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### UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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## BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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MYLAN PHARMACEUTICALS INC. and MYLAN LABORATORIES LIMITED, Petitioner,

v.

UCB PHARMA GMBH, Patent Owner.

Case IPR2016-00510 Patent 6,858,650 B1

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Before KRISTINA M. KALAN, ROBERT A. POLLOCK, and MICHELLE N. ANKENBRAND, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

ANKENBRAND, Administrative Patent Judge.

DECISION Institution of *Inter Partes* Review 37 C.F.R. § 42.108



### I. INTRODUCTION

Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Mylan Laboratories Limited, (collectively, "Petitioner") filed a Corrected Petition requesting an *inter* partes review of claims 1–5 and 21–24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,858,650 B1 (Ex. 1001, "the '650 patent"). Paper 5 ("Pet."). UCB Pharma GmbH, ("Patent Owner") filed a Preliminary Response to the Petition. Paper 9 ("Prelim. Resp.").

We have jurisdiction under 35 U.S.C. § 314, which provides that an *inter partes* review may not be instituted "unless . . . there is a reasonable likelihood that the petitioner would prevail with respect to at least 1 of the claims challenged in the petition." Applying that standard, and upon considering the information presented in the Petition and the Preliminary Response, we institute an *inter partes* review of claims 1–5 and 21–24.

## A. Related Proceedings

Patent Owner asserts that

[Patent Owner] and Pfizer Inc. ("Pfizer"), the exclusive licensee of the '650 patent, have sued Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc. for infringement of the '650 patent in the following actions: *Pfizer, Inc. and UCB Pharma GMBH v. Mylan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, No. 1:15-cv-00079-GMS (D. Del.) and *Pfizer Inc. and UCB Pharma GMBH v. Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc.*, Case No. 1:15-cv-00013-IMK (N.D.W.Va.).

Paper 7, 2; see Pet. 1–2 (noting that Pfizer is the NDA filer).

The '650 patent also is asserted in *Pfizer*, *Inc.* v. *Sandoz*, *Inc.*, No. 1:13-cv-01110-GMS (D. Del.), and was asserted in the now-dismissed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Patent Owner provides, as Exhibit 2001, the District Court's Memorandum finding that the defendants in that proceeding "failed to present a prima facie case that the asserted claims of the patents-in-suit are invalid as obvious." Ex. 2001, 19; *see* Prelim. Resp. 7–8. The district court



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action, *Pfizer, Inc. v. Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Ltd.*, No. 1:15-cv-01067-GMS (D. Del.). Paper 7, 2.

In addition to the case before us, Petitioner requested institution of *inter partes* review in the following matters involving patents generally directed to 3,3-diphenylpropylamine compounds: Case No. IPR2016-00512 (U.S. Patent No. 7,384,980 B2); Case No. IPR2016-00514 (U.S. Patent No. 7,855,230 B2); Case No. IPR2016-00516 (U.S. Patent No. 8,338,478 B2), and Case No. IPR2016-00517 (U.S. Patent No. 7,985,772 B2).

### B. The '650 Patent

The '650 patent, titled "Stable salts of novel derivatives of 3,3-diphenylpropylamines," issued on February 22, 2005. Ex. 1001. The '650 patent is generally directed to "highly pure, crystalline stable compounds of novel derivatives of 3,3-diphenylpropylamines in the form of their salts, a method for the[ir] manufacture and highly pure, stable intermediate products." *Id.* at Abstract, 1:10–14.

The specification discloses that the compounds "are valuable prodrug[s] for the treatment of urinary incontinence and other spasmodic complaints" that "overcome the disadvantage[s] of the active substances available to date." *Id.* at 1:17–20. Those disadvantages include "inadequate absorption of the active substance by biological membranes or the unfavourable metabolism of [the active substance]." *Id.* at 1:20–22. According to the specification, the compounds also "have improved

reached that determination on a different record and applying different standards, but the arguments and references applied overlap with those before us. *See* Ex. 2001; Prelim. Resp. 1–2, 15–17, 21, 25, 33. Accordingly, although we are not bound by those findings, we find the district court's analysis informative.



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pharmacokinetic characteristics compared with Oxybutynin and Tolterodin[e]," two muscarinic receptor antagonists used to treat patients with overactive bladder. *Id.* at 1:23–25; Ex. 1009, 3; Ex. 1014, 528.

### C. Illustrative Claim

Of the challenged claims, claim 1 is independent and recites:

## 1. Compounds of general formula I

in which R denotes  $C_1$ – $C_6$ -alkyl,  $C_3$ – $C_{10}$ -cycloalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl and  $X^-$  is the acid residue of a physiologically compatible inorganic or organic acid.

*Id.* at 23:15–32.

Claims 2 and 3 narrow claim 1 by specifying that X<sup>-</sup> is an acid ester chosen from an enumerated list of acids, including fumaric acid, and requiring that the compounds have specific chirality (i.e., the (R) enantiomer), respectively. *Id.* at 23:33–65. Claims 4 and 5 depend from claim 3 and, therefore, inherit the chirality limitation of claim 3. Like claim 2, claim 4 specifies that X<sup>-</sup> is an acid ester chosen from an enumerated list of acids, including fumaric acid. *Id.* at 23:66–24:13. Claim 5 further narrows the compounds to the fumarate or hydrochloride salts. *Id.* at 24:14–19. Claims 21–23 recite methods of treating urinary incontinence disorder using the compounds of claims 1, 3, and 5, respectively. *Id.* at 30:30–41. Claim



24 recites the method of any one of claims 21–23 and limits the urinary incontinence disorder to urge incontinence. *Id.* at 30:42–43.

The compositions of claims 1–5 encompass fesoterodine fumarate (R-(+)-2-(3-(diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethl-phenylisobutyrate ester hydrogen fumarate)) distributed by Pfizer Labs under the brand TOVIAZ. *See* Pet. 5; Prelim. Resp. 1–2, 7; Ex. 1024, 8, 19.

### D. The Asserted Grounds of Unpatentability

The Petition asserts the following grounds of unpatentability:

References	Basis	Claims Challenged
Postlind, <sup>2</sup> "Bundgaard publications," <sup>3,4,5</sup> Detrol Label, <sup>6</sup> and Berge <sup>7</sup>	§ 103	1–5 and 21–24
Brynne, <sup>8</sup> Bundgaard publications, and Johansson <sup>9</sup>	§ 103	1–5 and 21–24

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Postlind et al., *Tolterodine, A New Muscarinic Receptor Antagonist, is Metabolized by Cytochromes P450 2D6 and 3A in Human Liver Microsomes*, 26(4) DRUG METABOLISM & DISPOSITION 289–293 (1998) (Ex. 1010) ("Postlind").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Johansson et al., WO 94/11337, published May 26, 1994 (Ex. 1005) ("Johansson").



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> We interpret Petitioner's reference to "Bundgaard publications" as referring to Exhibits 1012 and 1020. *See* Pet. iv, 3, 19–20, 27, 29.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Bundgaard, Design of Prodrugs Elsevier (1985) (Ex. 1012) ("Bundgaard").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> WO 92/08459, published May 29, 1992 (Ex. 1020) ("Bundgaard PCT").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Detrol<sup>TM</sup> (tolterodine tartrate tablets) prescribing information (1998) (Ex. 1009) ("Detrol Label").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Berge et al., *Pharmaceutical Salts*, 66(1) J. PHARM. SCI. 1–19 (1977) (Ex. 1013) ("Berge").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Brynne et al., *Influence of CYP2D6 polymorphism on the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of tolterodine*, 63(5) CLIN. PHARMACOL. & THERAPEUTICS 529–539 (1998) (Ex. 1011) ("Brynne").

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