

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC,
Petitioner

v.

The Johns Hopkins University,
Patent Owner

IPR2024-00240
Patent No. 11,591,393

PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70 and the Board’s Scheduling Order dated June 13, 2024 (Paper 11), Petitioner Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC requests Oral Argument on issues related to the patentability of challenged claims 1–42 of U.S. Patent No. 11,591,393 (“the ’393 patent”). Petitioner wishes to present argument on the following issues:

- Grounds for which *inter partes* review was instituted for the ’393 patent and any issue raised in the Board’s Institution Decision dated June 13, 2024 (Paper 10);
- Any issue addressed in Petitioner’s papers, including, but not limited to, the Petition and Petitioner’s Reply Brief; and
- Rebuttal to Patent Owner’s presentation on all issues, including the issues listed above and any issues raised in Patent Owner’s Response and Patent Owner’s Sur-Reply.

The Board previously scheduled the Oral Argument for March 26, 2025. (Paper 11 at 11.) Petitioner believes the Parties should be allocated 60 minutes per side to present arguments. Petitioner prefers that the hearing be conducted in-person at the Office’s Alexandria, VA office, but is amenable to a remote hearing if preferred by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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