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NOCTURNAL HEMOGLOBINURIA
PATIENTS BY AN INHIBITOR OF
COMPLEMENT

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DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 BY DR. LAURAL BOONE

I, Laural S. Boone, J.D., Ph.D., declare the following:

1. I am presently a Senior Director and Patent Counsel at Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc., (hereafter, "Alexion") which is located in New Haven, Connecticut. I have been employed in this capacity at Alexion for three years to date. Alexion is the Assignee of the above-referenced patent application. I received a B.A. in Chemistry from Barnard College, a M.S. and Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from the University of Chicago, and a J.D. from the George Washington University Law School. I also completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Cellular and Molecular Biophysics at Rockefeller University. I am registered to practice as a patent attorney before the United States Patent & Trademark Office.

2. I have reviewed the Examiner's request for additional information under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105 and provide the following statements.
3. I have reviewed Exhibits A through F cited by the Examiner on pages 7-8 of the April 4, 2017 Office Action, including each of the 37 documents listed in Exhibit F. These exhibits and the documents listed therein reference 17 different clinical studies using eculizumab that occurred prior to March 16, 2007. Of the 17 studies, 4 are referred to as "extension" studies, which are studies that are appended to a clinical study to prolong the treatment and/or monitoring period of the same patients that participated in the initial study.
4. Of these 17 clinical studies, one that is described in both Exhibits D and F, is entitled "A Randomized, Third-Party-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Pilot Study of the Effect of h5G1.1-mAb in Patients with Bullous Pemphigoid." Based on my review of communications between Alexion employees and physicians participating in this study, I have determined that only one patient was enrolled in this study, and that the one patient was randomized to receive placebo. Thus, no patient received eculizumab in the course of this study, and the study was terminated.
5. For the remaining 16 clinical studies identified in Exhibits A through F, I have reviewed each of the clinical trial protocols and the following information from the protocols is shown in the table below: the full name of each study (and extension study thereof, if applicable, identified by an "E" or an "X" in the study number), the study number(s), the Exhibit(s) cited by the Examiner on pages 7-8 of the Office Action that each study was described in, and whether the study (including any extension study thereof) included a confidentiality provision (as described in further detail below).

Study Name ¹	Study Number	Exhibit(s)	Explicit Confidentiality Provision
An Open-Label Study of the Effect of Eculizumab (h5G1.1-mAb) on Patients with Transfusion Dependent, Hemolytic, Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria	C02-001	F	Yes
Extension Study of Eculizumab in Patients with Transfusion Dependent, Haemolytic, Paroxysmal Nocturnal Haemoglobinuria Who Previously Participated in Study C02-001	E02-001		
An Open-Label Extension Study of Eculizumab in Patients with Transfusion Dependent, Haemolytic, Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria Who Previously Participated in Study E02-001	X03-001		
A Hemoglobin Stabilization and Transfusion Reduction Efficacy and Safety Clinical Investigation, Randomized, Multi-Center, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Using Eculizumab in Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria Patients (TRIUMPH)	C04-001	A ² , F	Yes
Safety in Hemolytic PNH Patients Treated with Eculizumab: A Multi-Center Open-Label Research Design Study (SHEPHERD)	C04-002	A, C, F	Yes
A Phase III, Open-Label, Extension Study of Eculizumab in Patients with Transfusion Dependent, Hemolytic Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria (PNH) Who Have Participated in the TRIUMPH (C04-001), SHEPHERD (C04-002) or X03-001 Studies	E05-001	A, F	Yes
A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Pilot Study of the Effect of h5G1.1-mAb on Dermatomyositis Patients	C99-006	B, D ³ , F	Yes

¹ Although some of these studies may not have occurred in the United States and thus are not available to give rise to public use under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), all of the trials are included in this table (regardless of where they occurred).

² Of the studies referenced in Exhibit A, studies 41-43, 45-46, 52-54, 56-58 and 60 are all indicated as having been “received” or “started” *after* March 16, 2007, *i.e.*, the date eculizumab was first approved for commercial marketing and sale. Thus, only studies started before the marketing approval, identified as numbers 44, 47-51, 55, and 59 in Exhibit A, are included in this table.

³ Item 445382 referenced in the Examiner’s question regarding the Kaplan reference (Exhibit D) does not refer to an actual study. However, to address any potential questions the Examiner has with respect to

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Phase I Study of h5G1.1-mAb in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis	C97-001	F	Yes
A Phase II Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study of the Effect of h5G1.1-mAb on Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients Receiving Methotrexate	C99-001	D, F	Yes
A Phase IIB Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study of the Effect of h5G1.1-mAb on Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) Patients with Active Disease Despite Receiving Methotrexate or Leflunomide	C01-004	D, F	Yes
A Phase II Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study of the Effect of h5G1.1-mAb on the Reduction of Proteinuria in Patients with Idiopathic Membranous Glomerulopathy	C99-004	D, E, F	Yes
An Open Label Study of the Long-Term Safety of h5G1.1-mAb on the Reduction of Proteinuria in Patients with Idiopathic Membranous Glomerulopathy	E99-004		
Phase I Study of h5G1.1-mAb in Patients with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus	C97-002	D, F	Yes
A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Pilot Study of the Effect of h5G1.1-mAb on Psoriatic Patients	C99-007	D, F	Yes
The Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria Early Access Treatment Protocol (EMBRACE)	C06-002	F	Yes
PNH Registry	M07-001	A, F	Yes

Exhibit D, I reviewed the Kaplan reference in its entirety, and the clinical studies described therein that used eculizumab are also included in this table.

6. I have reviewed an alignment of the sequence of eculizumab that is listed in the Biologic License Application for Soliris[®](eculizumab) (“BLA”) with the heavy and light chain sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 2 and 4 of the parent of the pending application, PCT/US2007/006606 (published as WO 2007/106585). I have concluded that the antibody (eculizumab) used in each of the studies included in the above table contained the heavy and light chain sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 2 and 4. However, the protocols used to conduct those studies did not inform either doctors or patients of the sequences.
7. As indicated in the table above, in the course of conducting each of the clinical trials listed, participating physicians and other participants in the study were required to maintain Alexion’s confidential and/or proprietary information in strict confidence. For example, these individuals were required to maintain the confidentiality of the clinical trial protocols themselves, as each protocol was marked “Confidential.” These individuals were also bound by explicit confidentiality provisions in the protocol. The following language from the protocol for study number C04-001, which refers to the Phase III TRIUMPH study, provides a representative example of the confidentiality requirements set forth directly within these clinical study protocols (emphasis added):

“THE INVESTIGATOR AND ALL EMPLOYEES AND COWORKERS INVOLVED WITH THIS STUDY SHALL NOT DISCLOSE OR USE FOR ANY PURPOSE, OTHER THAN PERFORMANCE OF THE STUDY, ANY DATA, RECORDS OR OTHER UNPUBLISHED, CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION DISCLOSED TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY. PRIOR WRITTEN AGREEMENT FROM THE SPONSOR OR ITS DESIGNEE MUST BE OBTAINED FOR THE DISCLOSURE OF ANY SAID CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION TO OTHER PARTIES.”
8. As another representative example, the protocol for the study in dermatomyositis (study number C02-002) stated:

“THIS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT AN INVESTIGATIONAL DRUG IS PROVIDED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF INVESTIGATORS OF THIS DRUG AND IS SUBJECT TO RECALL AT ANY TIME. THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED UNLESS SUCH DISCLOSURE IS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL OR STATE LAW OR REGULATIONS SUBJECT TO THE FOREGOING. THIS INFORMATION MAY BE DISCLOSED ONLY TO THOSE PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE STUDY WHO HAVE A NEED TO KNOW WITH THE OBLIGATION NOT TO FURTHER DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION. THESE RESTRICTIONS ON DISCLOSURE WILL APPLY EQUALLY TO ALL FUTURE ORAL OR WRITTEN INFORMATION SUPPLIED TO YOU BY ALEXION, WHICH IS DESIGNATED AS ‘PRIVILEGED’ OR ‘CONFIDENTIAL’.”

9. All confidentiality provisions in the protocols for the studies listed in the table above were substantively identical to these representative confidentiality provisions from studies C04-001 and C02-002.
10. In addition, each clinical trial protocol that I reviewed also required strict control over the physical drug product (eculizumab). For example, the clinical trial protocol for the TRIUMPH study described the secure storage and inventory and disposal requirements of each participating physician and study site as shown below:

“Eculizumab must be stored in a secure, limited-access storage area. . . .

Test Article Accountability... When a drug shipment is received at the site, the pharmacist at each site shall verify the contents, sign the packing invoice provided with the shipment, and maintain the original copy for review by the study monitor. The duplicate copy should be kept in the pharmacy binder.

Each shipment of investigational drug supplies will contain an accountability log to assist the pharmacist in maintaining current and accurate inventory records covering receipt, dispensing, and disposition of the investigational product. During the study, the following information must be noted in the accountability log: the identification number(s), initials of patient(s) who is dispensed investigational product, the date(s) that the investigational product is prepared and dispensed, and the initials of the pharmacist or designee who prepared the investigational product. Empty vials and vials with residual materials should be kept for inspection by the study monitor.

The study monitor will examine the inventory records during study conduct. Additionally, the inventory records must be readily available and may be subject to regulatory authorities or an independent auditor's inspection at any time. At the completion of the study, to satisfy regulatory requirements regarding drug accountability, all remaining investigational product inventory will be reconciled and retained or destroyed according to applicable local, state, and federal regulations."

11. All of the protocols that I reviewed for the studies listed in the above table included similar (if not identical) drug storage and accountability provisions, except for the PNH Registry protocol (the last entry in the table above). The PNH Registry was not a study in which eculizumab was administered to any patients, but was a registry for all participating patients with PNH either treated or untreated. More particularly, it was a "non-interventional study designed to collect post-marketing pharmacovigilance and effectiveness data on patients treated with Soliris® (eculizumab)" and to "collect information on the progression of disease in the Soliris treated and untreated PNH patient population." Accordingly, the protocol for the PNH Registry did not contain drug storage or accountability provisions. The PNH Registry protocol did, however, include strict confidentiality provisions as indicated in the table above, e.g., requiring all physicians to "agree to maintain the confidentiality of all information received or developed in connection with [the] protocol."
12. To participate in each clinical trial listed in the table above, each physician had to sign the protocol for the trial, committing to adhere to the respective clinical trial protocol's provisions. For example, the TRIUMPH study protocol, just prior to the physician's signature line, states:

"I agree to conduct the study as outlined in the protocol entitled: "*TRIUMPH: A Hemoglobin Stabilization and Transfusion Reduction Efficacy and Safety Clinical Investigation, Randomized, Multi-Center, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Using Eculizumab in Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria Patients*" and in accordance with the guidelines and all applicable government regulations. I have read and understand all sections of the protocol including Section 11, Administrative Considerations."

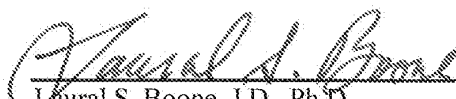
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13. All of the other protocols that I reviewed similarly required each physician (or investigator) to agree to conduct the study in accordance with the protocol.

14. In response to the Examiner's Request (G), based on the BLA approval letter that I reviewed from the Food and Drug Administration Department of Health & Human Services to Alexion regarding eculizumab, the antibody having the heavy chain described by SEQ ID NO: 2 and the light chain described by SEQ ID NO: 4 was first approved for commercial marketing and sale on March 16, 2007.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or of any patent issued thereon.


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