

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

XENCOR, INC.,
Petitioner

v.

MERUS N.V.,
Patent Owner

Case IPR2025-00604
Patent No. 9,358,286

PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70 and the Scheduling Order dated September 26, 2025 (Paper 14), Petitioner Xencor, Inc. requests Oral Argument on issues related to the patentability of claims 1, 2, 7–24, 26–28, and 30–32 of U.S. Patent No. 9,358,286. Petitioner wishes to present argument on the following issues:

- Grounds for which *inter partes* review was instituted for the '286 patent and any issue raised in the Board's Institution Decision dated September 26, 2025 (Paper 13);
- Any issue addressed in Petitioner's papers, including, but not limited to, the Petition and Petitioner's Reply Brief; and
- Rebuttal to Patent Owner's presentation on all issues, including the issues listed above and any issues raised in Patent Owner's Response and Patent Owner's Sur-Reply.

The Board previously scheduled the Oral Hearing for June 24, 2026 (Paper 14 at 13), for this proceeding as well as related proceeding IPR2025-00605. Petitioner believes the parties should be allocated 90 minutes per side to present arguments in a consolidated hearing for both proceedings. Petitioner prefers that the hearing be conducted in-person at the Office's Alexandria, VA office, but is amenable to a remote hearing if preferred by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 15, 2026

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 15, 2026, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petitioner's Request for Oral Argument to be served via email on Patent Owner at the following addresses:

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