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 **JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

ORDER ON JOINT MOTION FOR ENTRY OF SCHEDULING ORDER

This matter is before the Court upon the Parties' Joint Motion for Entry of a Scheduling Order.

Good cause having been shown, the Motion is **GRANTED,** with slight adjustments to proposed deadlines already passed and to the trial date and to add additional deadlines for events helpful to trial management. The Court in its discretion sets the following schedule and imposes the following deadlines:

Event	Date
Commencement of Fact Discovery	now
Initial Disclosures	February 13, 2024
Disclosure of Asserted Claims and Preliminary Infringement Contentions, and Accompanying Document Production	February 15, 2024
Deadline to Request Leave to Join Additional Parties or Amend Pleadings	February 16, 2024
Disclosure of Preliminary Invalidity Contentions, and Accompanying Document Production	February 23, 2024

Event	Date
Simultaneous Exchange of Proposed Terms and Claim Elements for Construction by the Court	March 1, 2024
Exchange of Preliminary Claim Constructions and Extrinsic Evidence	March 8, 2024
Joint Claim Construction Statement Filing Deadline	March 15, 2024
Completion of Claim Construction Discovery	March 22, 2024
Claim Construction Opening Briefs and Evidence in Support of Claim Construction	April 5, 2024
Claim Construction Responsive Briefs and Evidence	April 19, 2024
Claim Construction Hearing	May 14, 2024 (subject to adjustment based on the Court's trial schedule)
Final Infringement Contentions	June 7, 2024
Mediation	Within 45 days after Claim Construction Order or sooner
Final Invalidity Contentions	June 28, 2024
Last Day to Assert Advice of Counsel Defense to Willful Infringement	June 28, 2024
Close of Fact Discovery	July 19, 2024
Initial Expert Witness Disclosures on Which Party Bears Burden of Proof (First Round) Served	August 2, 2024
Initial Expert Witness Disclosures on Which Opposing Party Bears Burden of Proof (Second Round) Served	August 23, 2024
Rebuttal Expert Witness Disclosures (Third Round) Served	September 6, 2024
Disclosed Expert Depositions May Begin	September 9, 2024
Close of Expert Discovery	September 20, 2024
Notice of Dispositive Motions	September 27, 2024
Filing Dispositive Motions and Motions to Exclude Expert Testimony	October 4, 2024
Oppositions to Dispositive Motions and Motions to Exclude Expert Testimony	November 1, 2024
Replies to Dispositive Motions and Motions to Exclude Expert Testimony	November 15, 2024

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Event	Date
Informal exchange of witness lists, deposition designations; jury instructions, and verdict form	14 days after rulings on dispositive motions
Informational exchange on motions in limine	21 days after rulings on dispositive motions
Meet and confer	28 days after rulings on dispositive motions
File witness lists, exhibit lists, deposition designations; proposed jury instructions, and proposed verdict forms	35 days after rulings on dispositive motions
File objections to witnesses, exhibits, deposition designations, and file counter-designations of deposition testimony	42 days after rulings on dispositive motions
File motions in limine	42 days after rulings on dispositive motions
File responses to motions in limine	49 days after rulings on dispositive motions
Pretrial Conference	December 17, 2024, (subject to adjustment based on the Court's criminal court schedule) and further as needed
Trial	March 10, 2025 (subject to adjustment based on the Court's criminal trial schedule and as needed for resolution of dispositive motions)

This 12th day of February, 2024.

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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