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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

IPR2024-00624
Patent No. 11,325,975

PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70 and the Board's Scheduling Order dated September 23, 2024 (Paper 12), Petitioner Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC requests Oral Argument on issues related to the patentability of challenged claims 1–4, 6–10, and 12–15 of U.S. Patent No. 11,325,975 ("the '975 patent"). Petitioner wishes to present argument on the following issues:

- Grounds for which *inter partes* review was instituted for the '975 patent and any issue raised in the Board's Institution Decision dated September 23, 2024 (Paper 11);
- 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 June 26, 2025 for IPR2024-00622; IPR2024-00623; IPR2024-00624; IPR2024-00625; IPR2024-00647; IPR2024-00648; IPR2024-00649; IPR2024-00650. (Paper 12 at 11.) Petitioner believes the Parties should be allocated 90 minutes per side to present arguments in a consolidated hearing for all eight proceedings. (*See* Paper 18 at 3-4.) Petitioner prefers that the hearing be conducted in-person at the Office's Alexandria, VA office.

Respectfully submitted,

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