No. 4, pages 1099-1111, Friday January 5, 2001, see especially page 1106 3rd column).

12. In the instant case, the only factor present in the claims is a desired functional property in the form of the recitation of being a VEGF antagonist, which the specification teaches is "a compound capable of blocking or inhibiting the biological action of vascular endothelial growth factor" (see pg. 7[0046]), or a fusion protein. However, there does not appear to be an adequate written description in the specification as filed of all VEGF antagonists. While the specification provides adequate written description for a fusion protein comprising SEQ ID NO:4 or amino acids 27-457 of SEQ ID NO:4, it does not provide adequate written description for a commensurate number of the claimed species of VEGF antagonists. The distinguishing characteristics of the claimed genus are not described. The only adequately described species is a fusion protein comprising SEQ ID NO:4 or amino acids 27-457 of SEQ ID NO:4. Accordingly, the specification does not provide adequate written description of the claimed genus.

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13. *Vas-Cath Inc. v. Mahurkar*, 19USPQ2d 1111, clearly states that “applicant must convey with reasonable clarity to those skilled in the art that, as of the filing date sought, he or she was in possession of the invention. The invention is, for purposes of the 'written description' inquiry, whatever is now claimed.” (See page 1117.) The specification does not “clearly allow persons of ordinary skill in the art to recognize that [he or she] invented what is claimed.” (See *Vas-Cath* at page 1116).

14. With the exception of the fusion protein referred to above, the skilled artisan cannot envision the detailed chemical structure of the encompassed antagonists, and therefore conception is not achieved until reduction to practice has occurred, regardless of the complexity or simplicity of the method of isolation. Adequate written description requires more than a mere statement that it is part of the invention and reference to a potential method of isolating it. The product itself is required. See *Fiers v. Revel*, 25 USPQ2d 1601 at 1606 (CAFC 1993) and *Amgen Inc. v. Chugai Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd.*, 18 USPQ2d 1016.

15. One cannot describe what one has not conceived. See *Fiddes v. Baird*, 30 USPQ2d 1481 at 1483. In *Fiddes*, claims directed to mammalian FGF's were found to be unpatentable due to lack of written description for that broad class. The specification provided only the bovine sequence.

16. Therefore, only a fusion protein comprising SEQ ID NO:4 or amino acids 27-457 of SEQ ID NO:4, but not the full breadth of the claims, meet the written description provision of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicant is reminded that *Vas-Cath* makes clear that the written

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description provision of 35 U.S.C. §112 is severable from its enablement provision (see page 1115).

Double Patenting

17. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the “right to exclude” granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

18. A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the reference application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement. A terminal disclaimer must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(b).

19. The USPTO internet Web site contains terminal disclaimer forms which may be used. Please visit <http://www.uspto.gov/forms/>. The filing date of the application will determine what form should be used. A web-based eTerminal Disclaimer may be filled out completely online using web-screens. An eTerminal Disclaimer that meets all requirements is auto-processed and approved immediately upon submission. For more information about eTerminal Disclaimers, refer to <http://www.uspto.gov/patents/process/file/efs/guidance/eTD-info-I.jsp>.

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20. Claims 1-11 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-7 and 11-17 of U.S. Patent No. 8,092,803. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the scope of the ophthalmic formulation of the VEGF antagonist recited in the instant claims is overlapping in scope with the ophthalmic formulation of VEGF antagonist recited in claims 1-7 and 11-17 of U.S. Patent No. 8,092,803. While the claims in '803 patent recite that the VEGF antagonist comprises amino acids 27-475 of SEQ ID NO:4, and not SEQ ID NO:4 as recited in the instant claims, it is noted that this species of VEGF antagonist is a specific preferred embodiment of VEGF antagonist (See column 5). Therefore, the claims are overlapping in scope.

21. Claims 1-11 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-15 and 17 of U.S. Patent No. 7,608,261. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the scope of the ophthalmic formulation of the VEGF antagonist recited in the instant claims is overlapping in scope with the ophthalmic formulation of VEGF antagonist recited in claims 1-15 and 17 of U.S. Patent No. 7,608,261. Therefore, the claims are overlapping in scope.

22. Claims 1-11 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 9,340,594. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the scope of the ophthalmic formulation of the VEGF antagonist recited in the instant claims is

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overlapping in scope with the ophthalmic formulation of VEGF antagonist recited in claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 9,340,594. Therefore, the claims are overlapping in scope.

Summary

23. No claim is allowed.

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Advisory Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jon M. Lockard whose telephone number is (571) 272-2717. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joanne Hama, can be reached on (571) 272-2911. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Please see 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 to make the appropriate selection(s):

That each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. See 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1).

OR

☐ That no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. See 37 CFR 1.97(e)(2).

See attached certification statement.

The fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (p) has been submitted herewith.

☒ A certification statement is not submitted herewith.

SIGNATURE

A signature of the applicant or representative is required in accordance with CFR 1.33, 10.18. Please see CFR 1.4(d) for the form of the signature.

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