UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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AMGEN INC.,
Plaintiff,
v.
F. HOFFMANN-LA ROCHE
LTD., a Swiss Company, ROCHE
DIAGNOSTICS GmbH, a German
Company and HOFFMANN LA ROCHE
INC., a New Jersey Corporation,
Defendants.

Civil Action No.: 05-12237 WGY

AMGEN'S RESPONSE TO ROCHE'S BENCH MEMORANDUM TO PRECLUDE AMGEN FROM INTRODUCING BELATEDLY PRODUCED DOCUMENTS RELATING TO ITS EXPERIMENTS WITH PEGYLATION

Roche's accusations of discovery misconduct are unfounded and unprofessional. Amgen fully complied with its discovery obligations, producing documents in its possession regarding the pegylation of EPO at Amgen and, when documents were generated after the fact discovery cut-off, supplementing its document production with those documents as well.

The Federal Rules provide for the ongoing supplementation of relevant materials.¹ Amgen fully complied with these rules to meet its ongoing discovery obligations. As Amgen became aware of additional relevant materials, it supplemented its production. Similarly, as additional relevant documents were created by Amgen relating to ongoing experimentation, it supplemented its production. Such supplementation is entirely proper.

Amgen conducts a great deal of ongoing research, and Roche's suggestion that Amgen deliberately delayed certain experiments is baseless and unwarranted. Roche cites to an email

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from one of Amgen's scientists urging that work on a particular project proceed more quickly than was actually achieved, and somehow makes the illogical and unfounded leap to conclude that Amgen deliberately delayed the project because of this ongoing litigation. Roche's argument is pure fantasy.

Finally, Roche's memorandum² is also unnecessary because Amgen does not intend to rely at trial upon experiments related to NM 385, in documents Bates numbered AM44 2024375-2024517 and AM87 16859-16917.³

CONCLUSION

Roche's memorandum to preclude Amgen is moot in light of the points raised above.

¹ Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(e).

² See Roche's Bench Memorandum to Preclude Amgen from Introducing Belatedly Produced Documents Relating to its Experiments with Pegylation and COS-EPO as Untimely and Prejudicial (Docket No. 1257).

³ There is no dispute that evidence of earlier PEG-EPO experiments that were produced prior to fact discovery cut-off may be relied upon by Amgen at trial.

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