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**ORAL ORDER:** The Court, having reviewed the parties May 2, 2025 joint letter, (D.I. 518), hereby **ORDERS** that case narrowing shall be conducted as follows: (1) A one-stage cut down is appropriate here. That is because this case is fairly far along and has already required a significant investment of Court and party resources--making it doubly important that going forward, the parties are focused and efficient in identifying and pursuing their key claims and defenses. That type of efficiency will also help "keep the case on schedule" so we can proceed to trial on the currently scheduled trial date. (*Id.* at 4); (2) By no later than June 23, 2025, Plaintiff shall narrow the number of asserted claims to 20.; (3) By no later than July 7, 2025, Defendant shall narrow its total number of invalidity grounds to 45.; (4) With regard to "invalidity grounds," the Court **ADOPTS-IN-PART** Plaintiff's proposed definition. (*Id.* at 1 n.1) That is, the definition of an "invalidity ground" shall include: (a) a single reference that anticipates the claim or renders the claim obvious, or (b) a combination of references that renders a claim obvious. *See also Confluent Surgical, Inc. v. HyperBranch Med. Tech., Inc.*, Civil Action No. 17-688-LPS-CJB, Oral Order (D. Del. Oct. 30, 2017). The Court will not deem "a single argument based on [Section] 112 (e.g., enablement or written description or indefiniteness[])" to be an invalidity ground for the purposes of case narrowing at this time. That said, the Court expects the parties will further narrow the number of asserted claims and invalidity defenses prior to trial. And it will consider limiting the number of Section 112 defenses prior to trial if Defendant does not sufficiently reduce them organically. *See, e.g., Natera, Inc. v. ArcherDX, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 20-125-GBW, D.I. 589 (D. Del. May 5, 2023); *10x Genomics, Inc. v. Celsee, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 19-862-CFC-SRF, Oral Order (D. Del. July 1, 2021).; and (5) To the extent that subsequent developments suggest that there is good cause to do so, the parties may, of course, seek to modify these limits in the future. *See In re Katz Interactive Call Processing Pat. Litig.*, 639 F.3d 1303, 1312 (Fed. Cir. 2011). Ordered by Judge Christopher J. Burke on 5/6/2025. (mlc)

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