

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

Halozyme Inc.,
Patent Owner.

Case No. PGR2025-00087
U.S. Patent No. 12,371,685

PETITIONER'S MOTION TO SEAL

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I. RELIEF REQUESTED

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.14, 42.54, 35 U.S.C. § 326(a)(1), the Patent Trial and Appeal Board's ("PTAB") Consolidated Trial Practice Guide, Section I.E., the Default Protective Order filed on January 6, 2026.

II. GOOD CAUSE EXISTS FOR SEALING CERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The Consolidated Trial Practice Guide provides that "the rules aim to strike a balance between the public's interest in maintaining a complete and understandable file history and the parties' interest in protecting truly sensitive information." Consolidated Trial Practice Guide ("TPG"), § I(E). The rules also "identify confidential information in a manner consistent with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c)(1)(G), which provides for protective orders for trade secret or other confidential research, development or commercial information." *Id.* § I(E)(2) (citing 37 C.F.R. § 42.54).

Based on the procedure provided in the TPG, Petitioner seeks to prevent the disclosure of its confidential information.

III. IDENTIFICATION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Specifically, Petitioner seeks to prevent disclosure of its confidential information contained in the following documents.

1. Petitioner's Reply to Patent Owner's Preliminary Response

2. EX1224: Declaration of Kelly Grez
3. EX1236: Jennifer_Zachary WD_Redacted – Protective Order Material
4. EX1242: ZacharyJennifer ADP_Redacted – Protective Order Material
5. EX1244: 2024 Form 851 Affiliations Schedule

A. Petitioner’s Reply to Patent Owner’s Preliminary Response

Petitioner seeks to prevent the disclosure of confidential information contained in Petitioner’s Reply to Patent Owner’s Preliminary Response, which discusses Petitioner’s confidential information and documents that Petitioner has marked as “PROTECTIVE ORDER MATERIAL.” The discussions of Petitioner’s information and documents include references to certain categories of confidential information. Such material includes confidential and highly sensitive information relating to employee records of Petitioner, engagement letters with counsel, and Petitioner’s tax filings and payment records that have not been published or otherwise made public. The documents and information contained therein are indeed confidential, the information sought to be sealed has not been published or otherwise made public. Petitioner has, to the best of its ability, limited the material in its Reply to Patent Owner’s Preliminary Response to non-confidential information. A public, redacted version of Petitioner’s Reply to Patent Owner’s Preliminary Response is filed herewith.

B. Petitioner's Exhibit 1224

Petitioner seeks to prevent the disclosure of confidential information contained in the Declaration of Kelly Grez, which discusses Petitioner's confidential information and documents that Petitioner has marked as "PROTECTIVE ORDER MATERIAL." The discussions of Petitioner's information and documents include references to certain categories of confidential information. Such material includes confidential and highly sensitive information relating to employee records of Petitioner, engagement letters with counsel, and Petitioner's tax filings and payment records that have not been published or otherwise made public. The documents and information contained therein are indeed confidential, the information sought to be sealed has not been published or otherwise made public. Petitioner has, to the best of its ability, limited the material in the Declaration of Kelly Grez to non-confidential information. A public, redacted version of the Declaration of Kelly Grez is filed herewith.

C. Petitioner's Exhibits 1236 and 1242

Petitioner seeks to prevent the disclosure of confidential information contained in Exhibits 1236 and 1242, which are Petitioner's confidential information and documents that Petitioner has marked as "PROTECTIVE ORDER MATERIAL." The information contained therein is confidential and

highly sensitive information relating to employee records of Petitioner that have not been published or otherwise made public.

D. Petitioner's Exhibit 1244

Petitioner seeks to prevent the disclosure of confidential information contained in Exhibit 1244, which is Petitioner's confidential information and a document that Petitioner has marked as "PROTECTIVE ORDER MATERIAL." The information contained therein is confidential and highly sensitive information relating to Petitioner's tax filings that have not been published or otherwise made public.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board seal the confidential version of Petitioner's Reply to Patent Owner's Preliminary Response and Exhibits 1224, 1236, 1242, and 1244.

Date: April 2, 2026

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e), I hereby certify that on this 2nd day of April, 2026, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing and any accompanying exhibits by e-mail on the following counsel of record for

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