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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

VOLUME VII

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UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF
NEW YORK,

Plaintiff

v.

Civil No. 93-11512-NG

ROCHE DIAGNOSTICS GmbH,
formerly known as
BOEHRINGER MANNHEIM GmbH,

Defendant

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BEFORE HON. NANCY GERTNER,
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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1 PROCEEDINGS
 2 SEVENTH DAY OF TRIAL
 3 (The following proceedings were held in open court
 4 before the Honorable Nancy Gertner, United States District
 5 Judge, United States District Court, District of Massachusetts,
 6 at the United States Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Way, Boston,
 7 Massachusetts, on July 16, 2001, at 9:28 a.m.)
 8 THE COURT: Good morning, everyone. You can be
 9 seated.
 10 Dr. Fritsch?
 11 THE COURT: Okay, go on.
 12 EDWARD FRANCIS FRITSCH, RESUMED
 13 CROSS-EXAMINATION, CONTINUED
 14 BY MR. BAUER: " "
 15 Q. Good morning, Dr. Fritsch. How are you today?
 16 A. Fine, thank you.
 17 MR. BAUER: Your Honor, if I may, I just want to let
 18 you know exactly where we're going this morning. Counsel has
 19 read the transcript extremely carefully and would like to
 20 basically have Dr. Fritsch present an overview of what GI did,
 21 when they did it, when the cell line made, when it was shipped
 22 to BMG, so that -- when the stuff was bailed, so that you could
 23 see everything, and we'll go right through that in fairly quick
 24 fashion.
 25 THE COURT: But you'll do it in the narrative form so

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1 that Mr. Zivin will be able to -- not in narrative form, that
 2 is to say, in question and answer form.
 3 MR. BAUER: Correct.
 4 THE COURT: Okay.
 5 MR. BAUER: But I just wanted to tell your Honor
 6 where we were headed this morning.
 7 THE COURT: Head away.
 8 MR. BAUER: Excuse me?
 9 THE COURT: Go. Head away.
 10 MR. BAUER: Okay. Thank you, your Honor.
 11 BY MR. BAUER:
 12 Q. Dr. Fritsch, if you could, could you stand up to the
 13 board, because I'd like for you to prepare a flow chart for The
 14 Court, probably in a somewhat vertical fashion, starting with
 15 the isolation of the gene and ending up with the product --
 16 with the EPO product being shipped overseas.
 17 So, when did you first isolate the EPO gene, and you
 18 can put that on the board.
 19 A. So, in the June to August time frame of 1984, we isolated
 20 the EPO gene, the genomic clone and the cDNA clone.
 21 Q. And then, with respect to the production clone, did you
 22 then put the EPO gene into a plasmid?
 23 A. Yes.
 24 Q. And could you then draw with a vertical arrow down the
 25 next step in the process?

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1 the production process efficient enough and that the quality of
 2 the EPO that is produced is appropriate.
 3 Q. In layman's terms, does it mean it spits out enough EPO
 4 per unit of time to make it worthwhile?
 5 A. Yeah, enough good EPO per unit of time to make it
 6 worthwhile. That would be the simplest way to describe it,
 7 yes.
 8 Q. Dr. Fritsch, if you would, I would also like you to look
 9 at Plaintiff's Exhibit 152 and Plaintiff's Exhibit 112.
 10 A. Okay.
 11 Q. What are those two documents, Dr. Fritsch?
 12 A. Well, the Plaintiff's Exhibit 152 is a telefax to Chugai
 13 from GI indicating that we will be shipping them the master
 14 cell bank and master working cell bank files from the
 15 DN2-3alpha3 cell line.
 16 And --
 17 Q. And what's the date on that?
 18 A. I'm sorry?
 19 Q. What's the date on that?
 20 A. February 24, 1986.
 21 Q. And why did GI ship to Chugai on February 24, 1986, an EPO
 22 production clone DN2-3alpha3, 10 micromolar?
 23 A. Our agreement with Chugai was that they would be able to
 24 carry out the manufacturing of EPO and that, in order to
 25 accomplish that, we needed to send them the production cell

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1 line.
 2 Q. And this agreement was made prior to the initiation of any
 3 collaboration with Boehringer Mannheim; is that correct?
 4 A. That's correct, yes.
 5 Q. And the next document, Dr. Fritsch?
 6 A. Well, the next document, the first three pages relate to a
 7 shipment of --
 8 THE COURT: I'm sorry, the next document you're
 9 referring to is --
 10 MR. BAUER: Plaintiff's Exhibit 112, your Honor.
 11 THE WITNESS: Plaintiff's Exhibit 112, yes.
 12 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.
 13 A. The first three pages refer to a shipment of some non-GMP
 14 EPO to Boehringer Mannheim, additional shipment of it, and this
 15 is in March of 1984.
 16 Q. And what was the non-GMP EPO made from?
 17 A. Yeah, this is, again, additional EPO from the DN2-3alpha3
 18 production line.
 19 THE COURT: And the reason why you had to send the
 20 bulk EPO to both Boehringer Mannheim and to Chugai was for
 21 their applications for the new drug IND?
 22 THE WITNESS: Right, as part of that process. In
 23 order for them to begin to understand how they should formulate
 24 the drug and put it into vials for actual injection -- that
 25 part of the process was theirs, their responsibility -- they

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1 needed to have some of the protein to actually work with to do
 2 that technical work. So, we were shipping them the protein,
 3 they would do the technical work, and then they figured out how
 4 to formulate it and put it in the vials. And they needed it
 5 for that purpose.
 6 A. The latter pages, I guess, of this exhibit -- again, it's
 7 Exhibit Number 112 -- PX-112, referred to our shipment to them
 8 of vials of the master cell bank and the master working cell
 9 bank.
 10 Q. Now, I think in the transcript you said this was
 11 transferred March of '84. Is that what you meant, Dr. Fritsch?
 12 A. That the production clone -- the production clones, the
 13 cell bank vials, were sent in March of 19 -- oh, I'm sorry,
 14 March of 1986.
 15 Q. Thank you, Dr. Fritsch.
 16 Now, did Chugai -- did GI supply Chugai with bulk EPO
 17 for commercial sale in Japan?
 18 A. I believe we never supplied them the bulk EPO for
 19 commercial sale. We supplied them bulk EPO that they used for
 20 clinical development, for preclinical development. All of the
 21 bulk EPO that they actually sold commercially was manufactured
 22 by Chugai. And our contract with Chugai allowed that they
 23 could be the sole manufacturer, if necessary.
 24 Q. So, regardless of the relationship between GI and
 25 Boehringer, GI was making bulk EPO -- would make bulk EPO; is

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1 that correct?
 2 A. Yes. We needed to make the bulk EPO in order to help
 3 Chugai move the process along of its registration quickly,
 4 because they still had to build a production facility before
 5 they were able to commercially manufacture it.
 6 Q. Now, if you take a look at -- I think it's the fourth page
 7 in, it's bearing Bates number 100793?
 8 A. Yes, I have it.
 9 Q. What is that describing, Dr. Fritsch?
 10 A. This is a telefax that accompanied the transfer of the EPO
 11 production clone master cell bank and master working cell bank
 12 from DN2-3alpha3 to Boehringer Mannheim.
 13 Q. And is these -- the vials which are designated on document
 14 100793, is that the vials from the master cell bank and the
 15 master working cell bank that you drew this morning on that
 16 chart?
 17 A. Yes.
 18 Q. And could you just make a notation on the chart saying
 19 "shipped to Boehringer," "shipped to Chugai," and the dates?
 20 A. (Complying.)
 21 Q. And in these vials is just a gazillion of the DN2-3alpha3
 22 cells that are from box number 7; is that correct?
 23 A. Yes. Each vial contains approximately a million cells.
 24 Not a gazillion, but a million, yes.
 25 Q. Now, Dr. Fritsch, I'm going to read something to you. You

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1 tell me if it's true.

2 On March 4, 1986, GI transferred to Roche the EPO

3 production clone DN2-3alpha3. DN2-3alpha3 is the only

4 production clone used by Roche to make EPO for sale.

5 Do you agree with that?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Now, the next sentence, which refers back to that quote,

8 states, the cited production clone, however, is not the

9 production clone actually used by Roche, but a predecessor cell

10 line which had not been amplified.

11 Is that statement true, Dr. Fritsch?

12 A. No. Could you read it again, please?

13 Q. Sure. The cited production clone, namely the clone that

14 was transferred on March 4, 1986, however, is not the production

15 clone actually used by Roche, but a predecessor cell line which

16 had not been amplified.

17 A. No, that's not true. It is the production --

18 Q. And why isn't that true?

19 A. Well, it is the production clone used by Roche, and it had

20 been amplified at the time that it was shipped.

21 THE COURT: Because that statement is inconsistent

22 with your characterization of how number 7 came about?

23 THE WITNESS: That's correct, because number 7 came

24 about after the amplification steps had happened, and it is the

25 production clone that's used by Roche.

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1 MR. BAUER: I'd like to say that that statement came

2 right out of plaintiff's brief in the motion for support of --

3 or in its opposition motion to Roche's motion for summary

4 judgment, on page 10.

5 BY MR. BAUER:

6 Q. Now, do you remember your first contact with BMG -- I'm

7 sorry, Boehringer Mannheim, Dr. Fritsch?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. When would that be?

10 A. I believe it was sometime around November of 1985, maybe

11 December.

12 Q. Well, let me show you Plaintiff's Exhibit Number 149.

13 A. Okay.

14 Q. Does that refresh your recollection as to when you first

15 met with Boehringer Mannheim?

16 A. Well, it -- the -- I mean, what this refers to is a

17 telefax to Boehringer from Katherine Smith, who's our project

18 director, introducing both myself and Dr. Shoemaker as the

19 project leaders of the EPO project. This was at the end of

20 October in 1985, and this was prior to the actual first meeting

21 we had with Boehringer Mannheim in which Dr. Shoemaker and

22 led an EPO discussion. That was --

23 Q. And prior -- and prior to that date had Boehringer been

24 given knowledge of any of the details of GI's cloning and

25 expression of the EPO gene?

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1 A. No, they hadn't been given any knowledge of the details.

2 They were, in general, aware of the fact that we had cloned the

3 gene, that we were working on expression; but they had not been

4 given any details.

5 Q. Now, are you aware that in 1987 GI bailed EPO-produced

6 cells to Boehringer?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And could you explain to the Court your knowledge?

9 A. Prior to the issuance of the Amgen patent in the United

10 States, our legal counsel had --

11 MS. SHANAHAN: Objection. Your Honor, I'd ask and

12 instruct Dr. Fritsch not to divulge internal privileged

13 communications that he had with GI's legal counsel.

14 THE COURT: Can you ask the question in a way that

15 doesn't require privileged information?

16 MR. BAUER: Yes.

17 BY MR. BAUER:

18 Q. Yes Dr. Fritsch, were you aware that cells were bailed

19 from GI to Boehringer in 1987?

20 A. Yes, I was aware.

21 Q. And what was Boehringer's role with respect to keeping

22 those cells?

23 A. Boehringer was to store the cells for GI's purposes under

24 appropriate conditions, and could return them to GI at our

25 request, or would return them to GI at our request.

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1 Q. Who initiated the decision to bail cells to Boehringer?

2 Was it Boehringer or was it Genetics Institute?

3 A. Genetics Institute.

4 Q. And whose decision was it to have those bailed cells

5 returned?

6 A. Genetics Institute's.

7 Q. And whose property were those cells?

8 A. Genetics Institute.

9 Q. And Boehringer never used those cells in Germany, did

10 they?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Now, if you could, Dr. Fritsch, I'd like to -- if you

13 could, please pull out Plaintiff's Exhibit Number 117.

14 A. Okay.

15 Q. There's a -- the fifth paragraph down on the first page,

16 1407, there is a paragraph referring to the QA conditions?

17 A. That's correct, yes.

18 Q. What does that mean?

19 A. QA stands for quality assurance. So that, essentially,

20 it's part of the sort of GMP principles or ways of conducting

21 business; that there is an appropriate documentation and

22 evaluation of all the various steps that are involved. In this

23 case, it relates to the steps for the storage of cell bank

24 files.

25 Q. And what would the purpose have been for having these QA

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1 conditions in place?
 2 A. Well, if GI would want to have the cell bank cells
 3 returned back to GI and ever use them for manufacturing, then
 4 we would need to have all the documentation to show that they
 5 had been received and stored in the appropriate conditions.
 6 Q. Now, if we go to the second page, we see a number of
 7 descriptions. And I'd like to contrast that with the document
 8 that we looked at earlier which described what was transferred
 9 to Boehringer in March of -- March 4, 1986. That is
 10 Plaintiff's Exhibit Number 112.
 11 If we take a look at Plaintiff's Exhibit 112, the
 12 page bearing Bates number 100793, there are also descriptions
 13 of vials.
 14 A. Yes. That's correct.
 15 Q. Excuse me?
 16 A. That's correct. Yes.
 17 Q. Could you explain to the Court what the relationship
 18 between these two sets of vials is?
 19 A. Well, the set of vials shown in Exhibit 112 on page
 20 100793, there are two sets shown there. One set is
 21 DN2-3alpha3, and it goes on, and the date of 12/4/85. These
 22 are the master cell bank files. Then, below it, is a similar
 23 description with a date of 12/18/85. These are the master
 24 working cell bank files.
 25 Those two sets of vials that are described there are

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1 the same as the vials shown in Exhibit 117, on the second page,
 2 where it is labeled number 1 and number 2. Number 1 refers to
 3 the master cell bank files, number 2 to the master working cell
 4 bank files.
 5 I should point out that the date at the end of number
 6 1 is 12/4/87. That's a typographical error. It should have
 7 been 12/4/85.
 8 THE COURT: It should be 12/4/85.
 9 A. But other than that, those are the same cells.
 10 Q. Now, the cells that are referenced as being bailed to
 11 Roche, do those cells -- are those the same -- are those the
 12 same cells as the DN2-3alpha3 clone which is referred to in box
 13 number 7?
 14 A. Yes.
 15 Q. And with respect to category number 3 in the bailed cells
 16 on page 1408, is that also the same cell as the EPO production
 17 clone, DN2-3alpha3?
 18 A. Right. These are basically DN2-3alpha3 cells that have
 19 been adapted to grow with no fetal bovine serum.
 20 Q. So, these are not cells that were made after the cells
 21 that were made in box number 7; is that correct?
 22 A. No, they all came from the same -- they all came from box
 23 number 7. No additional genetic manipulations took place.
 24 They were simply allowed to grow under different conditions.
 25 Q. So, would it be fair to say that box number 7 in document

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1 number 06387 is the source of cells from essentially all of the
 2 cells originated and which were shipped to Boehringer?
 3 A. That's correct. Yes.
 4 Q. You didn't have the DNA, and then remake the cells, and
 5 then ship those to Boehringer after box number 7 was made; is
 6 that correct?
 7 A. Right. We did not additional DNA modifications.
 8 I should just point out that there was, in addition
 9 to box number 7 --
 10 Q. Uh-huh.
 11 A. -- the right arm of that chart refers to an additional
 12 amplification that had already taken place, and cloning of
 13 cells from that. And some of those cells are also shown here
 14 that were shipped to Boehringer Mannheim.
 15 Q. Now, in terms of the overview, at Genetics Institute cells
 16 from the master working cell bank were used to make bulk EPO;
 17 is that correct?
 18 A. That's correct, yes.
 19 Q. And that bulk EPO was shipped to BMG in Germany, where it
 20 was formulated and then either used for clinical trials or
 21 sold; is that correct?
 22 A. That's correct, yes.
 23 Q. The master cell bank that was -- the vials of the master
 24 cell bank that were shipped to Boehringer in March of 1986 were
 25 eventually used by Boehringer to make its own EPO products; is

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1 that correct?
 2 A. That's correct.
 3 Q. And when Boehringer made its own EPO product, Boehringer
 4 formulated that and then sold that; is that correct?
 5 A. Yes.
 6 Q. What is the relationship, if any, between the bulk EPO
 7 that GI shipped to Boehringer and BMG's use of this EPO
 8 production clone to make its own EPO? In other words, does
 9 Boehringer need GI's bulk EPO in order to make EPO from its own
 10 production clone?
 11 A. No. Once Boehringer had the production clone and followed
 12 the same steps that Genetics Institute had used to make bulk
 13 EPO, it made bulk EPO on its own and no longer required GI to
 14 make bulk EPO for Boehringer.
 15 Q. Now, when the bulk EPO goes over to Boehringer, it's
 16 formulated and then moved to the end of its life span, so to
 17 speak?
 18 A. Right.
 19 Q. Goes into a human?
 20 A. It's formulated and sent to pharmacies and --
 21 Q. The bulk EPO does not replicate itself? It's not like the
 22 cell line that keeps spitting out the EPO; is that correct?
 23 A. That's correct. The bulk EPO is the end product of the
 24 expression and purification.
 25 THE COURT: When you said BMG had the production

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1 clone in October and in December, when you sent the master cell
 2 bank and the master working cell bank to -- you were actually
 3 sending the production clone or the bulk EPO, or both?
 4 THE WITNESS: Well, if you recall, we ended up
 5 sending two things, I believe, in October -- or November.
 6 THE COURT: Yes.
 7 THE WITNESS: In November we sent them bulk EPO,
 8 non-GMP EPO.
 9 THE COURT: Um-hmm.
 10 THE WITNESS: And in --
 11 MR. BAUER: And what was that made from?
 12 THE WITNESS: That was made from the production
 13 clone, DN2-3alpha3. That was material that Genetics Institute
 14 made, prepared, purified and sent to Boehringer Mannheim.
 15 In addition, between October and December of 1985, we
 16 created the master cell bank and the master working cell bank,
 17 the production clone, itself, and that was shipped to,
 18 Boehringer --
 19 THE COURT: I see.
 20 THE WITNESS: -- in March of 1986.
 21 THE COURT: So, there are essentially two vectors.
 22 From the production clone, BMG can, itself, create bulk EPO for
 23 its own production. And then the bulk EPO that GI sent, they
 24 can likewise process for its own production?
 25 THE WITNESS: They can process. It doesn't

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1 replicate. It doesn't make more. That's all they have. What
 2 they needed ultimately was the production clones, so that then
 3 they could make as much of their own EPO as they wanted to.
 4 THE COURT: Why did GI send bulk EPO at all? Why not
 5 just send the production clone?
 6 THE WITNESS: Well, because at the time, back of
 7 1985, Boehringer didn't have any of the technology in place to
 8 make the EPO from the production clone itself. But GI had
 9 already had access to the production clone, was growing it up,
 10 and purified EPO. So that we could get them bulk EPO to work
 11 with --
 12 THE COURT: I see.
 13 THE WITNESS: -- before they could make it
 14 themselves.
 15 THE COURT: Would GI have made bulk EPO in the fall
 16 of 1985, were it not for the BMG deal?
 17 THE WITNESS: No. I think, as you'll see -- saw in
 18 some of the other documents, we shipped the same bulk EPO to
 19 Chugai. Chugai similarly -- we had a contract with them to
 20 supply bulk EPO, and even GMP EPO, but they also had the right
 21 to do all the manufacturing themselves if they wanted to.
 22 THE COURT: And that was already in place, then, by
 23 the fall of '85, when the bulk EPO was shipped to BMG? Is
 24 that --
 25 THE WITNESS: That's correct. That had been --

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1 THE COURT: That is to say, the arrangement with
 2 Chugai was already in place?
 3 THE WITNESS: Yes. That had been in 1984, that
 4 arrangement.
 5 THE COURT: Okay.
 6 BY MR. BAUER:
 7 Q. Your Honor Dr. Fritsch has a unique characteristic in that
 8 sometimes he says yes, and doesn't mean yes, in terms of
 9 following the question. And we'll have to clean it up a little
 10 bit later. But my counsel has told me that he said no, when I
 11 don't think he meant no. So, if we could --
 12 THE COURT: I have a child like that. I don't know
 13 what to make of the information. Do you have to clean it up or
 14 not?
 15 MR. BAUER: This is the court: At the start, would
 16 GI have made bulk EPO in the fall of 1985, were it not for THE
 17 BMG deal?
 18 Answer: No.
 19 But it's really yes. And then he reads on.
 20 So, let me just ask you again, Doctor.
 21 THE WITNESS: Okay.
 22 THE COURT: He did the same thing in answer to some
 23 of -- during the deposition; was that a problem?
 24 MR. BAUER: Yes.
 25 THE COURT: Go on. I'm sorry.

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1 MR. BAUER: Exactly.
 2 BY MR. BAUER:
 3 Q. Okay, Dr. Fritsch -- well, I don't want to repeat your
 4 Honor's -- maybe you could ask the question?
 5 All right.
 6 At the start, would GI have made bulk EPO in the fall
 7 of 1985, were it not for the BMG deal?
 8 A. Well, I wpn't say yes or no. I will say GI was making
 9 bulk EPO in 1985, independent of the Boehringer Mannheim deal
 10 Q. Now, GI did supply bulk EPO to Boehringer from
 11 approximately 1988 through 1991; is that correct?
 12 A. Yes.
 13 Q. And what was the source of the cells that were used to
 14 make this EPO?
 15 A. It was the same production clone, DN2-3alpha3, 10
 16 micromolar methotrexate, and it was the same master cell bank
 17 and working cell bank files.
 18 Q. So, the EPO -- excuse me, the bulk EPO that GI made and
 19 shipped to Boehringer was made using the EPO production clone
 20 DN2-3alpha3, 10 micromolar that GI made prior to October 8,
 21 1985; is that correct, Dr. Fritsch?
 22 A. Yes.
 23 Q. Now, do you know if the bailed cells ever came back into
 24 the United States, Dr. Fritsch?
 25 A. Yes, some of the vials did come back into the United

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1 clinical trials and for its commercial production and sale,
 2 were made by Chugai; correct?
 3 A. All the bulk EPO was made by Chugai, yes. The bulk EPO
 4 that we supplied them was used for other purposes prior to
 5 approval.
 6 Q. Well, do you recall Judge Gertner asking you a question
 7 about whether you were going to make EPO for Chugai and
 8 answering, We already were required to make it for Chugai, our
 9 other partner? Do you recall that testimony?
 10 A. Yeah, that's correct.
 11 Q. Isn't that testimony incorrect, sir?
 12 A. Ah, no. It's not incorrect. I mean, we were required to
 13 make EPO for Chugai. We had made clinical trial material EPO
 14 for Chugai, but they later decided that they should -- they
 15 would prefer to use EPO from their facility for their clinical
 16 trials. So that the material that we made for them, you know,
 17 was part of our obligation to them, they decided not to use and
 18 they decided to use the material they made.
 19 Q. So -- so it isn't true that if Boehringer Mannheim had
 20 wanted commercial product from GI, that GI would have been
 21 making it anyway for Chugai; that isn't true, is it?
 22 A. Well, when you say "commercial product," at the time when
 23 we, uhm, shipped the vials to Boehringer, at the time we
 24 manufactured the first clinical material for Boehringer, we
 25 were also doing that for Chugai. That was the material that

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1 they were going to use in their clinical studies. By the time
 2 Boehringer was requiring material for commercial sale, uhm,
 3 Chugai, I believe, already had their manufacturing facility in
 4 place and was manufacturing what would be their material for
 5 commercial sale.
 6 But at the time we're talking about in late 1985,
 7 early 1986, uhm, that was not yet in place with Chugai. So we
 8 were doing it for both partners.
 9 Q. Well, isn't it true that in October of 1985 that GI
 10 already had a contract with Boehringer Mannheim to manufacture
 11 EPO which would be commercially sold?
 12 A. Ah, I believe in the original R & D license agreement
 13 we've had with them, we did specify that GI had the right to --
 14 or the obligation to manufacture commercial material for
 15 Boehringer, most of it in material in the beginning, and then
 16 as the years went on, uhm, the proportion of material that was
 17 needed, uhm, reduced at GI and increased at Boehringer.
 18 Q. So there was an obligation for GI to supply Boehringer
 19 Mannheim with commercial material; correct?
 20 A. Yes, I believe that's correct. Yes.
 21 Q. Now, isn't it true that there was no such obligation to
 22 supply Chugai with commercial material?
 23 A. Uhm, I'd have to look in the wording of the -- how the
 24 original contract was worded. Initially, we were -- we had the
 25 right or the obligation, possibility of supplying Chugai

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1 commercial material. I think as the years went on, it was
 2 clear that Chugai wanted to make their own commercial material.
 3 Q. Well, you --
 4 A. So in order to develop the product, initially GI was to be
 5 manufacturing it.
 6 Q. Well, you have there the contracts with Chugai, the June
 7 '84 and November '85 contracts; correct?
 8 A. Yeah. Could you tell me which exhibit again?
 9 Q. Let me just find the number for you, sir. 142.
 10 Can you tell me where in the June 1984 contract
 11 there's an obligation for GI to manufacture commercial EPO for
 12 Chugai?
 13 (Pause in proceedings.)
 14 MR. BAUER: Your Honor, this is, I think, over a
 15 hundred-page document. We may need to take a break for
 16 Dr. Fritsch to go through the entire document to see if he can
 17 find what he's looking for, plus it may be an interpretation of
 18 a legal clause, I'm not sure.
 19 MR. WHITE: Dr. Fritsch has been testifying about the
 20 obligations they had under the contracts. A moment ago he said
 21 he thought they were obligated under these contracts to
 22 manufacture the erythropoietin for Chugai. I am asking him if
 23 he can point out where in the contracts.
 24 THE COURT: I know, that's true. You have no
 25 objection to him having an opportunity to read it?

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1 MR. WHITE: Absolutely not, your Honor.
 2 THE COURT: Okay. We will take a short break to give
 3 the doctor an opportunity to read the document.
 4 And also while we're -- let me ask about another
 5 question. I'm sorry that my questions come up in inopportune
 6 times, but I believe in our findings on partial summary
 7 judgment, there was a March '88 EPO, bulk EPO -- is that
 8 right? -- a March '88 bulk EPO transfer?
 9 MR. BAUER: In January 1989 there was a supply
 10 agreement between Boehringer Mannheim and GI.
 11 THE COURT: And was bulk EPO transferred after that?
 12 MR. BAUER: What happened was in the '85 agreement,
 13 as Dr. Fritsch testified, GI was to supply the beginning number
 14 of years and eventually it phased out. The '88 agreement
 15 supplemented that, flushed it out, and that was where the
 16 parties agreed that GI would supply 130 grams of bulk EPO. And
 17 then that was supplied.
 18 THE COURT: That was supplied in January of '89?
 19 MR. BAUER: I'm not exactly sure when the first
 20 shipment, ah, it may have been prior to that. There may have
 21 been shipments in late '88. But that's the two agreements.
 22 THE COURT: So did that involve a production process
 23 again, in other words, of the taking the master working cell
 24 bank, taking a vial out and putting it in the beer vat, as we
 25 call it?

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1 and time-consuming; correct?
 2 A. Yes, that's correct.
 3 Q. And it's dependent upon using a certain manufacturing
 4 process to make the product; correct?
 5 A. Yes.
 6 Q. And it's dependent, in this case, erythropoietin case, on
 7 using these master cells; isn't that correct?
 8 A. For erythropoietin, yes, it's using those master cell bank
 9 cells; correct.
 10 Q. That's the basis for approvals by the various governments,
 11 that one use these master cell bank cells to make the
 12 commercial product; correct?
 13 A. Ah, well, at least within the current products that are
 14 approved; yes.
 15 Q. Now, erythropoietin's not a commodity product, is it?
 16 A. By a "commodity," you mean can be made by any of a number
 17 of manufacturers?
 18 Q. Correct.
 19 A. That's correct, it is not.
 20 Q. It's not a commodity, is it?
 21 A. Not at this point in time, no.
 22 Q. Now, several times a little while ago you referred to the
 23 cells in the master cell bank and the master working cell bank
 24 as being genetically identical to the DN2-3alpha3 10 micromolar
 25 methotrexate cells that were available in 1985.

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1 Do you recall that testimony?
 2 A. Yes.
 3 Q. And there's a reason they're genetically identical, is
 4 because they're all made using the same cotransformation
 5 followed by amplification steps?
 6 A. Well, they're genetically identical because the cells that
 7 are used for all subsequent uses are derived from the same,
 8 uhm, set of cells that had gone through that process. They
 9 don't become genetically identical by repeating that process.
 10 It is the output of that product that is what becomes the term
 11 genetically identical.
 12 Q. Now, I'd like to ask you if you can look at this
 13 Plaintiff's Exhibit 267.
 14 A. Okay.
 15 Q. Now, this refers to shipments of bulk EPO from GI to
 16 Boehringer Mannheim; correct?
 17 A. Ah, yes.
 18 Q. So were there continuous shipments made of bulk drug from
 19 GI to Boehringer beginning in '87 and continuing through 1991?
 20 A. Ah, yes. That's what the document indicates; that's
 21 correct.
 22 Q. Well, did Boehringer Mannheim pay GI approximately
 23 \$40 million for that bulk drug?
 24 MR. BAUER: Objection; lack of foundation.
 25 THE COURT: Are you simply --

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1 MR. WHITE: I'm asking him if he knows whether or not
 2 Boehringer Mannheim paid GI.
 3 THE COURT: But are you asking him to tell you the
 4 figures on the invoice amount of bulk EPO?
 5 MR. WHITE: The number's been agreed upon. There's
 6 no dispute about the number, I'm asking him if he knows whether
 7 this number was paid.
 8 THE WITNESS: Uhm, well, yes I'm aware that
 9 Boehringer paid GI for the bulk EPO shipments. I can't specify
 10 or testify to any of the specifics, but --
 11 BY MR. WHITE:
 12 Q. Right.
 13 THE COURT: But this is an agreed-upon exhibit with a
 14 total 39,758,300?
 15 MR. WHITE: Yes, your Honor.
 16 THE COURT: Okay.
 17 BY MR. WHITE:
 18 Q. Now, in addition to what's listed on this exhibit, isn't
 19 it true that GI supplied Boehringer Mannheim with
 20 erythropoietin made by the DN2-3alpha3 10 micromolar
 21 methotrexate in November of 1985?
 22 A. Well, I think in November 1985 we shipped them non-GMP
 23 material from that cell line; correct.
 24 Q. Right. And that was a benchmark of the October 1985
 25 Boehringer Mannheim contract to do so, wasn't it?

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1 A. Ah, yes.
 2 Q. And there was a payment for that non-GMP erythropoietin of
 3 \$500,000; correct?
 4 A. Yes.
 5 Q. That's an additional \$500,000 not listed on Exhibit 267;
 6 correct?
 7 A. Ah, I believe that's correct; yes.
 8 Q. Right. Now, there's another benchmark in the October 1995
 9 contract which was to supply 400 grams of erythropoietin to
 10 Boehringer Mannheim; correct?
 11 A. I can't testify to the number, but 400 grams or 400
 12 milligrams, I don't remember which, but --
 13 Q. Actually, I believe you're correct that it was milligrams.
 14 A. Okay.
 15 Q. And that was for the clinical trials that Boehringer
 16 Mannheim was going to conduct; correct?
 17 A. That's correct, yes.
 18 Q. And that 400 milligrams of erythropoietin was shipped in
 19 1986; correct?
 20 A. Ah, yeah. I believe it was shipped late 1986. Yes.
 21 Q. And for that material, Boehringer Mannheim paid GI
 22 \$1 million; correct?
 23 A. If that's what the benchmark called for then, yes.
 24 Q. And again, that number is not included in this exhibit,
 25 Plaintiff's Exhibit 267; correct?

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1 A. Ah, no. I have no idea why this exhibit, in particular,
 2 what the question was when it was put together, but that is not
 3 included in here; correct.
 4 Q. Now, in addition to the payments that we just were
 5 discussing, it's true, is it not, that Boehringer Mannheim also
 6 paid Genetics Institute royalties when it resold the
 7 erythropoietin; isn't that correct?
 8 A. Yes, that's correct.
 9 Q. In an amount of approximately \$120 million; correct?
 10 A. Uhm, I can't testify to the specific amount.
 11 Q. Do you know --
 12 A. Total. I mean, if you're looking at over the total number
 13 of years it's been sold, I don't know what the exact total
 14 number is.
 15 Q. Do you know whether it was over a hundred million dollars?
 16 A. I believe it's over a hundred million dollars.
 17 Q. And this is dollars in addition to the dollars we've just
 18 been discussing, the 49 million, the 1 million, the 500,000;
 19 correct?
 20 A. That's correct; yes.
 21 Q. Now, for all of the EPO for which Boehringer Mannheim paid
 22 GI, except for that first shipment of non-GMP EPO, all of it
 23 was made using the master working cell bank; correct?
 24 A. Well, I -- I do believe that the very first shipment that
 25 occurred in 1986 used the master cell bank. We ended up, the

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1 initial production campaign that we did, we used the master
 2 cell bank. And then subsequent campaigns used the master
 3 working cell bank.
 4 Q. Okay. So again, let me restate the question: Except for
 5 that first shipment of non-GMP material for which there was a
 6 payment of \$500,000, all of the erythropoietin that was
 7 purchased by Boehringer Mannheim, for which Boehringer Mannheim
 8 paid GI, was made by either the master cell bank or the master
 9 working cell bank; isn't that true?
 10 A. Yeah, I believe that's correct. Yes.
 11 Q. So again, all the -- but in the commercial erythropoietin
 12 that was sold by Boehringer Mannheim, that all came from the
 13 master working cell bank; correct?
 14 A. Ah, yes.
 15 Q. Right. So if there's a goose that lays a golden egg, it's
 16 the master working cell bank, isn't it?
 17 A. Ah, no, not at all. I mean --
 18 Q. Well, isn't that the source of all the erythropoietin
 19 that's been sold throughout the world by Boehringer Mannheim?
 20 A. Right. But that's just sort of the convenient way of
 21 producing and storing a normal production -- a routine
 22 production source as a process. I mean, the clear -- there's
 23 no question in my mind that the clear goose that laid the
 24 golden egg is the 10 micromolar methotrexate cell line. And
 25 the master cell bank, the master working cell bank are simply

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1 sort of practical manifestations of turning that cell line into
 2 a commercial reality.
 3 But the clear goose is the DN2-3alpha3 10 micromolar
 4 cell line.
 5 Q. That's the one that doesn't grow in suspension; correct?
 6 A. Yeah. It doesn't grow in suspension, it does grow in
 7 suspension, there are -- it is the clear -- the clear source of
 8 EPO. And the ability or not to grow in suspension are, again,
 9 sort of practical decisions that one makes as far as how one
 10 manufactures it.
 11 Q. Well, isn't that either the mother or the grandmother of
 12 the cell that was actually used to produce the erythropoietin?
 13 A. Uhm, no. I mean, the cell is the same cell, okay. You
 14 haven't changed the cell in going from DN2-3alpha3 10
 15 micromolar methotrexate. You keep the same -- the cell's the
 16 same the whole way through. It's simply; you know, under which
 17 conditions that cell will grow and how you have stored it
 18 that's different.
 19 So I don't -- my terms, okay, I would not say that
 20 the 10 micromolar methotrexate is the mother or grandmother or
 21 whatever of the production clone. It is the production clone.
 22 Q. Now, the regulatory authorities that regulate the sale of
 23 the product, however, they would not permit the product to be
 24 made using this cell line, the one that doesn't grow in
 25 suspension, they require that it be made using the cells that,

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1 are made in cell suspension; isn't that true?
 2 A. Well, they require it to be made using cells from that
 3 master working cell bank. That is true. And that's because
 4 that master working cell bank was derived from the DN2-3alpha3
 5 and under conditions in which they feel is the appropriate way,
 6 and we feel is the appropriate way to -- to store such valuable
 7 production clones.
 8 Q. Now, I'd like to ask, if you would, to look at Plaintiff's
 9 Exhibit 141.
 10 A. Okay.
 11 Q. You recall testifying last week that this is a description
 12 of the plan to make erythropoietin, and there was a blowup of
 13 page 2 of the plan?
 14 A. That's correct; yes.
 15 Q. Right. Do you recall testifying that this plan was given
 16 to Chugai and other potential partners?
 17 A. Ah, yes.
 18 Q. Isn't it true that it was given to Boehringer Mannheim?
 19 A. I believe it was given to Boehringer Mannheim; yes.
 20 Q. Right. This is the plan that you testified provides all
 21 the information about how to make the erythropoietin-producing
 22 cell line; isn't that true?
 23 A. Yeah. The plan described that we were using -- we were
 24 planning on using a CHO DHFR-negative cell line as the host,
 25 that was transfected with EPO genes, and it would undergo

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1 presumably, says something about after 1987. But the little
 2 memo refers to the master working cell bank 1 vials. And there
 3 isn't another master working cell bank derived from the same
 4 master cell bank. And I think that was the question that was
 5 being addressed, as a second master working cell bank.
 6 Q. What's the second master working cell bank? Is that one
 7 that's got a designation like -2 or -3, or something else like
 8 that?
 9 A. I believe it's called -3. It's made as a replica of the
 10 first master working cell bank and it's part of the process
 11 that I described earlier.
 12 Q. When was that made, sir?
 13 A. Uhm, specifically, I don't recall when it was made.
 14 Sometime, you know, well -- sometime well after the first
 15 working cell bank was made, yes.
 16 Q: So sometime well after December of 1985, there was another
 17 master working cell bank made by GI; correct?
 18 A. Ah, yeah, I believe so.
 19 Q. And that was designated -3, because the one that was made
 20 in December of 1985 was designated -1; correct?
 21 A. That's correct; yes.
 22 Q. When was master -- the master working cell bank -3
 23 transferred to Boehringer Mannheim?
 24 A. Uhm, I don't know if it was ever transferred. I believe
 25 GI used it.

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1 Q. So your understanding is that that was used by GI to
 2 manufacture bulk EPO for Boehringer Mannheim; correct?
 3 A. That's-- my understanding is, yes, that we had -- we
 4 manufactured some bulk EPO from the second master working cell
 5 bank.
 6 Q. One that was made well after December of 1985?
 7 A. Well, "well after" meaning a year or two after.
 8 Q. Yeah.
 9 A. Yeah.
 10 Q. Meaning December 1986 or December 1987; correct?
 11 A. It could have been, yes.
 12 MR. WHITE: I have no further questions for this
 13 witness, your Honor.
 14 **RE-CROSS-EXAMINATION**
 15 BY MR. BAUER:
 16 Q. Dr. Fritsch, you testified that you did not believe that
 17 any cells other than the bailed cells came back to GI; is that
 18 your testimony?
 19 A. That's correct. I'm not aware that any cells other than
 20 the bailed cells have come back to GI.
 21 Q. Could you take a look at Exhibit D1 and see if that
 22 refreshes your recollection as to whether or not any cells
 23 other than the bailed cells came back to Genetics Institute?
 24 MR. WHITE: Your Honor, there's an objection to this
 25 document.

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1 THE COURT: What's the nature of the objection?
 2 MR. BAUER: Your Honor, I'm entitled to, I believe,
 3 have the witness look at something in order to refresh his
 4 recollection--regardless of whether there's an objection.
 5 MR. WHITE: Not if it's not in evidence.
 6 THE COURT: Wait a minute. What's the nature of the
 7 objection?
 8 MR. WHITE: It's an affidavit of a party that's not
 9 here to give direct testimony. It has on it total numbers of
 10 vials ostensibly being shipped, which are inconsistent with
 11 testimony -- with other documents and actual testimony of this
 12 witness.
 13 THE COURT: Well --
 14 MR. BAUER: Well, that's not true.
 15 THE COURT: The rules permit a witness to refresh his
 16 recollection by using anything. In other words, you know, it
 17 could be anything. It could be, you know, a napkin cover. The
 18 document itself does not then come into evidence, the question
 19 is refresh your recollection.
 20 So the question is whether or not Dr. Fritsch, when
 21 he testified that he didn't believe any other cells other than
 22 bailed cells came back to GI, whether he has -- that is his
 23 entire recollection.
 24 Actually, you're right. As I'm spitting this out, it
 25 seems clear that this is not refreshing his recollection.

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1 That's his recollection. You're trying to impeach him with
 2 another document.
 3 Objection is sustained, go on. Sorry.
 4 MR. WHITE: Thank you, your Honor.
 5 MR. BAUER: Well, I guess it stands, then, that none
 6 of the cells came back other than the bailed ones?
 7 THE COURT: That's right. It stands --
 8 MR. WHITE: It stands as testified.
 9 THE COURT: That's right.
 10 BY MR. BAUER:
 11 Q. Dr. Fritsch, counsel mentioned a number of \$120 million of
 12 royalties going from Boehringer to Genetics Institute; do you
 13 remember that?
 14 A. Correct, yes.
 15 Q. Is that based on the bulk EPO that GI supplied to
 16 Boehringer, or a combination, or is it based on all the EPO
 17 sold by Boehringer in Europe?
 18 A. I believe it's a combination -- it's all the EPO sold by
 19 Boehringer in Europe, so it's a combination of whatever GI
 20 shipped and what Boehringer Mannheim has manufactured as far as
 21 bulk.
 22 Q. So it's not the sales based on solely the GI bulk data
 23 that was formulated and then sold in Europe?
 24 A. That's correct; yeah.
 25 Q. Now, if we go back to this -- the sets of figures, there's