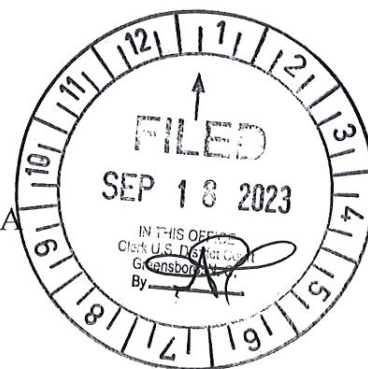


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA



NATERA, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

NEOGENOMICS LABORATORIES,
INC.,

Defendant.

1:23-CV-629

ORDER

Upon consideration of the joint motion to compel by Plaintiff Natera, Inc. (“Natera”) and Defendant NeoGenomics Laboratories, Inc. (“NeoGenomics”), and the argument and case law submitted in support, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

Natera’s Motion to Compel NeoGenomics to supplement and substantively respond to Natera’s Interrogatories No. 3–6 is **GRANTED** in part and NeoGenomics shall respond to those Interrogatories to the extent stated here by September 22, 2023. If NeoGenomics intends to raise an issue during preliminary injunction briefing, Natera is entitled to have some inkling of that during the expedited discovery process. NeoGenomics must give Natera some idea of the reasons it already knows it will put forth in opposition to the preliminary injunction motion, based on its own evidence, subject to prompt supplementation as discovery from Natera and additional investigation proceed. The Court does not expect NeoGenomics to provide a comprehensive answer good for all time, but it cannot hide its defenses or arguments against the preliminary injunction based on evidence it already has within its own possession.

NeoGenomics's Motion to Compel Natera to supplement its responses to NeoGenomics's Interrogatories No. 1 and No. 5 is **GRANTED**, and Natera shall respond comprehensively to those Interrogatories by September 25, 2023. Natera has not shown that the discovery sought is not proportional to the needs of the case, and the information sought is likely to be relevant. NeoGenomics does not have to prove relevance beyond a reasonable doubt to obtain discovery.

SO ORDERED, this the 18th day of September, 2023.


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE