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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 11 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 12 OAKLAND DIVISION

14 **THE APPLE IPOD ITUNES ANTITRUST
 LITIGATION**

Case No. 4:05-cv-00037 YGR

**[PROPOSED] ORDER DENYING
 PLAINTIFFS' DAUBERT MOTION
 TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN OPINION
 TESTIMONY OF KEVIN M.
 MURPHY AND ROBERT H. TOPEL**

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1 Presently before the court is Plaintiffs’ *Daubert* Motion to Exclude Certain Opinion
2 Testimony of Kevin M. Murphy and Robert H. Topel. Having reviewed the papers on file and
3 considered the relevant arguments, this Court hereby DENIES the motion.

4 Plaintiffs ask the Court to exclude one portion of Apple’s expert reports—the portion
5 dealing with statistical significance. Plaintiffs’ motion is based largely on the declaration of their
6 previously undisclosed expert Dr. Jeffrey M. Wooldridge. His declaration, however, directly
7 contradicts the graduate-level textbook he has authored, leading to his admission that if his new
8 opinion on “clustering” were correct, he would need to revise the textbook that he has been using
9 for years. Additionally, Dr. Wooldridge has pointed to no peer-reviewed sources corroborating
10 the opinions and theories advanced in his declaration. Such opinion testimony is invalid under
11 the Supreme Court’s precedent and the Federal Rules of Evidence. *See Wagner v. County of*
12 *Maricopa*, 673 F.3d 977, 982 (9th Cir. 2012) (an expert’s analysis should be “supported by the
13 typical Daubert factors – testing, peer review and general acceptance”); *Daubert v. Merrell Dow*
14 *Pharm., Inc.*, 43 F.3d 1311, 1318 (9th Cir. 1995) (*Daubert II*) (requiring expert to “point to some
15 objective source” to show conclusions are scientifically valid); *Cabrera v. Cordis Corp.*, 134 F.3d
16 1418, 1423 (9th Cir. 1998) (explaining expert opinion unreliable where expert could not “identify
17 any peer-reviewed research justifying his conclusions”).

18 Indeed, Dr. Wooldridge appears to have inappropriately manufactured his opinions
19 specifically for purposes of litigation. *See Cabrera*, 134 F.3d at 1423 (expert opinion unreliable
20 where developed “expressly for the purpose of testifying”); *see also Johnson v. Manitowoc Boom*
21 *Trucks, Inc.*, 484 F.3d 426, 434-35 (6th Cir. 2007) (opinions “conceived, executed, and invented
22 solely in the context of th[e] litigation” are per se inadmissible).

23 Moreover, Plaintiffs never disclosed Dr. Wooldridge testimony during the course of
24 discovery, despite the fact that the parties have litigated the topics on which he has opined for
25 over two years. This alone is grounds to exclude Dr. Wooldridge’s opinions. *See Reed v. Smith*
26 *& Nephew, Inc.*, 527 F. Supp. 2d 1336, 1348 (W.D. Okla. 2007) (striking declaration of
27 undisclosed expert submitted in support of *Daubert* motion); *see also Moore v. Napolitano*, 926
28 F. Supp. 2d 8, 25 n.12 (D.D.C. 2013); *Jeffries v. Centre Life Ins. Co.*, No. 1:02-cv-351, 2004 WL

1 5506494 at *1 (S.D. Ohio Jan. 28, 2004).

2 Further, the Court finds ample evidence in the record that supports the conclusions of
3 Apple's experts regarding the correlation of standard errors in the regressions submitted by
4 Plaintiffs' disclosed expert, Roger G. Noll. In light of Drs. Murphy and Topel's qualifications on
5 the issue and the volume of evidence supporting their conclusions in the academic literature, the
6 Court finds their opinions admissible under *Daubert* and Fed. R. Evid. 702.

7 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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9 Dated: _____, 2014

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12 Hon. Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers

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