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(54) Title: METHOD OF TREATING CANCER USING KINASE INHIBITORS

(57) Abstract: Described herein are methods for treating cancer and other disease conditions in individuals who have either developed a resistance to conventional tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) therapy or who are non-responsive ab initio to conventional TKI therapy. In various embodiments, the methods include administering to a patient a resistance-surmounting quantity of a TKI on a weekly or semi-weekly basis. Alternate embodiments of the present invention include a diagnostic method for assessing an individual's probability of being resistant to TKI therapy, based upon an expression level of epithelial membrane protein-1 (EMP-1); one of the genes believed to be responsible for TKI resistance. The methods of the present invention may be particularly useful in the treatment of lung, breast, prostate, ovarian, brain and colon cancers. The methods of the present invention may be effective in blocking the HER-2 kinase domain either in addition to or in lieu of blocking the EGFR kinase domain.

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Box I	Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)					
This Inte	ernational Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:					
1. χ	Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:					
	Although claims $1-27$ are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.					
2. X	Claims Nos.: 1,7-10, 15, 22-25 because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:					
	see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210					
3.	Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).					
Box II	Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)					
This Inte	ernational Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:					
	see additional sheet					
1.	As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.					
2.	As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.					
3.	As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:					
4. X	No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:					
	2-6, 11, 12, 16-23, 26, 27					
Remark	con Protest  The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.					
	No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.					

### FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 1,7-10, 15, 22-25

Present claims 1, 7-10, 15 and 22-25 relate to products/methods defined by reference to desirable characteristics or properties, namely

"the treatment of a patient resistant or non-responsive to conventional kinase therapy" (caims 1 and 15);

"a resistance-surmounting quantity of the kinase inhibitor" (claims 1 and 15);

"a pharmaceutically acceptable equivalent thereof" (claims 7 and 22);

"an amount sufficient to block HER-2 kinase in the patient" (claims 8 and 23);

"an amount sufficient to yield a serum concentration of at least about 800 micro-M in the patient" (claims 9 and 24);

"an amount sufficient to block a kinase receptor in the patient other than EGFR or HER-2" (claims 10 and 25).

The claims cover all products/methods having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Art. 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Art. 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such products/methods. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible.

Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Art. 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the products/methods by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the treatment of cancer comprising the administration of a kinase inhibitor selected from the named drugs disclosed in claim 7 in the amounts defined in claims 3-5.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is

# normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

# FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 2-6,11,12,16-23,26,27

The use of high-dose kinase inhibitors in the treatment of cancer.

2. claims: 13,14

Screening methods for detecting individuals who are sensitive to kinase inhibitor therapy.

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