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

Case IPR2024-00623
Patent 11,325,974

PATENT OWNER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

The Johns Hopkins University ("Patent Owner"), hereby submits this Request for Oral Argument on all instituted grounds of IPR2024-00623 on U.S. Patent No. 11,325,974. Patent Owner requests oral argument (without waiving consideration of any issue not listed below) to address at least the following issues:

1) Any issue raised in this proceeding by the Board, Petitioner, or Patent Owner, including but not limited to the claim construction, anticipation, and obviousness issues raised in the Petition, Patent Owner's Response, Petitioner's Reply, Patent Owner's Sur-Reply, and the Institution Decision;
2) Rebuttal to Petitioner's remarks on record or during the oral hearing; and
3) Any additional clarification the Board may seek.

Patent Owner respectfully requests an in-person hearing at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, VA.

Oral argument has been scheduled to take place on the same day for each of IPR2024-00622, -623, -624, -625, -647, -648, -649, and -650. Patent Owner requests that the arguments across these eight proceedings be consolidated to a single hearing and requests that Petitioner and Patent Owner each be allocated 3.5 hours per side for their respective presentations in the consolidated hearing (i.e., less than 30 minutes per side per proceeding on average). Patent Owner believes

that at least 3.5 hours per side is necessary and appropriate to ensure the parties can adequately address the substantial volume of evidence and range of complex issues across these eight proceedings to the Board's satisfaction. If the Board is not inclined to authorize 3.5 hours per side, Patent Owner respectfully requests that the parties be afforded at least 2.5 hours total presentation time per side.

The Board has already scheduled oral hearing for June 26, 2025. To the extent the Board has any questions prior to the hearing, Patent Owner would be amenable to a pre-hearing conference call.

Patent Owner respectfully requests that counsel be permitted to use laptops in the hearing room and at counsel table. Patent Owner also respectfully request the ability to use audio-visual equipment to display demonstrative exhibits, including the use of a computer-connectable projector and screen for PowerPoint display.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 42.6(e)(4), the undersigned certifies that on May 12, 2025, a complete and entire copy of this Patent Owner's Request for Oral Argument were provided via email, to the Petitioner by serving the correspondence addresses of record as follows:

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