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v.

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1. I, Alan F. Parr, Pharm.D., Ph.D., submit this reply declaration in response to issues and arguments raised by Patent Owner Ellodi Pharmaceuticals in the following proceedings for inter partes review (IPR):

- IPR2025-00052 regarding U.S. Patent No. 10,632,069 ("the '069 patent");
- IPR2025-00054 regarding U.S. Patent No. 11,246,828 ("the '828 patent");
- IPR2025-00055 regarding U.S. Patent No. 9,486,407 ("the '407 patent").

In particular, I submit this declaration to respond to certain factual issues and arguments raised in the declarations of Ellodi's expert, Dr. Martyn Christopher Davies, in each of Exhibits 2007 from the respective IPR proceedings.

2. I previously submitted a declaration in support of Dr. Falk Pharma's IPR petition in these proceedings (hereafter "My First Declarations," EX1050 for the '069 patent, EX1051 for the '828 patent, and EX1053 for the '407 patent).

3. In forming the responses in this declaration, I have considered the materials referenced in this declaration, the materials referenced in My First Declarations (EX1050, EX1051, EX1053), the declarations of Dr. Davies (EX2007 in each proceeding), and the exhibits cited in Dr. Davies' declarations.

A. THE SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE PRIOR ART IS RELEVANT

4. My First Declaration provided a summary of the scope and content of the prior art. *See* EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶42-109 (section entitled "Scope and Content of the Prior Art"); EX1051 ¶¶42-110; EX1053 ¶¶46-99. I

understand that obviousness is based on underlying factual determinations regarding the scope and content of the prior art, as well as the level of ordinary skill in the art. *See id.* ¶26 ("***I further understand that the four factors to be considered in an obviousness inquiry are: (1) the scope and content of the prior art;*** (2) the differences between the prior art and the claims; ***(3) the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art***; and (4) secondary considerations including long-felt need, commercial success, and unexpected results.").[1]

5. The Davies Declaration does not disagree that obviousness is based on underlying factual determinations regarding the scope and content of the prior art, as well as the level of ordinary skill in the art. *See* EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶34 (stating that Dr. Davies understands that the factual determinations underlying obviousness "include (1) the scope and content of the prior art; [and] (2) the level of ordinary skill in the art at the time the claimed invention was made…."); EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶34; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶34.

6. It is therefore surprising that the Davies Declaration asserts that "[o]ver 30 pages of [my] analysis on the scope of the prior art is irrelevant." EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶64; *see generally id.* ¶¶63-99; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶¶61-97; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶62-98. I disagree with

[1] All emphases supplied unless otherwise noted.

that assertion. The references discussed in the "Scope and Content of the Prior Art" section of my declaration are relevant to establishing the scope and content of the prior art, and also the level of ordinary skill in the art.

7. The Davies Declaration asserts that none of the references cited in My First Declaration "disclose an orally dispersing tablet containing budesonide, or topical deposition of budesonide on the upper gastrointestinal tract." EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶66; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶64; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶65. I disagree. My First Declaration cites to Dohil (EX1002), Grother (EX1008), Singh (EX1035), and Cherukuri (EX1036). *See, e.g.,* EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶55-58, 97-105; EX1051 ¶¶55-58, 98-106; EX1053 ¶¶59-62, 87-95. Each of these references disclose an orally dispersing tablet (ODT)[2] containing budesonide, and a person of ordinary skill in the art was

[2] The '069 and '828 patents claim an "orally dispersing tablet," and the '407 patent claims an "orally disintegrating solid pharmaceutical composition." The specification of these patents equate these terms. *See* EX1001 (the '069 patent) at 2:48-51, 5:28-33; EX1001 (the '828 patent) at 2:49-52, 5:28-33; EX1001 (the '407 patent) at 2:46-49, 5:25-30. For simplicity, I refer to "orally dispersing tablets" or "ODTs" throughout this declaration. I am not aware of a relevant distinction

aware that such ODTs would deposit budesonide in the upper gastrointestinal tract. *See also* EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶128-131, 211-213; EX1051 ¶¶157-160, 283-286; EX1053 ¶¶130-132, 218-220. For example, My First Declaration explained that budesonide was known to be topically active. *See e.g.,* EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶43-58; EX1051 ¶¶43-58; EX1053 ¶¶47-62. It also explained that ODTs rapidly dissolve in the mouth (which is part of the upper gastrointestinal tract), thereby depositing the drug in the upper gastrointestinal tract. *See* EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶59-64; EX1051 ¶¶59-64; EX1053 ¶¶63-68.

8. My First Declaration additionally provided a review article that teaches ODTs were designed to "release the drug to the oral mucosa," EX1017 (Danckwerts) at 178, and that many prior art studies had shown topical therapy with corticosteroids to treat inflammatory mucosal diseases, *id.* at 176. Other prior art teaches that ODTs are beneficial "when local action in the mouth is desirable such as local anesthetic for toothaches, oral ulcers, cold sores, or teething." EX1087 (Narmada) at 129; EX1088 (Kahn) at E1 (same).

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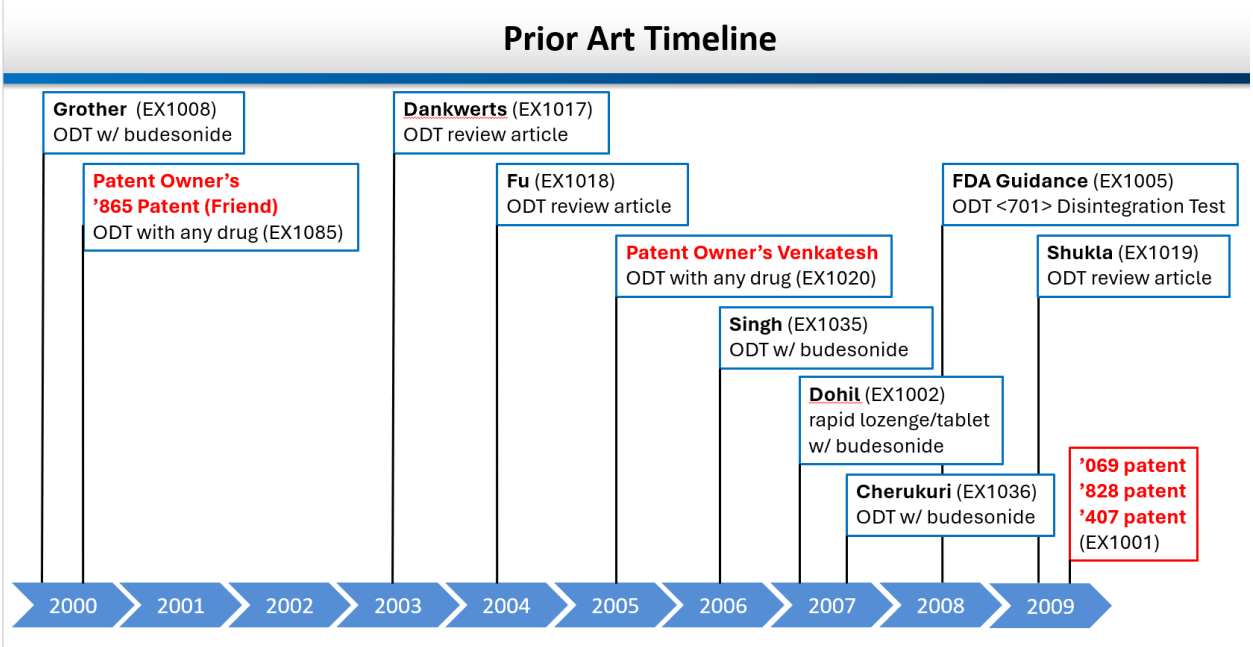
between these terms for the purpose of evaluating the obviousness of Ellodi's patents.

9. My First Declaration described the state of the prior art regarding ODTs that existed before the October 1, 2009 priority date claimed by the '069, '828, and '407 patents. The prior art included Grother (EX1008, published August 3, 2000), Dankwerts (EX1017, published in 2003), Fu (EX1018, published in 2004), Venkatesh (EX1020, published October 20, 2005), Singh (EX1035, issued October 17, 2006), Dohil (EX1002, published May 17, 2007), Cherukuri (EX1036, issued June 12, 2007), the FDA Guidance (EX1005, published December 2008), and Shukla (EX1019, published March 6, 2009). This declaration discusses U.S. Patent No. 6,139,865 to Friend et al. (EX1085, issued October 31, 2000). Each of these prior art references are included on the following timeline to illustrate the many disclosures of ODTs in the prior art, including ODTs with budesonide:



B. MY FIRST DECLARATION IS NOT BASED ON HINDSIGHT

10. The Davies Declaration accuses me of using "impermissible hindsight" and "begin[ing] with the language of the claims and work[ing] backwards to make the prior art fit into" my obviousness analysis. EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶78; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶76; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶77. I disagree with this accusation. My First Declaration appropriately analyzes obviousness regarding:

(1) the scope and content of the prior art (*see, e.g.,* EX1050 ¶¶42-109 (section entitled "Scope and Content of the Prior Art"));

(2) the similarities and differences between the prior art and the claims (*see, e.g.,* EX1050 ¶¶111-282 (sections analyzing obviousness for Grounds 1-2)); and

(3) the level of ordinary skill in the art (*see* EX1050 ¶¶29-31 (section entitled "The Person of Ordinary Skill in the Art")).

See also EX1051 ¶¶29-31, 42-110, 112-362; EX1053 ¶¶29-31, 46-99, 101-438.

11. The Davies Declaration does not disagree that obviousness is based on underlying factual determinations regarding the scope and content of the prior art, as well as the level of ordinary skill in the art. *See* EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶34 (agreeing that the factual determinations underlying obviousness "include (1) the scope and content of the prior art; (2) the level of ordinary skill in

the art at the time the claimed invention was made; [and] (3) the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art."); EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶34; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶34. Again, it is surprising that the Davies Declaration asserts that My First Declaration is based on impermissible hindsight when My First Declaration appropriately analyzes the agreed-upon factual determinations underlying the obviousness analysis.

C. MY FIRST DECLARATION PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR MY OPINIONS

12. The Davies Declaration asserts that my First Declaration "does not provide support for [my] his conclusions" and that My First Declaration contains "conclusory opinions." EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶¶81, 100; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶¶79, 98; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶99-100. I disagree with these assertions. Nearly every paragraph in My First Declaration provides a supporting citation or quote to an exhibit. In addition, My First Declaration provides over 140 pages of detailed analyses to support my opinions.

1. Dohil Renders The Challenged Claims Of Ground 1 Obvious

13. My First Declaration provided a thorough obviousness analysis for the challenged claims of Ground 1 based on Dohil in view of the knowledge of a person of ordinary skill in the art. *See* EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶111-190; EX1051 ¶¶112-234; EX1053 ¶¶101-189.

14. As discussed in My First Declaration, Dohil discloses solid budesonide compositions in the form of a lozenge or similar tablet that "dissolve[s] rapidly in the mouth or esophagus to produce a solution that can then coat the esophagus." EX1002 (Dohil) ¶[0032]; *see, e.g.,* EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶132-138; EX1051 ¶¶161-167; EX1053 ¶¶125-129. It was desirable for the disintegration time of rapidly dissolving tablets to vary "from several seconds to about a minute." EX1018 (Fu) at 434 ("The disintegration time for good FDTs [fast disintegrating tablets] varies from several seconds to about a minute."). The FDA Guidance recommends that orally dissolving tablets (ODTs) should "disintegrate[] rapidly, usually within a matter of seconds." EX1005 (FDA Guidance) at 2 ("A solid dosage form containing medicinal substances which disintegrates rapidly, usually within a matter of seconds, when placed upon the tongue."). The FDA's Guidance applies to all solid dosage forms that disintegrate or dissolve rapidly, which includes Dohil's rapidly dissolving lozenges. *Id.* (discussing "[a] solid dosage form" that "disintegrates rapidly"); *id.* at 1 (explaining that ODTs are products "designed to disintegrate or dissolve rapidly on contact with saliva"). For at least these reasons, and as further discussed in My First Declaration, Dohil teaches, suggests, and motivates formulating rapidly dissolving solid compositions, including ODTs containing budesonide. *See* EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶132-138; EX1051 ¶¶161-167; EX1053 ¶¶125-129.

15. The Davies Declaration disputes Dohil's teaching, suggestion, and motivation by: (i) focusing on Dohil's teachings of ***liquid*** corticosteroid formulations of budesonide and dismissing Dohil's teachings of ***solid*** corticosteroid formulations, (ii) asserting that all lozenges must dissolve slowly, (iii) asserting that there is only 1-2 mL of saliva available in a patient's mouth to dissolve an ODT, and (iv) mischaracterizing Dohil's other embodiments. *See, e.g.,* EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶¶100-120; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶¶98-118; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶100-119. I respond to these issues in the following paragraphs.

a. <u>Dohil Teaches, Suggests, And Motivates Solid ODT Formulations</u>

16. The Davies Declaration asserts that a person of ordinary skill in the art would focus on Dohil's teachings of ***liquid*** corticosteroid formulations of budesonide rather than consider Dohil's teachings of ***solid*** corticosteroid formulations in the form of rapidly dissolving lozenges and tablets. *See, e.g.,* EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶¶101-107; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶¶99-105; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶101-107. However, I understand that a person of ordinary skill in the art would consider Dohil for everything that it teaches, which includes Dohil's teachings of solid corticosteroid formulations.

17. Dohil instructs the person of ordinary skill in the art to formulate budesonide as a rapidly dissolving lozenge or tablet to treat inflammation of the esophagus. EX1002 (Dohil) ¶[0032] ("In other illustrative embodiments of the

invention, the Budesonide is provided in the form of a lozenge which may be dissolved in the mouth, thus reaching and coating the esophagus. The lozenge or other similar tablet, capsule, or other solid, wo[u]ld dissolve rapidly in the mouth or esophagus to produce a solution that can then coat the esophagus.").

18. Dohil's instruction to formulate budesonide as a rapidly dissolving lozenge or tablet would have been intuitive and compelling to a person of ordinary skill in the art in view of Dohil's express desire to treat eosinophilic esophagitis (EOE). *See* EX1002 (Dohil) ¶[0010] ("The methods of the present invention are useful, for example, for preventing and alleviating the symptoms and inflammation of ***eosinophilic esophagitis***, inflammatory bowel diseases involving the esophagus, Crohn's disease, esophageal inflammation secondary to caustic/irritant ingestion, persistent/recurrent esophageal strictures of any cause and including caustic/irritant ingestion, pill-induced esophagitis, systemic diseases, congenital diseases, Epidermolysis bullosa, and post-surgery inflammation."), ¶[0011] ("The individual may, for example, have been diagnosed with a disease or condition selected from the group consisting of ***eosinophilic esophagitis***, inflammatory bowel diseases involving the esophagus, Crohn's disease, esophageal inflammation secondary to caustic/irritant ingestion, persistent/recurrent esophageal strictures of any cause and including caustic/irritant ingestion, pill-induced esophagitis, systemic diseases, congenital diseases, and post-surgery inflammation.").

19. A primary symptom of EOE is difficulty swallowing. *See* EX1033 (Teitelbaum) at 1218 (Table 1 reporting "Dysphagia" was presented in 11% of patients with EOE, which is the symptom having the largest percentage reported by patients); *see also* EX1073 (Schoepfer) at 1478 ("dysphagia is the most frequent complaint of adult EOE patients").[3] Rapidly dissolving tablets were known to be useful for treating patients that have difficulty swallowing. *See* EX1005 (FDA Guidance) at 1 (explaining that ODTs were "initially expected to be beneficial to pediatric and geriatric patients, to people with conditions related to impaired swallowing, and for treatment of patients when compliance may be difficult (e.g., for psychiatric disorders)."); EX1018 (Fu) at 433-434 ("Dysphagia, or difficulty in swallowing is common among all age groups. … Solid dosage forms that can be dissolved or suspended with water in the mouth for easy swallowing are highly desirable for the pediatric and geriatric population, as well as other patients who prefer the convenience of readily administered dosage forms.");

[3] Schoepfer was co-authored and funded by Adare Pharmaceuticals. *See* EX1073 (Schoepfer) at 1477 (listing co-author Brian A. Meltzer as affiliated with Adare Pharmaceuticals, Inc.); *id.* at 1488 (under the "Funding" heading it states "The data for score responsiveness were generated by Aptalis Pharma, Inc (currently owned by Adare Pharmaceuticals, Inc."). I understand that Adare Pharmaceuticals changed its name to Ellodi Pharmaceuticals in 2020.

EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶65-73, 88-96; EX1051 ¶¶65-73, 89-97; EX1053 ¶¶69-86. Because EOE tends to be associated with difficulty swallowing, an ODT would be a natural fit for treating EOE in view of ODTs being desirable for patients who have difficulty swallowing.

20. The Davies Declaration asserts there was no motivation to follow Dohl's instruction to prepare a solid rapidly dissolving lozenge/tablet because Dohil did not recognize any problems with the liquid formulations set forth in Dohil's working examples. EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶¶114-117; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶¶112-115; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶113-116. However, as discussed in My First Declaration, rapidly dissolving solid formulations were known to have several benefits as compared with liquid formulations. *See* EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶70; EX1051 ¶70; EX1053 ¶74. For example, rapidly dissolving tablets provide "[c]onvenience of administration and accurate dosing as compared to liquid formulations." EX1019 (Shukla) at 311. Rapidly dissolving tablets were known to have the same advantages as other solid dosage forms including their stability, ease of accurate dosing, proven manufacturing methods, and small packaging size and ease of handling. *See, e.g.,* EX1018 (Fu) at 434 ("FDTs [fast disintegrating tablets] have all the advantages of solid dosage forms, such as good stability, accurate dosing, easy manufacturing, small packaging size, and easy handling by patients.").

21. Dohil's liquid formulation was a rudimentary formulation that allowed an initial proof-of-concept study to show that oral formulations of budesonide successfully treat EOE. *See* EX1002 (Dohil) ¶¶[0046]-[0070] (Examples 1-3). Dohil calls for "larger placebo-controlled clinical trials [to] provide more information about dosing, efficacy and long-term safety of this treatment." EX1002 (Dohil) ¶[0067]. Once the effectiveness of budesonide to treat EOE was proven it would have been a natural next step for the person of ordinary skill in the art to follow Dohil's instruction to formulate budesonide as a solid rapidly dissolving lozenge or tablet because the known benefits of solid compositions would facilitate Dohil's larger clinical trial. For example, a solid rapidly dissolving lozenge or tablet would have been expected by the person of ordinary skill in the art to be more convenient to administer to patients, provide more accurate dosing, and be more stable as compared to Dohil's viscous liquid formulation.

22. The Davies Declaration notes that Dohil's liquid formulation was developed into a commercial liquid budesonide composition, "Eohilia," by Takeda Pharmaceuticals for treating EOE. *See* EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶116; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶114; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶115. This commercial liquid formulation does not diminish the motivation for a person of ordinary skill in the art to have also followed Dohil's instruction to prepare a solid rapidly dissolving lozenge or tablet in view of the known advantages of such solid dosage formulations over liquid dosage forms discussed above.

b. Rapidly disintegrating lozenges

23. The Davies Declaration asserts that Dohil ¶[0032] does not teach or suggest a rapidly dissolving solid formulation because it uses the word "lozenge," which the Davies Declaration interprets as requiring a slowly dissolving formulation. EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶108; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶106; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶107. I disagree. Dohil ¶[0032] discloses a "rapidly" dissolving lozenge or similar tablet as follows:

> In other illustrative embodiments of the invention, the Budesonide is provided in the form of a lozenge which may be dissolved in the mouth, thus reaching and coating the esophagus. ***The lozenge or other similar tablet, capsule, or other solid, wo[u]ld dissolve rapidly in the mouth or esophagus to produce a solution that can then coat the esophagus***. Or, for children or other patients that may have difficulty with a dissolving lozenge, the lozenge may be ground or otherwise dissolved in a small volume of water or other pharmaceutically suitable liquid, for example, reaching a total volume presented in embodiments herein. In other illustrative embodiments of the invention, the Budesonide is provided in the form of a tablet, a capsule, or, for example a gel capsule, designed for slow release and delivery to the esophagus.

EX1002 (Dohil) ¶[0032]. As an initial matter, the plain reading of paragraph [0032] is that at least Dohil's ***tablet*** rapidly dissolves in the mouth, which fairly teaches and suggests an ODT (orally dispersing tablet), especially in view of the industry accepted ODT definition as "a solid dosage form containing medicinal substances which

disintegrates rapidly, usually within a matter of seconds, when placed upon the tongue." EX1005 (FDA Guidance) at 2.

24. Dohil ¶[0032] discloses a lozenge or similar tablet that would "dissolve" rapidly in the mouth. EX1002 (Dohil) ¶[0032]. In the context of rapidly dissolving solid dosage forms, the terms "dissolve" and "disintegrate" were often used interchangeably in the prior art. For example, the FDA Guidance states that ODTs are solid dosage forms that "are designed to ***disintegrate or dissolve*** rapidly on contact with saliva, thus eliminating the need to chew the tablet, swallow an intact tablet, or take the tablet with liquids." EX1005 (FDA Guidance) at 1. Fu teaches that, "[u]pon introduction into the mouth, ***these [fast disintegrating] tablets dissolve or disintegrate in the mouth*** in the absence of additional water for easy administration of active pharmaceutical ingredients." EX1018 (Fu) at 433; *id.* at 433 ("***fast dissolution/dispersion*** of tablets in the oral cavity"); *id.* at 435 ("FDTs [fast dissolving tablets] ***dissolve or disintegrate*** in the patient's mouth"); *id.* at 436 ("FDTs are designed to have a quick dissolution/disintegration time"); *id.* at 469 ("The key to FDT [fast disintegrating tablets] is ***fast disintegration, dissolution, or melting*** in the mouth, and this can be achieved by producing the porous structure of the tablet matrix or adding super disintegrant and/or effervescent excipients." EX1018 (Fu) at 469. Venkatesh teaches that ODTs are solid medicines "which ***rapidly dissolve or disintegrate*** in the buccal cavity." EX1020 (Venkatesh) ¶[0003];

id. ¶[0004] ("dosage forms ***disintegrating/dissolving rapidly*** in the buccal cavity"); *id.* ¶[0008] ("***rapidly disintegrating/dissolving*** in the buccal cavity"). Exhibit 1001 is consistent with using "disintegrate" and "dissolve" interchangeably in the context of rapidly disintegrating/dissolving solid dosage forms. *See* EX1001 ('069 patent) at 2:56-59 (defining "ODT" as compositions containing pharmaceutically acceptable ingredients "which swell, ***dissolve or otherwise facilitating the disintegration or dissolution*** of the ODT composition"); *id.* at 5:28-33 ("Solid pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention can include, for example, an ODT (as described herein), a wafer, a film, or other solid dosage form which ***disintegrates or dissolves rapidly*** in the mouth to form a solution or dispersion of a corticosteroid, which can readily be swallowed."); EX1001 ('828 patent) at 5:28-33; EX1001 ('407 patent) at 5:25-30.

25. The Davies Declaration asserts that Dohil's rapidly dissolving lozenge/tablet does not teach or suggest an ODT because "[d]issolve and disintegrate are not the same, and are different processes." EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶83; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶81; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶82. As discussed above, "dissolve" and "disintegrate" were often used interchangeably in describing ODTs and rapidly disintegrating/dissolving solid dosage forms. "Dissolve" and "disintegrate" were considered to be synonyms. *See* EX1125 (American Heritage Dictionary) at 523 (defining "dissolve" to include "to

break into component parts; disintegrate"). To the extent that a person of ordinary skill in the art would have seen any difference between "dissolve" and "disintegrate," they would understand that the disintegration process (which is where the tablet/lozenge breaks down into smaller component particles) begins before the drug and excipients comprising the broken-down particles are dissolved (where "dissolve" refers to the particles becoming a solute within the patient's saliva as the solvent). *See* EX1125 (American Heritage Dictionary) at 523 (defining "dissolve" as including "to cause to pass into solution"); *id.* at 519 (defining "disintegrate" as "to become reduced to components, fragments, or particles"); EX2018 (My August 25, 2025 Deposition Transcript) at 19:18-22:2. Thus, a person of ordinary skill in the art would have understood that Dohil's rapidly dissolving lozenge/tablet would disintegrate even more rapidly than it dissolves (because the disintegration process begins before the dissolving process). However, Dr. Davies and I agree that disintegration of a lozenge/tablet and dissolution of the disintegrated particles occur near simultaneously in connection with a rapidly dissolving/disintegrating solid dosage form. *See* EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶47 ("Disintegration of the tablet and dissolution (drug release) occur near simultaneously, resulting in drug deposition on the esophagus within 1-2 seconds of swallowing and before the disintegrated tablet passes to the stomach."); EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶47; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶47. Because disintegration and dissolution

tend to occur near simultaneously with rapidly dissolving/disintegrating solid dosage forms, the terms "dissolving" and "disintegrating" were often used interchangeably in the context of rapidly dissolving/disintegrating solid dosage forms. Accordingly, Dohil's disclosure of a rapidly dissolving lozenge/tablet teaches and suggests an ODT to the person of ordinary skill in the art.

26. Turning to Dohil's "lozenge or other similar tablet" in paragraph [0032], the Davies Declaration interprets this phrase as describing a solid formulation having an initial "release of the drug from the lozenge which may occur rapidly after oral administration, but lozenges—by definition—dissolve completely over several minutes" to continuously release the drug over time. EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶¶92, 108; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶¶90, 106; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶91, 107. I disagree with this interpretation. The plain reading of Dohil ¶[0032] is that "[t]he lozenge or similar tablet" (i.e., the entire lozenge or tablet) would dissolve rapidly in the mouth. Dohil ¶[0032] contrasts its "rapidly" dissolving lozenge/tablet with other formulations "designed for slow release." EX1002 (Dohil) ¶[0032] ("***In <u>other</u> illustrative embodiments of the invention***, the Budesonide is provided in the form of a tablet, a capsule, or, for example a gel capsule, ***designed for slow release*** and delivery to the esophagus."). Dr. Davies' interpretation requires combining the rapidly dissolving lozenge/tablet with the "other" slow-release embodiment. This interpretation does not align with the plain reading of paragraph

[0032], which is that Dohil's rapidly dissolving lozenge/tablet is a different embodiment than the "other" slow release embodiment.

27. The Davies Declaration implies that I was unable to identify fast dissolving lozenges in the prior art by citing my deposition transcript (EX2011) at 63:6-21. *See* EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶91 (citing EX2011 at 63:6-21); EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶89; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶90. I testified that "I haven't done a literature search on [fast dissolving lozenges]," so I wasn't aware if there were any fast-dissolving lozenges in the prior art. EX2011 (My Deposition Transcript) at 63:6-21. I am now aware of several examples of fast dissolving lozenges that were in the prior art, which include the following references:

28. International Publication No. WO2003074029 to McEntee et al., which teaches:

> ***Fast melt formulations are typically in the form of tablets or lozenges that dissolve or disperse in a patient's mouth within a minute without the need of water or chewing***. Drug delivery formulations which exhibit fast melt properties can improve patient compliance due to the ease of swallowing as well as the absence of a need for the co-administration of water or another fluid.

EX1075 (McEntee) at 3:20-27.

29. International Publication No. WO2009078872 to Martin et al., which teaches:

> Generally, a sublingual tablet, wafer, pellet, ***or lozenge should dissolve or disintegrate quickly, allowing the analgesic to be rapidly absorbed***.

EX1076 (Martin) ¶[0060].

> In certain embodiments, ***the orally disintegrating tablets, wafers, pellets, or lozenges of the present invention release their analgesic content over a period of*** about 5 seconds to about 120 seconds, about 5 seconds to about 90 seconds, ***about 5 seconds to about 60 seconds, about 5 seconds to about 30 seconds, or about 10 seconds to about 60 seconds***, when placed under the tongue of a human. ***In certain embodiments, the orally disintegrating tablets, wafers, pellets, or lozenges of the present invention dissolve completely over a period of about*** 10 seconds to about 120 seconds, about 10 seconds to about 90 seconds, ***about 10 seconds to about 60 seconds, about 10 seconds to about 30 seconds, or about 20 seconds to about 60 seconds***, when placed into human saliva or a solution that mimics human saliva.

EX1076 (Martin) ¶[0067].

30. This Martin reference also discloses that its quickly disintegrating formulations include a disintegrant as follows:

> Methods known in the art for producing fast disintegrating tablets, wafers, pellets, ***or lozenges*** may also be used to produce the orally disintegrating tablets, wafers, pellets, ***or lozenges*** of the present invention. For example, U.S. Patent No. 6,596,311 describes a method of producing a fast

> disintegrating tablet comprising a drug in multiparticulate form, e.g., granular or microencapsulated, by formulating the drug with one or more water insoluble inorganic excipients, ***one or more disintegrants***, and optionally, one or more substantially water soluble excipients, the amounts of said ingredients being such as to provide a disintegration time in the mouth in the order of 75 seconds or less, e.g., 40 seconds or less, preferably less than 30 seconds, most preferably less than 20 seconds.

EX1076 (Martin) ¶[0064].

31. U.S. Patent Publication No. 20030124184 to Mezaache et al., which teaches:

> "Quick dissolve compositions and tablets based thereon."

EX1077 (Mezaache) at Title.

> The invention relates to compressible compositions and dosage forms based thereon, such as tablets and ***lozenges, which, when ingested, quickly dissolve in the mouth***, but which effectively mask the taste of unpleasant active agent(s) therein.

EX1077 (Mezaache) ¶[0002].

> One aspect associated with ameliorating the effects of ingesting molecules that are generally unpalatable is to provide the drug in dosage forms, such as tablets and ***lozenges, which, when ingested, quickly dissolve in the mouth***.

EX1077 (Mezaache) ¶[0003].

> Tablets and other dosage forms, e.g., ***lozenges, made therefrom rapidly dissolve when placed in the mouth, generally in less than 30 seconds***.

EX1077 (Mezaache) ¶[0040].

32. Mezaache also discloses that its quick dissolving formulations often include a disintegrant. *See* EX1077 (Mezaache) ¶[0010] ("Disintegrants are often included to ensure that the tablet has an acceptable rate of disintegration. Typical disintegrants include starch derivatives and salts of carboxymethylcellulose.").

33. U.S. Patent Publication No. 20050019393 to Augsburger et al., which teaches:

> The invention still further relates to methods for preparing rapidly-disintegrating dosage forms comprising active cushioning components of the invention. In alternate embodiments, the dosage forms comprise placebo cushioning components and active components which are milled to a very small size, capable of being compressed into tablets or ***lozenges which have rapid disintegration rates***.

EX1078 (Augsburger) ¶[0043].

> As used herein, the phrase "fast-disintegrating tablet" encompasses a tablet having a disintegration time on the tongue without the addition of liquid beyond that normally available in the mouth due to salivation of ***between 0-60 seconds with the most preferred disintegration time of 0-20 seconds***.

EX1078 (Augsburger) ¶[0061].

> In another embodiment, the present invention relates to ***a rapidly disintegrating lozenge***.

EX1078 (Augsburger) ¶[0143].

34. Augsburger also discloses that its quick dissolving lozenges include a disintegrant. *See* EX1078 (Augsburger) ¶¶[0083]-[0084] ("The disintegrant may be the same or different from the highly water-absorbing material. Non-limiting examples of useful disintegrants include croscarmellose sodium, sodium starch glycolate, crospovidone, starch, and pregelatinized starch. In one embodiment, the disintegrant is croscarmellose sodium."); *id.* ¶¶[0079], [0085].

35. U.S. Patent No. 7,384,921 to Tang et al., which teaches:

> In another embodiment, the invention provides a "fast melt" formulation. Such fast melt formulations are typically in the form of a tablet or ***lozenge that dissolve or disperse in a patient's mouth within a minute without the need of water or chewing***.

EX1079 (Tang) at 14:9-13.

36. U.S. Patent Publication No. 20080132535 to Singh et al., which teaches:

> The compositions of the present invention may take the form of solid, semi-solid, lyophilized powder, or liquid dosage forms, such as, for example, tablets (e.g., chewable, slow-dissolving, quick-dissolving, etc.), pills, capsules, lozenges, gums, powders, solutions, suspensions, emulsions, aerosols, foams, creams, gels, lotions, or the like. Preferably, the compositions of the present invention are formulated as a tablet or a lozenge, ***in particular quick-dissolving tablets or lozenges***, such as those described in U.S. Patent Publication No. 20050226925.

EX1080 (Nikhilesh Singh) ¶[0057].

> Claim 11. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, ***wherein the composition is a quick-dissolving lozenge*** or tablet.

EX1080 (Nikhilesh Singh) at Claim 11.

> The lozenges or tablets dissolve in a subject's mouth at a very rapid rate, e.g., ***within about 2-3 minutes following administration***.

EX1080 (Nikhilesh Singh) ¶[0104].

> The quick-dissolving tablets dissolve in a subject's mouth at a rapid rate, e.g., ***within about 5 minutes following administration***, and the slow-dissolving tablets dissolve in a subject's mouth at a slower rate, e.g., within about 10 minutes following administration.

EX1080 (Nikhilesh Singh) ¶[0105].

37. This Singh reference also discloses that its quick-dissolving lozenges include "***disintegrating agents*** such as crospovidone as well as croscarmellose sodium and other cross-linked cellulose polymers." EX1080 (Nikhilesh Singh) ¶[0061]; *id.* ¶[0083] ("***The lozenge or candy composition may further comprise*** protecting agents, lubricating agents, wetting agents, emulsifying agents, solubilizing agents; suspending agents, preserving agents, sweetening agents, flavoring agents, coloring agents, and ***disintegrating agents***.").

38. U.S. Patent Publication No. 20090022799 to Barman, which teaches:

> ***A fast dissolving dosage form such as a tablet, troche, or lozenge***, or a dry film is preferable for delivery of the β-Glucan containing prophylactic or therapeutic in the oral space.

EX1081 (Barman) ¶[0044].

> Claim 31. A method for preventing oral mucositis comprising the administration of the composition of claim 1 as ***a fast dissolving lozenge*** or troche dissolved in the mouth.
>
> Claim 33. A method for treating oral mucositis comprising the administration of the composition of claim 32 as ***a fast dissolving lozenge*** or troche dissolved in the mouth.

EX1081 (Barman) at Claims 31 and 33.

> The tablets have a hardness of 10 Kiloponds and ***a disintegration time of 5 minutes***.

EX1081 (Barman) ¶[0036].

39. Than, "Individualized Drugs for Individual Needs," Review of Optometry, 146:38-43 (2009), which teaches:

> Compounding pharmacies can also:
> Prepare medications that are not commercially available, are not economically feasible to manufacture, or are not stable.
> Prepare formulas for individual needs with a special strength.
> Add flavor to make an oral medication more palatable.
> Prepare unique routes of administration, ***such as a quick-dissolving lozenge***, a lollipop or a transdermal patch.

EX1082 (Than) at 2.

40. The following table summarizes the rapidly dissolving lozenges and the disintegration time disclosed in the eight references discussed above:

Prior Art Rapidly Dissolving Lozenges

Reference	Rapidly Dissolving Lozenge	Time	Citation
(1) Mezaache	"lozenges, which… quickly dissolve in the mouth"	less than 30 seconds	Ex. 1077 ¶¶[0002], [0003], [0040]
(2) McEntee	"lozenges that dissolve or disperse… within a minute"	within a minute	Ex. 1075 at 3:20-28
(3) Augsburger	"lozenges which have rapid disintegration rates"	within 60 seconds	Ex. 1078 ¶¶[0043], [0061]
(4) Tang	"lozenge that dissolve or disperse… within a minute"	within a minute	Ex. 1079 at 14:9-14
(5) Barman	"fast dissolving lozenge"	5 minutes	Ex. 1081 Claims 31, 33, ¶¶[0036],[0044]
(6) Singh	"quick-dissolving lozenge"	2-3 min., or 5 min. or less	Ex. 1080 Claim 11, ¶¶[0057], [0104]-[0105]
(7) Martin	"lozenge should dissolve or disintegrate quickly"	about 5 to 120 seconds	Ex. 1076 ¶¶[0060], [0067]
(8) Than	"quick dissolving lozenge"	quickly	Ex. 1082 at 2

41. There was some variety in the disintegration rate of prior art rapidly dissolving lozenges. As shown in the following table, rapidly dissolving lozenges disclosed between 1998 and 2004 dissolved within 60 seconds or less, including Mezaache (1998), McEntee (2002), Augsburger (2002), and Tang (2004):

Rapid Disintegration Rate Leading Up To The FDA Guidance

Time

Reference	Priority Date	Rapid Disintegration Rate	Citation
Mezaache	Oct. 1998	less than 30 seconds	Ex. 1077 ¶[0040]
McEntee	Mar. 2002	within a minute	Ex. 1075 at 3:20-28
Augsburger	Dec. 2002	within 60 seconds	Ex. 1078 ¶¶[0043], [0061]
Tang	Feb. 2004	within a minute	Ex. 1079 at 14:9-14
Barman	Oct. 2006	5 minutes	Ex. 1081 ¶[0036]
Singh	Nov. 2006	2-3 minutes, or 6 minutes or less	Ex. 1080 ¶¶[0104]-[0105], Claim 12
Martin	Dec. 2007	about 5 to 120 seconds	Ex. 1076 ¶[0067]
FDA Guidance	Dec. 2008	30 seconds or less	Ex. 1005 at 2

In 2006 and 2007, rapidly dissolving lozenges had a wider variation with respect to disintegration rate, such as Barman (2006) and Singh (2006) that disclosed

disintegration rates of a few minutes, and Martin (2007) that disclosed a disintegration rate of about 5 to about 120 seconds. In 2008, the FDA Guidance standardized the disintegration rate for rapidly dissolving dosage forms at 30 seconds or less as tested via the USP <701> Disintegration Test. *See* EX1005 (FDA Guidance) at 2 ("However, as firms started developing additional products using different technology and formulations, many of these later products exhibited wide variation in product characteristics from the initial products. Because this shift in product characteristics can affect suitability for particular uses, the Agency developed this guidance for industry."); *id.* at 3. Thus, by the 2009 priority date of the '069, '828, and '407 patents, a person of ordinary skill in the art reading Dohil's disclosure of a rapidly disintegrating lozenge/tablet would have viewed the disintegration time for the lozenge/table as desirably being 30 seconds or less when tested via USP <701> Disintegration Test.

42. Dohil's use of the word "lozenge" to describe a rapidly dissolving solid composition of budesonide is appropriate because lozenges are typically used to formulate topical drugs that "have very few systemic adverse effects" and "treat[] local mouth diseases and sore throats." EX1017 (Danckwerts) at 181. As mentioned above, a primary symptom of EOE is difficulty swallowing due to inflammation of the throat/esophagus. *See* EX1033 (Teitelbaum) at 1218; EX1073 (Schoepfer) at 1478. As discussed in My First Declaration, budesonide was known to topically treat

inflammation of the esophagus. EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶43-58; EX1051 ¶¶43-58; EX1053 ¶¶47-62. Dohil's description of a rapidly dissolving "lozenge" in paragraph [0032] signals to the person of ordinary skill in the art that the formulation will rapidly dissolve to release budesonide to topically treat a patient's inflamed throat/esophagus.

43. The Davies Declaration asserts that Dohil's rapidly dissolving lozenge/tablet cannot include a disintegrant based on Danckwerts teaching that lozenges are typically manufactured without disintegrants. *See* EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶110 (citing EX1017 (Danckwerts) at 181 and EX2013 (Aulton) at 413); EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶108; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶109. However, Dohil expressly discloses using disintegrants in its formulations. *See* EX1002 (Dohil) ¶[0037] ("If desired, disintegrating agents may be added, such as the cross-linked polyvinylpyrrolidone, agar, or alginic acid or a salt thereof such as sodium alginate."). As explained in My First Declaration, it was known that the rapid disintegration of a lozenge or tablet is desirably aided by at least one disintegrating agent. *See* EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶123-127; EX1051 ¶¶127-131; EX1053 ¶175; EX1018 (Fu) at 446-47 (heading "Disintegrants Used in FDTs"). Also, several of the fast dissolving lozenges discussed above disclose using disintegrants in such formulations. *See* EX1076 (Martin) ¶[0064]; EX1077

(Mezaache) ¶[0010]; EX1078 (Augsburger) ¶¶[0083]-[0084], [0079], [0085]; EX1080 (Nikhilesh Singh) ¶¶[0061], [0083].

c. <u>Patients produce sufficient saliva to coat the esophagus</u>

44. The Davies Declaration asserts that Dohil requires a large volume (8-12 mL) of a viscous liquid to coat the esophagus, and that a patient's alleged saliva production of only 1-2 mL would provide an insufficient volume and viscosity to coat the esophagus with a rapidly dissolving lozenge or tablet. *See* EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶¶118, 120; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶¶116, 118; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶117, 119. I disagree for several reasons.

45. First, Dr. Davies' position is inconsistent with Dohil's express disclosure. Dohil discloses that 5 mL of a viscous liquid is sufficient to coat the esophagus; it does not state that 8-12 mL is required to coat the esophagus. *See* EX1002 ¶[0031] ("In general, in a liquid dose, the dosage may be provided in, for example ***5***-50 ml, or for example ***5***-40 ml, or for example ***5***-30 ml, or for example ***5***-25 ml, or for example 10-25 ml, or, in an illustrative example ***5***-15 ml. Those of ordinary skill in the art would be able to determine an appropriate palatable dosage that is of sufficient volume to deliver a therapeutically effective amount of corticosteroid to the esophagus.").

46. Second, Dr. Davies position is further inconsistent with Dohil's express teaching that its rapidly dissolving lozenge or tablet ***does*** "dissolve rapidly in the mouth or esophagus to produce a solution that can then coat the esophagus." EX1002 (Dohil)

¶[0032]. Dohil explains that its tablets "are formulated with at least one excipient to deliver a viscous form of the corticosteroid to the esophagus." *Id.* ¶[0013]. Such an excipient "increase[s] the resulting liquid viscosity of the dissolved tablet, enabling it to reach the esophagus, for example, to coat the esophagus." *Id.* ¶[0037] ("For dissolving tablets, appropriate excipients include those that increase the resulting liquid viscosity of the dissolved tablet, enabling it to reach the esophagus, for example, to coat the esophagus."); *id.* ¶[0043] ("Excipients, such as, for example, those listed herein, may be included in the composition to increase the viscosity of the delivered composition. The liquid viscosity may be increased in the oral form, or the excipient may increase the viscosity of the dissolved form of a tablet.").

47. Based on Dohil's express teachings, a person of ordinary skill in the art would have reasonably expected that the patient's saliva would successfully mix with the rapidly dissolving lozenge or tablet to produce a solution of sufficient volume and viscosity to coat the esophagus.

48. Third, the Davies Declaration mischaracterizes my deposition testimony as supposedly admitting that dissolving an "orally disintegrating composition [that] disintegrates in 60 seconds…. would only produce 1-2 mL [of] liquid." EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶118 (citing EX2011 at 50:17-24); EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶116; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶117. I actually testified that a

patient tends to ***swallow*** 1-2 mL of liquid at a time in response to a question asked by Ellodi's counsel containing two "ands" (thereby making it a three-part question):

> Q. A POSA would also know that this rapidly disintegrating or dissolving tablet would disintegrate quickly in the mouth ***and*** be swallowed ***and*** go straight to the stomach, correct?
>
> A. It would. It has to go through the esophagus. And it's a small volume of liquid, 1 to 2 mils. So it doesn't go down as a bolus. It goes down as a very slow amount.

EX2011 (My April 9, 2025 Deposition Transcript) at 50:17-24. The "1 to 2 mils" in my answer referred to the amount of saliva that is typically swallowed by a person. It was known that 1-2 mL of saliva triggers a swallowing reflex. *See* EX2005 (Iorgulescu) at 304 ("When the volume of saliva [in the oral cavity] is approximately 1.1 ml, a swallowing reflex is triggered.").

49. Counsel for Ellodi did not ask me how much saliva a patient produces ***when a lozenge or tablet is placed in the mouth***. It was known that placing a substance in the oral cavity (such as a lozenge or tablet) causes a patient's saliva production to increase to about 4-5 mL/min. *See* EX2005 (Iorgulescu) at 303 ("The whole unstimulated saliva flow rate is approximately 0.3-0.4 ml / min. This rate decreases to 0.1 ml / min during sleep ***and increases to about 4,0-5,0 ml / min during eating, chewing and other stimulating activities***."); *id.* at 304 ("***When a substance is placed in the oral cavity, the flow of saliva will increase*** depending on its taste, consistency

and concentration. When the volume of saliva is approximately 1.1 ml, a swallowing reflex is triggered. ***Salivary stimulation, dilution of tasting and swallowing will continue until the concentration of the tastings reaches a point where it ceases to stimulate salivary flow***.").

50. This 4-5 mL/min volume of saliva produced by placing a lozenge/tablet in a patient's mouth trickles slowly down the esophagus as it is swallowed approximately 1-2 mL at a time. *See* EX2005 (Iorgulescu) at 304 ("***When a substance is placed in the oral cavity, the flow of saliva will increase*** depending on its taste, consistency and concentration. ***When the volume of saliva is approximately 1.1 ml, a swallowing reflex is triggered***. Salivary stimulation, dilution of tasting and swallowing will continue until the concentration of the tastings reaches a point where it ceases to stimulate salivary flow."). A person of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized this volume of saliva to be sufficient to dissolve Dohil's lozenge or tablet and produce the viscous solution disclosed by Dohil that coats the esophagus. *See* EX1002 (Dohil) ¶¶[0032], [0013], [0037], [0043] (quoted above).

51. The Davies Declaration asserts that the esophageal transit time for a rapidly disintegrating oral tablet/lozenge is 1 to 2 seconds based on Cordova-Fraga (EX2020) as follows:

> Disintegration of the tablet and dissolution (drug release) occur near simultaneously, resulting in drug deposition on the esophagus within 1-2

> seconds of swallowing and before the disintegrated tablet passes to the stomach. EX2020, 5708 ("…liquid [esophageal transit time] lasts approximately 1 to 2 s…")

EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶47; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶47; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶47. I disagree that the esophageal transit time for Dohil's rapidly dissolving lozenge/tablet would be 1 to 2 seconds for several reasons. First, Cordova-Fraga states that the 1-2 second esophageal transit time for liquids applies only to healthy people, and that patients suffering from dysphagia or other esophageal diseases (which includes EOE) would likely have a different esophageal transit time:

> The esophageal transit time (ETT) reported for solid and semisolid meals is between 4 and 8 s, whereas liquid ETT lasts approximately 1 to 2 s ***in healthy people***.

EX2020 (Cordova-Fraga) at 5707.

> However, more studies assessing the ETT in older subjects and patients with different pathologies, such as gastroesophageal reflux, ***dysphagia***, ***esophagitis***, and achalasia, are necessary to determine the differences in ETT of healthy subjects versus patients. ***It is likely that the ETT will differ in patients with a clinical diagnosis of esophageal disease***.

EX2020 (Cordiva-Fraga) at 5709. Second, Dohil teaches that its rapidly dissolving lozenge/tablet includes a viscosity enhancer that delivers a viscous form of budesonide that coats the throat. *See* EX1002 (Dohil) ¶[0032] ("In other illustrative embodiments of the invention, the Budesonide is provided in the form of a lozenge which may be

dissolved in the mouth, ***thus reaching and coating the esophagus***. The lozenge or other similar tablet, capsule, or other solid, wo[u]ld dissolve rapidly in the mouth or esophagus to ***produce a solution that can then coat the esophagus***."); *id.* ¶[0037] ("For dissolving tablets, appropriate excipients include those that increase the resulting liquid viscosity of the dissolved tablet, enabling it to reach the esophagus, for example, to coat the esophagus."). The resulting viscous solution coats the esophagus and increases the mucosal contact time within the esophagus beyond 1-2 seconds. *See also* EX2006 (Miehlke) at 8 (explaining that a viscous oral solution increased "the mucosal contact time" of budesonide as compared with administration via a nebulized inhaler).

52. The Davies Declaration asserts that a person of ordinary skill in the art would not have followed Dohil's instruction to prepare a solid rapidly dissolving lozenge or tablet because such a lozenge/tablet would constitute a "fundamentally different formulation" with "dramatic mechanistic" differences than Dohil's liquid formulation. EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶¶75-76; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶¶73-74; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶74-75. I disagree. Dohil explains that its rapidly dissolving lozenge or tablet operates by dissolving "rapidly in the mouth or esophagus to produce a solution that can then coat the esophagus." EX1002 (Dohil) ¶[0032]; *see also id.* ¶¶[0013], [0037], [0043]. Dohil's rapidly dissolving lozenge/tablet and liquid formulations are both orally

administered and they both share a mechanistic principle of operation, which is to provide a solution of budesonide that coats the esophagus.

53. Dohil's solid formulation was expected to dissolve rapidly in the mouth to produce a solution that coats the esophagus. Dohil repeatedly explains that the excipients in its rapidly dissolving lozenge or tablet mix with the patient's saliva to produce a viscous solution containing budesonide that coats the esophagus. *See* EX1002 (Dohil) ¶[0032] ("The lozenge or other similar tablet, capsule, or other solid, wo[u]ld dissolve rapidly in the mouth or esophagus ***to produce a solution that can then coat the esophagus***."), ¶[0013] ("In certain embodiments, these tablets, wafers, and capsules are formulated ***with at least one excipient to deliver a viscous form of the corticosteroid to the esophagus***."), ¶[0037] ("***For dissolving tablets, appropriate excipients include those that increase the resulting liquid viscosity of the dissolved tablet, enabling it to reach the esophagus, for example, to coat the esophagus***."), ¶[0043] ("***Excipients, such as, for example, those listed herein, may be included in the composition to increase the viscosity of the delivered composition***."). Dohil's rapidly dissolving lozenges and tablets therefore provide an indirect way of forming a budesonide-containing liquid in the mouth, and that liquid is able to coat the esophagus.

d. The Davies Declaration misinterprets Dohil's alternative embodiments

54. Dohil discloses a rapidly dissolving lozenge/tablet that is dissolved ***in a patient's mouth***, and it also discloses an alternative embodiment where the lozenge is "ground or otherwise dissolved" ***in a liquid prior to administration*** for the minority of patients that "may have difficulty with a dissolving lozenge" as follows:

> The lozenge or other similar tablet, capsule, or other solid, wo[u]ld dissolve rapidly in the mouth or esophagus to produce a solution that can then coat the esophagus. ***Or***, for children or other patients that may have difficulty with a dissolving lozenge, the lozenge may be ground or otherwise dissolved in a small volume of water or other pharmaceutically suitable liquid, for example, reaching a total volume presented in embodiments herein.

EX1002 (Dohil) ¶[0032]. A person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that Dohil's rapidly dissolving lozenge/tablet that is dissolved ***in a patient's mouth*** is an alternative embodiment from grinding/dissolving a lozenge ***in a liquid prior to administration*** because these two embodiments are separated by the word "***Or***."

55. A person of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that Dohil's description of "children or other patients that may have difficulty with a dissolving lozenge" refers to a subpopulation of children/patients that may suffer dexterity, reflex, or other symptomatic issues leading to them having difficulty with a dissolving lozenge. EX1002 (Dohil) ¶[0032]. For this subpopulation of patients,

Dohil provides the alternative embodiment where the lozenge is "ground or otherwise dissolved in a small volume of water or other pharmaceutically suitable liquid" before administration. *Id.* Based on this alternative embodiment, the Davies Declaration argues that Dohil's rapidly dissolving lozenge or tablet cannot suggest an ODT because an ODT must not be ground or dissolved in liquid before administration. EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶109; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶107; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶108. I disagree with the Davies Declaration for reasons discussed in the following paragraph.

56. It is unsurprising that Dohil recognizes that ***not all patients*** will benefit from Dohil's ODT formulation. A person of ordinary skill in the art would understand, however, that ***many patients would*** be expected to benefit from Dohil's rapidly dissolving lozenge/tablet. As explained in My First Declaration, it was recognized that ODTs desirably provide convenience and improved compliance for many patients. *See* EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶65-73, 88-96; EX1051 ¶¶65-73, 89-97; EX1053 ¶¶69-86. The expectation that many patients would benefit from Dohil's rapidly dissolving lozenge/tablet is more than sufficient to motivate the person of ordinary skill in the art to follow Dohil's instruction to prepare a rapidly dissolving lozenge/tablet for treating EOE.

e. Dohil Teaches And Suggests The Dosages Recited In The Claims With An Expectation Of Success

57. The Davies Declaration asserts that a person of ordinary skill in the art cannot extrapolate dosage amounts from Dohil's successful treatment of EOE using the ***liquid*** formulations from Examples 1-3 because there are supposedly "different considerations" in formulating ***solid*** compositions. EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶121; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶119; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶120. I disagree for several reasons.

58. First, the Davies Declaration does not sufficiently articulate how any supposedly "different considerations" for a solid versus liquid formulation would be material to Dohil's budesonide dosages. As discussed above, Dohil explains that its rapidly dissolving lozenge or tablet operates by dissolving "rapidly in the mouth or esophagus to produce a solution that can then coat the esophagus." EX1002 (Dohil) ¶[0032]; *see also id.* ¶¶[0013], [0037], [0043]. Dohil's rapidly dissolving lozenge/tablet and liquid formulations are both orally administered and they both share a mechanistic principle of operation, which is to provide a solution of budesonide that coats the esophagus. Dohil does not indicate that considerations for dosage amounts differ between its solid and liquid formulations. In fact, as discussed in the next paragraph, Dohil indicates that the dosage amounts for these formulations have the same considerations.

59. Second, as explained in My First Declaration, Dohil teaches appropriate dosages for budesonide that apply to its solid formulations, which provides a reasonable expectation of success. *See* EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶120-122; EX1051 ¶¶124-126; EX1053 ¶¶111-112; *see also* EX1002 (Dohil) ¶[0015] ("The pharmaceutical composition in certain embodiments comprises a therapeutically effective amount of corticosteroid to prevent or alleviate esophageal inflammation. ***In certain embodiments, 1-2 mg or 2-3 mg or corticosteroid per day is administered to said individual***."); *id.* ¶[0031] ("In general however, a suitable dose may be in the range of from about 10 to 400 ug/kg of body weight per day, or for example, in the range of 20 to 300 ug/kg per day, or for example in the range of 30 to 200 ug/kg per day, or for example in the range of 30 to 100 ug/kg per day, or for example in the range of 35to 100 ug/kg per day, or for example in the range of 30-50 ug/kg per day, or for example in the range of 40-100 ug/kg/day, or for example in the range of 40-60 ug/kg/day, or in an illustrative embodiment in the range of 35-60 ug/kg/day."). A POSA would have understood that the dosage amounts discussed in Dohil ¶[0031] apply to the lozenge/tablet that are discussed in the very next paragraph of Dohil, ¶[0032]. Similarly, a POSA would have understood that the dosage amounts for the "pharmaceutical composition" provided in Dohil ¶[0015] apply to the "pharmaceutical composition" discussed in

the preceding paragraph ¶[0013], including the "dissolving tablet" and "dissolving wafer" disclosed in Dohil ¶[0013].

60. Third, the person of ordinary skill in the art's expectation of success is supported by several FDA-approved prior art examples of solid ODT formulations that have the same drug dosage amount as the corresponding liquid formulation. For example:

- CLARITIN® (loratidine) ODT and liquid syrup are dosed at 10 mg. *See* EX1089 (Claritin Package Insert) at 2.
- ZOFRAN® (ondansetron) ODT and oral solution are both dosed at either 4 or 8 mg and are bioequivalent. *See* EX1090 (Zofran Package Insert) at 5:125-128.
- CLARINEX® (desloratadine) ODT and liquid syrup are dosed at 5 mg. *See* EX1091 (Clarinex Package Insert) at 19.
- PEPCID® (famotidine) ODT and oral suspension are dosed at 40 mg and are bioequivalent. *See* EX1092 (Pepcid Package Insert) at 1-2.

f. <u>Dohil Teaches And Suggests The Claimed Methods Of Treatment</u>

61. The Davies Declaration repeats its previous assertion that Dohil does not teach or suggest the claimed orally disintegrating composition. *See* EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶123; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶121; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶122. I disagree for at least the reasons discussed above.

62. The Davies Declaration also repeats its previous assertion that Dohil does not provide an expectation of success in achieving the volume or viscosity required to cover the esophagus. *See* EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶124; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶122; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶123. I disagree for at least the reasons discussed above.

2. Grother In View Of The FDA Guidance Renders Obvious The Challenged Claims Of Ground 2

63. My First Declaration provided a thorough obviousness analysis for the challenged claims of Ground 2 based on Grother in view of the FDA Guidance. *See* EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶191-282; EX1051 ¶¶235-362; EX1053 ¶¶190-311. I provide the following response to the Davies Declaration regarding Grother and the FDA Guidance for Ground 2 in the following paragraphs.

a. Grother And The FDA Guidance Teach, Suggest, And Motivate Formulating Orally Disintegrating Compositions/Tablets

64. As discussed in My First Declaration, Grother teaches an ODT formulation, EX1008 (Grother) at 12:10-19, and further teaches that any drug can be used in the formulation, including "budesonide" and "fluticasone." *Id.* at 15:19-20, 18:15-18; EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶194-205; EX1051 ¶¶238-252; EX1053 ¶¶194-201. Grother's express instruction to use budesonide and fluticasone in its ODT formulation teaches, suggests, and motivates their use in Grother's ODT.

65. The Davies Declaration accuses me of "arbitrarily select[ing] budesonide from the hundreds of disclosed drugs" within Grother. EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶131; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶129; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶130. But I did not arbitrarily select budesonide to include in Grother's ODT formulation. Rather, Grother itself instructs that budesonide should be used in its ODT formulation. *See* EX1008 (Grother) at 15:19-20, 18:15-18.

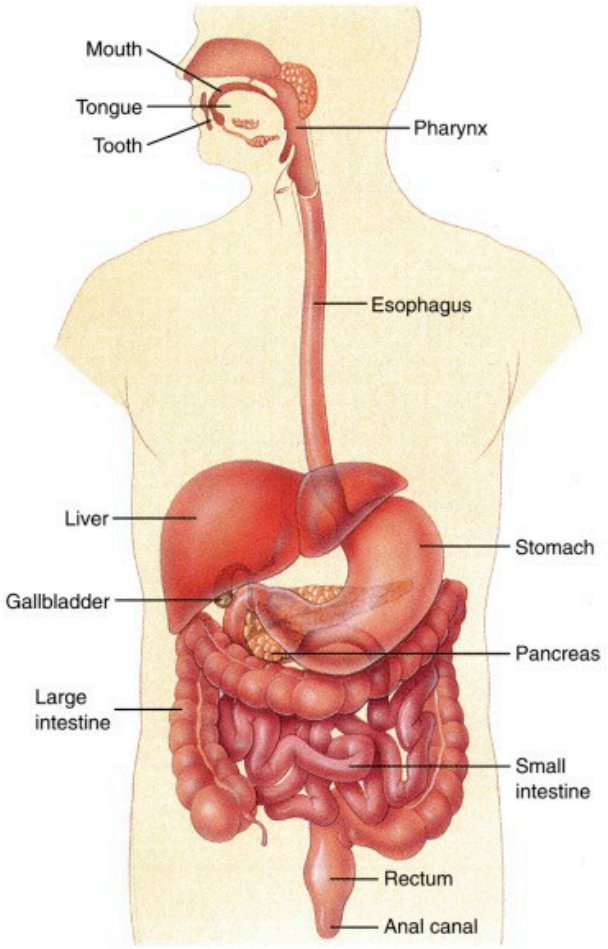
66. The Davies Declaration seeks to diminish Grother's instruction to use budesonide because it is included amongst "hundreds of drugs listed in Grother," EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶131; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶129; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶130. The Davies Declaration also seeks to diminish Grother's instruction to use budesonide because Grother "does not highlight or point out any particular class of drugs for its ODT formulation." EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶130; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶128; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶129. I understand that Grother is relevant for all it discloses and that Grother must be considered for its ability to suggest formulations to the person of ordinary skill in the art. Grother's express instruction to use budesonide in its ODT formulation is more than sufficient to motivate the person of ordinary skill in the art to use budesonide in Grother's ODT formulation. In addition, Grother's instruction to use budesonide in its ODT formulation is

reinforced by at least three other prior art references that also teach the use of budesonide and/or fluticasone in ODTs: (1) Dohil (EX1002), (2) Cherukuri (EX1036), and (3) Singh (EX1035). *See* EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶52-58, 97-105 (discussing EX1002, EX1035, EX1036); EX1051 ¶¶52-58, 98-106; EX1053 ¶¶56-62, 87-95.

67. The Davies Declaration asserts that a person of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to select budesonide because Grother does not "distinguish between systemic and topical drugs or acknowledge any difference between systemic and topical corticosteroids." EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶130; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶128; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶129. As discussed above, Grother expressly instructs the person of ordinary skill in the art to use budesonide in its ODT formulation. As explained in My First Declaration, the background knowledge of the person of ordinary skill in the art included knowledge that budesonide was a potent topically acting drug that successfully treats inflammation of the gastrointestinal tract, including EOE. EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶43-58; EX1051 ¶¶43-58; EX1053 ¶¶47-62. If Grother had to explain all of the background knowledge held by the person of ordinary skill in the art, then the reference would need to be written as a comprehensive tutorial/treatise for a layperson (and likely be hundreds of pages

long), instead of being a concise document directed to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

68. The Davies Declaration asserts that there was no motivation or reasonable expectation of success in using Grother's ODT to treat inflammation of the esophagus because Grother doesn't state that its ODT is capable of topically depositing a drug in the upper gastrointestinal tract. EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶¶127, 136-137; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶¶125, 134-135; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶126, 132. The person of ordinary skill in the art would not require such an express statement to understand that Grother's ODT formulation would desirably deposit budesonide topically in the upper gastrointestinal tract because Grother teaches that its ODT formulation rapidly releases the drug in a patient's oral cavity, which was known to deposit the drug in the upper gastrointestinal tract. *See* EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶211-213; EX1051 ¶¶283-286; EX1053 ¶¶218-219; EX1008 (Grother) at 3:18-22, 1:10-11, 32:10. When Grother's ODT releases a drug in the patient's oral cavity, it deposits the drug in the upper gastrointestinal tract because the oral cavity (mouth) is part of the upper gastrointestinal tract. It further deposits the drug topically on the esophagus when the patient swallows saliva containing the disintegrated tablet and dissolved drug. The following figure illustrates components of the upper gastrointestinal tract, including the mouth, esophagus and stomach:



69. In addition, the person of ordinary skill in the art reviewing the FDA Guidance would appreciate that ODTs are designed and expected to deposit drugs in the upper gastrointestinal tract. The FDA Guidance explains that ODTs are "ingested simply by placing them on the tongue" and "disintegrate or dissolve rapidly on contact with saliva." *See* EX1005 (FDA Guidance) at 1 ("In an effort to develop drug products that are more convenient to use and to address potential issues of patient compliance for certain product indications and patient populations, ***pharmaceutical manufacturers have developed products that can be ingested simply by placing them on the tongue. The products are designed to disintegrate***

or dissolve rapidly on contact with saliva, thus eliminating the need to chew the tablet, swallow an intact tablet, or take the tablet with liquids.”). Placement of an ODT on a patient’s tongue takes place in the patient’s mouth, which is part of the upper gastrointestinal tract. A person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that the ODT contacts saliva in the patient’s mouth, which causes the ODT to disintegrate/dissolve and deposit the drug in the mouth. ODTs were therefore reasonably expected to deposit a drug, such as budesonide, in the mouth (which is part of the upper gastrointestinal tract) and deliver the drug to the esophagus when the patient swallows, which would therefore treat inflammation of the esophagus.

b. <u>There was a reasonable expectation of success based on Grother in view of the FDA Guidance.</u>

70. The Davies Declaration asserts that a person of ordinary skill in the art would not have reasonably expected to formulate an orally disintegrating pharmaceutical composition containing budesonide or fluticasone that would topically deposit these drugs in the upper gastrointestinal tract because there are supposedly different considerations in formulating systemic drugs in ODTs than topical drugs. EX2007 (Davies ’069 Declaration) ¶133; EX2007 (Davies ’828 Declaration) ¶131; EX2007 (Davies ’407 Declaration) ¶132. I disagree for several reasons.

71. First, a POSA would understand that whether a drug acts topically or systemically often depends on the properties of the specific drug rather than the formulation of the drug.

72. Second, the Davies Declaration does not articulate how any supposedly different consideration is material to (or would override) Grother's express instruction that "[a]ny drug may be used" in its ODT, including "budesonide" and "fluticasone." EX1008 (Grother) at 15:19-20, 18:15-18; EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶192-205; EX1051 ¶¶236-251; EX1053 ¶¶191, 193-201.

73. Third, the expectation of successfully formulating an orally disintegrating pharmaceutical composition containing budesonide or fluticasone that would topically deposit these drugs in the upper gastrointestinal tract based on Grother is reinforced by other prior art references that likewise provide an express instruction to use budesonide and/or fluticasone in ODTs, including Dohil (EX1002), Cherukuri (EX1036), and Singh (EX1035). *See* EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶52-58, 97-105 (discussing EX1002, EX1035, EX1036); EX1051 ¶¶52-58, 98-106; EX1053 ¶¶56-62, 87-95.

74. Fourth, the specification of the challenged patent admits that orally disintegrating compositions are prepared via a "conventional granulator," a "conventional oven," and a "conventional rotary tablet press." EX1001 (the '069 patent) at 16:57-17:2; EX1001 (the '828 patent) at 16:60-17:5; EX1001 (the '407

patent) at 16:58-17:3. A person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that the same conventional equipment may be used to formulate both topically and systemically acting dosage forms. The specification does not provide any special guidance or contribution to the field required to formulate the claimed orally disintegrating compositions, which indicates that the person of ordinary skill in the art would have reasonably expected to be able to formulate the claimed invention based on the knowledge held by the person of ordinary skill in the art.

c. Grother And The FDA Guidance Render Obvious The Claimed Dosages

75. The Davies Declaration asserts that a person of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to arrive at the claimed dosage amounts with a reasonable expectation of success because there are supposedly different considerations in formulating solid ODTs with topical drugs than liquid formulations, enterically coated tablets, and rectal foam. *See* EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶134; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶132; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶133. I disagree for several reasons.

76. First, the Davies Declaration agrees that "there is no dispute that budesonide, fluticasone, or other topical corticosteroids could be used to treat inflammation of the upper gastrointestinal tract." EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶65; *id.* ¶77 ("there is no dispute that budesonide was known for treating inflammatory conditions of the gastrointestinal tract, including the upper

gastrointestinal tract"); EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶¶63, 75; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶64, 76. In order for budesonide, fluticasone, and other topical corticosteroids to be known to treat conditions of the upper gastrointestinal tract, the dosage amount of those corticosteroids would also be known. In view of there being no dispute that budesonide, fluticasone, and other topical corticosteroids were known for treating inflammation of the upper gastrointestinal tract, then the person of ordinary skill in the art would have reasonably expected that budesonide could be dosed at appropriate amounts to treat inflammation of the upper gastrointestinal tract.

77. Second, the Davies Declaration does not articulate how any supposedly "different considerations" for a solid ODT versus liquid formulation, enterically coated tablets, or rectal foam would be material to the dosage amount of corticosteroid used in Grother's ODT formulation.

78. Third (and contrary to Dr. Davies' assertions otherwise[4]), My First Declaration provided an explanation why a person of ordinary skill in the art would

[4] *See* EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶135 (incorrectly asserting that I "conclusively state[] that a POSA would have a reasonable expectation of success, but does not explain why or how"); EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶133; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶134.

have been motivated to formulate Grother's ODTs with budesonide at, e.g., 0.5, 1, and 3 mg, with a reasonable expectation of success based on Grother's instruction that its compositions should normally have 1-20% by weight active ingredient and the general knowledge in the art that topically administrable formulations of budesonide typically contain, e.g., 0.5, 1, and 3 mg of budesonide. *See, e.g.,* EX1050 (My First '069 Declaration) ¶¶200-205; EX1051 ¶¶244-252; EX1053 ¶¶196-201.

79. Fourth, the person of ordinary skill in the art's expectation of success is supported by numerous prior art FDA-approved examples of solid ODT formulations having the same drug dosage as the corresponding liquid formulation. *See, supra* Section C.1.e.

80. Fifth, the challenged patent fails to distinguish between different dosage amounts across different formulations. *See, e.g.,* EX1001 (the '069 patent) at 7:32-8:7; EX1001 (the '828 patent) at 7:32-8:7; EX1001 (the '407 patent) at 7:31-8:6. The specification does not provide any special guidance or contribution to the field required to formulate the claimed dosage amounts for orally disintegrating compositions, which indicates that the person of ordinary skill in the art would have reasonably expected to be able to formulate the claimed invention based on the knowledge held by the person of ordinary skill in the art.

3. Dohil In Combination With Venkatesh Renders Obvious The Challenged Claims Of Ground 3 For The '407 Patent

81. The Venkatesh reference (EX1020) and the '407 patent share co-inventor Dr. Gopi M. Venkatesh. I understand that the Venkatesh reference (EX1020) was assigned to Adare Pharmaceuticals, which changed its name to Ellodi Pharmaceuticals in 2020. As discussed in My First '407 Declaration, Venkatesh (EX1020) previously disclosed the same limitations that Ellodi later claimed in claims 5-15 and 20 of the '407 patent. *See* EX1053 (My First '407 Declaration) ¶¶313-374.

82. The Davies Declaration asserts that Venkatesh requires taste-masking by coating microparticles with a water-insoluble polymer, and it argues this coating prevents Dohil's corticosteroid from being topically deposited in the upper GI tract. *See* EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶140-141, 147-148. I disagree for reasons discussed below.

83. First, the '407 patent and Venkatesh incorporate-by-reference another of Adare/Ellodi's patents, U.S. 6,139,865 ("the '865 patent" or "Friend," EX1085).[5] *See* EX1001 (the '407 patent) at 2:37-39 ("All documents (e.g., patents, patent

[5] The '865 patent was assigned Adare Pharmaceuticals, EX1086 (Assignment for '865 patent), which changed its name to Ellodi Pharmaceuticals in 2020, EX1074 (Assignment for '729 patent).

publication, journal articles, etc.) cited in the present application are incorporated by reference in their entirety for all purposes."), *id.* at 14:65-67 ("Examples of such a coacervation process are disclosed in U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,252,337, 5,639,475, ***6,139,865*** and 6,495,160."); EX1020 (Venkatesh) ¶[0012] (U.S. 6,139,865 "is incorporated in its entirety by reference"), ¶[0027] ("Examples of such a coacervation process are disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 6,139,865, which is incorporated in its entirety by reference.").

84. In the '865 patent, Adare/Ellodi explained that taste-masking with a water-insoluble polymer does ***not*** prevent topical disposition of drug in the upper gastrointestinal tract. Rather, the taste-masking allows the drug to be released "virtually immediate[ly]" and "shortly" after passage through the mouth such that the drug is deposited in the upper gastrointestinal tract:

- "Although the use of polymeric materials, particularly cellulosic polymers, to taste mask bittertasting drugs is known, as noted above, the present invention provides for far more effective taste masking than previously possible, using high coating levels ***while nevertheless achieving virtually immediate release of drug***." EX1085 (the '865 patent) at 2:65-3:3.
- "The composition comprises microcapsules of drug ***and a substantially water-insoluble polymeric material, typically a cellulosic polymer***. The microcapsule composition may be incorporated into any number of pharmaceutical formulations, including chewable tablets, effervescent tablets, powders, liquid

> dispersions, and the like. A method for masking the taste of drugs is also provided, involving a phase separation coacervation technique in which drug is coated with relatively high levels of a polymeric material. These high coating levels give rise to effective taste masking, while nevertheless allowing targeted release of drug, ***so that the drug is released shortly after passage through the mouth***." *Id.* at Abstract.

- "In this way, the invention provides for extremely effective taste masking ***while also providing for release of drug shortly after the drug passes through the mouth***." *Id.* at 1:66-2:2.
- "Accordingly, it is a primary object of the invention to address the above-mentioned need in the art by providing taste-masked microcapsules for oral administration of a drug, preferably a water-soluble drug, wherein the microcapsules have high coating levels but are nevertheless ***effective to achieve rapid release of drug***." *Id.* at 3:6-11

85. The Adare/Ellodi '865 patent explains that the water-insoluble coating has a porous structure that facilitates the rapid release of the drug from the microparticles:

> Although the present invention is not limited by any theory of operation, it is believed that the polymeric walls of the microcapsules, particularly those formed by coacervation, ***typically have pores***. It is further believed that drug dissolution from the microcapsules occurs through these pores. ***Thus, it is believed that water enters the pores and forms a highly concentrated solution of drug and water inside the***

> ***microcapsule, and that the resulting concentration gradient from the highly concentrated solution to the surrounding aqueous fluid drives diffusion of the drug out through the pores to the surrounding aqueous fluid***. Another mechanism of release which is believed to occur is breakage of the coating on the microcapsule, possibly caused or promoted by swelling of the core material due absorption of water.

Id. at 9:31-44; *see also id.* at 7:52-56 ("As further discussed below, ***it is believed that release of the drug from the microcapsules principally involves pores in the coating*** rather than diffusion of the drug through the first polymeric material itself."); *id.* at 15:60-63 (Claim 6. "The taste-masked microcapsule composition of claim 5 ***wherein said coacervated polymeric material has pores therein and said microcapsules are adapted to release the drug by diffusion through said pores***.").

86. The Adare/Ellodi '865 patent further teaches that the release rate for a particular drug can be adjusted. *Id.* at 9:54-55 ("Regardless of the reasons for these effects, these effects can be used to adjust the release rate for a particular drug."). For example, the '865 patent teaches that "[it] will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that the cooling rate can be varied to optimize properties of the microcapsules, e.g., with respect to aggregation, flowability and release profile." *Id.* at 5:37-41. Drug release is virtually complete within a matter of minutes. *Id.* at 8:42-47 ("The process parameters, microcapsule components, and relative quantities of components described hereinabove will generally provide a "targeted" release profile, i.e., ***wherein drug release does not generally occur in the mouth, but does***

occur very shortly thereafter, and is virtually complete within a matter of minutes.").

87. Taste-masking that provides for drug release "virtually immediate[ly]" and "shortly" after passage through the mouth is fully compatible with releasing and depositing the drug in the upper gastrointestinal tract, including the esophagus. For example, Dohil teaches that its rapidly dissolving lozenge/tablet includes a viscosity enhancer that delivers a viscous form of budesonide that coats the throat. *See* EX1002 (Dohil) ¶[0032] ("In other illustrative embodiments of the invention, the Budesonide is provided in the form of a lozenge which may be dissolved in the mouth, ***thus reaching and coating the esophagus***. The lozenge or other similar tablet, capsule, or other solid, wo[u]ld dissolve rapidly in the mouth or esophagus to ***produce a solution that can then coat the esophagus***."); *id.* ¶[0037] ("For dissolving tablets, appropriate excipients include those that increase the resulting liquid viscosity of the dissolved tablet, enabling it to reach the esophagus, for example, to coat the esophagus."). The viscous solution resulting from Dohil's rapidly dissolving lozenge/tablet coats the esophagus and increases the mucosal contact time of the viscous solution with the esophagus so that drug will be released from the taste-mask coating to the esophageal tissue virtually immediately upon contact, and certainly within a matter of minutes.

88. The '407 patent repeatedly teaches that taste-masking via coating with water-insoluble polymers is compatible with rapidly dissolving tablets of

corticosteroids to treat inflammation of the esophagus. *See* EX1001 (the '407 patent) at 14:14-22, 14:40-15:22, 17:4-36 (all discussing taste-masking via coating). As mentioned above, the '407 patent incorporates-by-reference Venkatesh. The assertion in the Davies Declaration that taste-masking prevents a drug from contacting the esophagus is not supported by the '407 specification, Venkatesh, or '865 patent. Instead, a person of ordinary skill in the art would have expected Venkatesh's taste-mask coating to beneficially prevent the drug from contacting the tastebuds within the patient's mouth and then release the drug "virtually immediate[ly]" after it passes through the mouth thereby allowing the drug to contact the esophagus. *See* EX1085 (the '865 patent) at Abstract, 1:67-2:2, 2:65-3:3 (quoted above).

89. As discussed in My First '407 Declaration, a person of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to turn to Venkatesh in formulating Dohil's rapidly dissolving lozenge or tablet with a reasonable expectation of success based on the detailed disclosures within Venkatesh regarding the manufacture of such rapidly dissolving formulations, as well as the disclosures within Venkatesh detailing how to prepare such formulations with a pleasant taste and smooth creamy mouthfeel to provide better compliance with dosing regimens and, as a consequence, enhanced therapy. *See, e.g.,* EX1053 (My First '407 Declaration) ¶¶328-329, 335, 340, 370-374.

a. Dohil And Venkatesh Render Obvious Claims 5-15 And 20 Of The '407 Patent

90. For claims 5-15 and 20 of the '407 patent, the Davies Declaration repeats its argument that Venkatesh's taste-masking would prevent the drug from being deposited in the upper gastrointestinal tract. *See* EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶149. I disagree for reasons discussed above.

4. Grother, FDA Guidance, and Venkatesh Render Obvious The Challenged Claims Of Ground 4 For The '407 Patent

91. The Davies '407 Declaration repeats its argument that Venkatesh's taste-masking would prevent the drug from being deposited in the upper gastrointestinal tract. *See* EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶153, 158-159. I disagree for reasons discussed above.

92. The Davies Declaration asserts there is no motivation for a person of ordinary skill in the art to look to Venkatesh. *See* EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶155. As discussed in My First '407 Declaration, a person of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to turn to Venkatesh in formulating Grother's ODT's with a reasonable expectation of success based on the detailed disclosures within Venkatesh regarding the manufacture of such rapidly dissolving formulations and how to formulate ODTs having a pleasant taste and smooth creamy mouthfeel that leads to better compliance with dosing regimen and as a consequence, to enhanced therapy. *See* EX1053 (My First '407 Declaration) ¶¶387-388, 393, 398, 431-436.

a. Grother, the FDA Guidance, and Venkatesh render obvious claims 5-15, 20, and 26 of the '407 patent

93. For claims 5-15, 20 and 26 of the '407 patent, the Davies '407 Declaration repeats its argument that Venkatesh's taste-masking would prevent the drug from being deposited in the upper gastrointestinal tract. *See* EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶160. I disagree for reasons discussed above.

D. RESPONSES TO DR. DAVIES'S OPINIONS REGARDING SECONDARY CONSIDERATIONS OF NONOBVIOUSNESS (OBJECTIVE INDICIA OF NONOBVIOUSNESS)

94. The Davies Declaration includes assertions regarding "objective indicia of nonobviousness," which I understand are also referred to as "secondary considerations of nonobviousness." EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶¶138-141; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶¶136-139; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶161-165. In particular, the Davies Declaration asserts that the claimed orally dispersing tablets of budesonide (or, for the '407 patent, topically administrable corticosteroids) are unexpectedly safe and effective compared to the prior art. EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶¶138-141; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶¶136-139; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶162-165. I disagree with the assertions in the Davies Declaration.

1. Legal Standards

95. I understand that evidence of secondary considerations of nonobviousness, such as unexpected results, can support nonobviousness.

96. Regarding unexpected results, I understand that to support nonobviousness, the purported evidence of unexpected results must have a sufficient legal and factual connection to the claims. I also understand that the purported evidence of unexpected results must be commensurate with the scope of the challenged claims. I understand that this required connection between the purported unexpected results and the challenged claims is referred to as a "nexus."

97. I also understand that when unexpected results are used as evidence of nonobviousness, the results must be shown to be unexpected compared to the closest prior art.

2. The Davies Declaration's Assertions And Opinions Regarding Unexpected Results Are Flawed For Several Reasons

a. The Davies Declaration Fails To Show A Nexus Between The Purported Unexpected Results And The Claimed Orally Dispersing Tablets

98. The Davies Declaration asserts that a study funded by the Petitioner (Dr. Falk Pharma) showed that an effervescent tablet formulation of budesonide was surprisingly safe and efficacious compared to liquid formulations of budesonide. EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶¶139-140 (*citing* EX2006 (Miehlke)); EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶¶137-138; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶163-164. In addition, for the '407 patent, the Davies Declaration also asserts that clinical trials conducted by Patent Owner (Ellodi Pharmaceuticals) showed that orally

disintegrating tablets containing 1.5 mg and 3 mg fluticasone were surprisingly efficacious compared to liquid formulations of budesonide. EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶162 (*citing* EX2002 (Dellon)). As discussed below, the Davies Declaration, Miehlke, and Dellon fail to show (i) that the effervescent tablet formulation of budesonide used in the Miehlke study and the orally disintegrating tablets used in the Dellon study met all the limitations of the challenged claims, and (ii) that purported unexpected results from the Miehlke study and Dellon study are commensurate with the full scope of all the ODTs covered by the challenged claims. The Davies Declaration therefore fails to show a nexus between the study results and the challenged claims.

i. The Davies Declaration, Miehlke, and Dellon Fail To Show That The Effervescent Tablet Formulation Of Budesonide Used In The Miehlke Study And The Orally Disintegrating Tablets Of Fluticasone Used In the Dellon Study Met All The Limitations Of The Challenged Claims

99. The Davies Declaration, Miehlke, and Dellon fail to show that the effervescent tablet formulation of budesonide used in the Miehlke study and the orally disintegrating tablets of fluticasone used in the Dellon study met all the limitations of the challenged claims of the challenged patents. For example, the Davies Declaration, Miehlke, and Dellon fail to show that the effervescent tablet formulation of budesonide used in the Miehlke study and the orally disintegrating

tablets of fluticasone used in the Dellon study "disintegrates within 60 seconds in simulated saliva when tested using the USP <701> Disintegration Test," as required by each of the challenged claims. EX1001 (the '069 patent) at 18:54-56; EX1001 (the '828 patent) at 18:61-63; EX1001 (the '407 patent) at 18:59-63; EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶¶139-140; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶¶137-138; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶162-164; EX2006 (Miehlke); EX2002 (Dellon). While Miehlke states that the formulation is an "effervescent tablet for orodispersible use," there is no statement that it disintegrates within 60 seconds in simulated saliva when tested using the USP <701> Disintegration Test. *See* EX2006. Similarly, there is no statement in Dellon that the orally disintegrating tablets of fluticasone disintegrate within 60 seconds (or 30 seconds) when tested using the USP <701> Disintegration Test. *See* EX2002.

100. Moreover, the Davies Declaration, Miehlke, and Dellon fail to show that the effervescent tablet formulation of budesonide used in the Miehlke study or the orally disintegrating tablets of fluticasone used in the Dellon study includes any of the excipients required by claims 3-8 of the '069 patent, claims 1-16 of the '828 patent, or claims 5-42 of the '407 patent. EX1001 ('069 patent) at 18:60-19:12; EX1001 (the '828 patent) at 18:50-20:16; EX1001 ('407 patent) at 19:6-22:18; EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶¶139-140; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶¶137-138; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶162-164; EX2006 (Miehlke);

EX2002 (Dellon). In addition, for the ’407 patent, the Davies Declaration, Miehlke, and Dellon fail to show that the effervescent tablet formulation of budesonide used in the Miehlke study or the orally disintegrating tablets of fluticasone used in the Dellon study includes the drug particles and granules required by claims 5-42 of the ’407 patent. EX1001 (’407 patent) at 19:6-22:18; EX2007 (Davies ’407 Declaration) ¶¶162-164; EX2006 (Miehlke); EX2002 (Dellon).

ii. <u>The Davies Declaration, Miehlke, And Dellon Fail To Show That The Purported Unexpected Results From Miehlke And Dellon Are Commensurate With The Full Scope Of The Challenged Claims</u>

101. Even if the effervescent tablet formulation of budesonide used in the Miehlke study and the orally disintegrating tablets of fluticasone used in the Dellon study met all the limitations of the challenged claims (which the Davies Declaration has not shown), the Davies Declaration, Miehlke, and Dellon fail to show that the purported unexpected results from the studies are commensurate with the full scope of all ODTs covered by the challenged claims. The lowest budesonide dosage used in the Miehlke study was 2 mg per day (two 1 mg tablets per day), and the fluticasone dosages used in the Dellon study were limited to 1.5 mg and 3 mg, while claims from the ’069 and ’828 patents encompass tablet formulations with budesonide amounts as low as 0.5 mg, and the claims from the ’407 patent cover formulations with less than or equivalent to about 20 mg of corticosteroid. EX2006 (Miehlke);

EX1001 (’069 patent) at 18:48; EX1001 (the ’828 patent) at 18:50-51; EX1001 (the ’407 patent) at 18:52-54.

b. <u>The Davies Declaration Fails To Compare The Claimed Orally Dispersing Tablets Of Budesonide And Fluticasone To The Closest Prior Art</u>

102. Even if the effervescent tablet formulation of budesonide used in the Miehlke study and the orally disintegrating tablets of fluticasone used in the Dellon study met all the limitations of the challenged claims (which the Davies Declaration has not shown), and even if the study results were commensurate with the scope of the challenged claims (which the Davies Declaration has not shown), the Davies Declaration still fails to show that the results were unexpected compared to the closest prior art.

103. The Davies Declaration asserts that the effervescent tablet formulation of budesonide used in the Miehlke study and orally disintegrating tablets of fluticasone used in the Dellon study showed unexpected safety and efficacy compared to liquid formulations of budesonide. EX2007 (Davies ’069 Declaration) ¶¶139-140; EX2007 (Davies ’828 Declaration) ¶¶137-138; EX2007 (Davies ’407 Declaration) ¶¶162-165. However, the closest prior art is not ***liquid*** formulations of budesonide, but, as taught in Dohil, ***solid*** formulations of budesonide in the form of rapidly dissolving lozenges and tablets. EX1002 (Dohil) ¶[0032]. In my assessment, solid formulations of budesonide in the form of rapidly dissolving

lozenges and tablets are closer to the claimed orally dispersing tablets because, in contrast to liquid formulations, they are both solid, and they both dissolve or disintegrate in the mouth to release the budesonide active ingredient.

104. My assessment of the closest prior art is supported by the European Patent Office. I understand that in an opposition proceeding, the EPO determined that Dohil rendered obvious claims in EP2482822, which is related to the '069 patent. EX1004 ¶¶33-36.9; EX1003.

105. The EPO determined that Dohil is "the closest prior art as it is also directed to oral dosage forms comprising corticosteroids for the topical treatment of the upper GI tract, e.g., of the esophagus." EX1004 ¶36.1 (citing EX1002 ¶¶[0010]-[0013]). The EPO also determined that "the dosage forms disclosed in [Dohil] [0032] represent the closest starting point to the claimed subject-matter, as the dosage form in [0032] and the claimed ODT [orally dispersing tablet] have the same release mechanism." *Id.* ¶36.3. The EPO also determined that Dohil "clearly describes a lozenge or similar tablet, which rapidly dissolves in the mouth," and includes "an excipient which facilitates their dispersion and dissolution." EX1004 ¶¶26.4-26.5; EX1002 ¶[0032]. The EPO thus concluded that the solid formulations of budesonide in the form of rapidly dissolving lozenges and tablets were the "closest starting point to the claimed subject matter." EX1004 ¶36.3; EX1002 (Dohil) ¶[0032].

c. The Davies Declaration's Assertions Regarding The Supposed Safety And Efficacy Results A POSA Would Not Have Expected From The Claimed Orally Dispersing Tablets Of Budesonide Are Flawed

106. Even if liquid formulations of budesonide were the closest prior art (which they were not), the Davies Declaration still fails to show evidence of unexpected results that supports nonobviousness because the Davies Declaration's assertions regarding the supposed safety and efficacy results a person of ordinary skill in the art would not have expected from the claimed orally dispersing tablets of budesonide are unsupported.

i. The Davies Declaration's Assertions Regarding Unexpected Safety Are Unsupported

107. The Davies Declaration asserts that a person of ordinary skill in the art would not have expected the claimed orally dispersing tablets of budesonide and fluticasone to be as safe as liquid formulations of budesonide. EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶139-141; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶¶137-139; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶162-165. The Davies Declaration asserts that the incidence of candidiasis in patients who received the effervescent tablet formulation of budesonide and orally disintegrating tablets of fluticasone used in the studies were similar to the incidence of candidiasis in patients who received liquid formulations of budesonide in earlier studies. EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶141; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶139; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶165. The

Davies Declaration asserts that a person of ordinary skill in the art would not have expected this outcome because the effervescent tablet formulation of budesonide "would have been held in the subject's mouth for longer than the liquid formulations and increased budesonide contact in the mouth." EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶¶139-141; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶¶137-139; *see also* EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶164-165. I disagree with his opinion on unexpected results.

108. The Davies Declaration provides no evidentiary support for the assertion that a person of ordinary skill in the art would have understood a patient's risk of developing candidiasis would be materially greater when receiving the claimed orally dispersing tablets of budesonide and fluticasone compared to receiving liquid formulations of budesonide. And, in my assessment, the evidence undercuts this assertion. As I explained above and previously, Dohil teaches solid formulations of budesonide in the form of rapidly dissolving lozenges and tablets. EX1002 (Dohil) ¶[0032]. While in my assessment the POSA would understand that Dohil's budesonide lozenges and tablets that "dissolve rapidly" would be held in a subject's mouth for about the same length of time as a liquid budesonide formulation, the Davies Declaration asserts that Dohil's lozenges and tablets would remain in a subject's mouth for 2-3 minutes. EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶103; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶101; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration)

¶103. Thus, according to the Davies Declaration, Dohil's lozenges and tablets would remain in the subject's mouth for several minutes, but Dohil does not state or suggest that a subject's risk of developing candidiasis (or any other side effect) would be any greater when receiving the lozenges or tablets compared to receiving liquid formulation of budesonide. *See* EX1002 (Dohil) ¶¶[0013], [0032], [0035], [0037].

109. As discussed above, a person of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to have Dohil's rapidly dissolving lozenge/tablet disintegrate within 30 seconds, which is a short amount of time and would have been expected to minimize the chance of developing candidiasis (an oral yeast infection).

ii. <u>The Davies Declaration's Assertions Regarding Unexpected Efficacy Are Unsupported</u>

110. The Davies Declaration also asserts that a person of ordinary skill in the art would not have expected the claimed orally dispersing tablets of budesonide and fluticasone to treat EOE as effectively as liquid formulations of budesonide. EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶139-140; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶¶137-138; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶162-165. The Davies Declaration asserts that the efficacy of the effervescent tablet formulation of budesonide used in the Miehlke study and the orally disintegrating tablets of fluticasone used in the Dellon study were similar to the efficacy of liquid formulations of budesonide. EX2007 (Davies '069 Declaration) ¶¶140-141; EX2007 (Davies '828 Declaration) ¶¶138-139; EX2007 (Davies '407 Declaration) ¶¶162-165. The Davies Declaration

asserts that a person of ordinary skill in the art would not have expected this outcome because the claimed orally dispersing tablets would generate only 1-2 mL of saliva, and a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that, based on prior studies that tested liquid formulations of budesonide, 8-12 mL of saliva were required to effectively treat EOE. *Id*. I disagree with this assertion.

111. The Davies Declaration provides no evidence to support the conjecture that a person of ordinary skill in the art would think that less than 8 mL of saliva would be ineffective at treating EOE. The evidence provided by Dohil and Miehlke undercuts that assertion. Dohil teaches that effective liquid formulations of budesonide would include volumes as low as 5 mL. EX1002 (Dohil) ¶[0031] ("In an illustrative embodiment, the dosage is provided in a sufficient volume to allow the composition to reach the esophagus in an effective amount. In general, in a liquid dose, the dosage may be provided in, for example 5-50 ml, or for example 5-40 ml, or for example 5-30 ml, or for example 5-25 ml, or for example 10-25 ml, or, in an illustrative example 5-15 ml."). And Miehkle used a 5 mL aliquot, once with a breakfast meal and once with an evening meal, which supports that a 5 mL volume is effective. EX2006. Dosing twice a day is a standard treatment regime.

112. Moreover, I disagree that a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that the claimed orally dispersing tablets of budesonide would generate only 1-2 mL of saliva. It was known that placing a substance in the oral cavity (such

as an orally dispersing tablet) causes a patient's saliva production to increase to about 4-5 mL/min. EX2005 (Iorgulescu) at 303 ("The whole unstimulated saliva flow rate is approximately 0.3-0.4 ml / min. This rate decreases to 0.1 ml / min during sleep and increases to about 4,0-5,0 ml / min during eating, chewing and other stimulating activities."). A person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that the claimed orally dispersing tablets, which disintegrate within 60 seconds, would generate approximately 4-5 ml of saliva.

3. The POR's Assertion That Budesonide And Sucralose Is Unexpectedly Stable Is Irrelevant And Fails To Show Unexpected Results Supporting Nonobviousness

113. The Patent Owner Response (POR) asserts that a person of ordinary skill in the art would not have expected that a budesonide ODT formulated with sucralose would be more stable than a budesonide ODT formulated with aspartame. *See* '069 POR at 48-49; '828 POR at 48. I understand that when unexpected results are used as evidence of nonobviousness, the results must be shown to be unexpected compared to the closest prior art. The POR provides no evidence or assertion that a budesonide ODT formulated with aspartame is the closest prior art. *Id*.

4. Analysis of the Lee Report (EX2029)

114. The Lee Report states that six Jorveza tablets were tested and "all of the 6 tablets had disintegrated before 60 seconds." EX2029 (Lee Report) ¶8. The Lee Report states that "[t]he disintegration tester conformed exactly to the Apparatus

description of <701>." *Id.* ¶5. However, Lee Report provides no documentation to support this assertion. I note that the square weave mesh used by Dr. Lee appears to be larger than that required by the <701> description, and his mesh has a break in it, which does not appear to conform with the USP <701> description:

Id. at Appendix A (annotated).

115. The Lee Report does not include any laboratory notebooks detailing or documenting how Dr. Lee performed his testing, which does not provide sufficient information to fully evaluate the accuracy of Dr. Lee's testing procedures and conclusions. The Lee Report asserts that the disintegration time for Jorveza tablets was less than 60 seconds. EX2029 (Lee Report) ¶8. However, the size of the mesh used in the testing apparatus and the break in the mesh affects the fluid dynamics of the fluid entering the tube during the test. These altered fluid dynamics can affect the observed disintegration time.

116. I also note that the testing performed by Dr. Lee appears to have been performed incorrectly in view of the official Jorveza label explaining that the usual disintegration time is not 60 seconds, but is actually between 2-20 minutes. *See* EX2030 (Jorveza Label) at 26 ("Place the orodispersible tablet on the tip of your tongue and close your mouth. Press it gently against the roof of your mouth with your tongue ***until it has disintegrated completely (this usually takes at least two minutes but may take up to 20 minutes)***."); *id.* at 3 ("It [a Jorveza tablet] should be placed on the tip of the tongue and gently pressed against the top of the mouth, ***where it will disintegrate. This will usually take at least two minutes but can take up to 20 minutes***."). The Lee Report provides no explanation for the significant discrepancy between his reported results and the official disintegration time described in the official product label approved by the European Medicines Agency.

E. CONCLUSION

117. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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