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Personalised medicine in Europe – is the patent system keeping up?



Personalized Medicine Gets Boost From Court Ruling on Patents

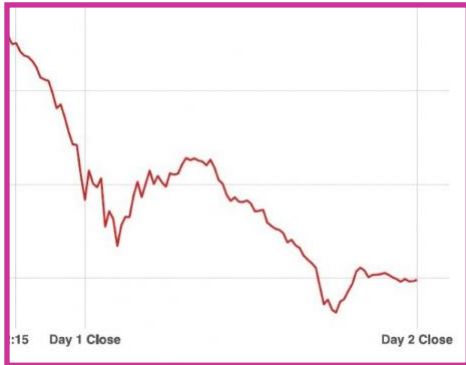
Personalized medicine industry in distress over Supreme Court's tightening of patent laws

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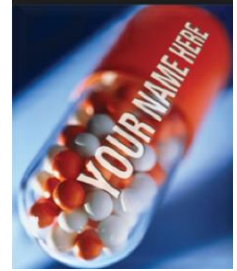


Rejections for US patents related to personalized medicine have spiked after recent Supreme Court decisions tightened the rules



Personalized Medicine...

- Hailed as revolution in human health¹
 - 150+ FDA-approved drugs with pharmacogenomic information in labeling²
 - Nearly 50% of Phase 1 pharma pipeline have associated diagnostics³



and also

- A **challenge** to the patent system
- IP is **imperative** for successful **development** and **exploitation**
 - Thought-out IP strategy

1: Nature 464:674 (2010)

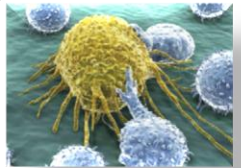
2: FDA Table of Pharmacogenomics Biomarkers in Drug Labelling

3: McKinsey Report “PM: the path forward, 2013”

...comes in many shapes and forms...

- Better **definition of disease** and/or prognosis
(*Philadelphia chromosome/chronic myeloid leukemia; led to imatinib*).
- **Excluding** patients at risk experiencing serious adverse events
(*e.g., HLA B* 5701 and abacavir in HIV*).
- **Predicting** drug responses
(*trastuzumab in breast cancer with Her-2 overexpression*).
- **Screening** for drugs, dose-adjustment, individualized (combination) therapy, sequential therapy.

...each with its own IP strategy.



Personalized IP strategy drivers include

Business objectives

Type of invention

Patentability and infringement

Need to collaborate with third parties



Strategy

Business objectives: Initial patent filing

Early development stage inventions

Commercial value?

Lead to e.g. operative companion diagnostic?

Competitors: Freedom-to-operate-risk
(use of biomarker in clinical trials)

Broad & speculative claims may **preclude subsequent patents**
(of you or **collaborating third party**; with later expiration dates!)

Sufficient (experimental) support re: claims



Type of invention: New group of patients (EPO)

Compound X in treating disease Y ...

- in **patient with biomarker A**.
 (*epi Information 2012*: a patient with the [biomarker] will have inevitably been treated)¹
- comprising assaying sample from patient, **determining if patient has biomarker A**, and administering X if biomarker is present².



Needs evidence link between presence or absence of biomarker and improvement in the treatment.

No/incomplete evidence may preclude patentability

1: Despite G5/83, T1399/04 & T836/01

2: Eli Lilly and Company AIPLA 2012

Patentability: Moving target

Patentability

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Jurisdictions

USA (Mayo, Myriad and Alice): biomarkers, DNA, methods comparing

CA: diagnostics based on correlation

AU: DNA claims

EPO: Methods of treatment

Raising the bar

Marker selected from group (data only on group): X

Antibody against target (no specifics): X



Infringement:

-150+ FDA-approved drugs with pharmacogenomic labeling
-FDA-approved tests

Vemurafenib: metastatic BRAFV600E **as detected by an FDA-approved test.**
Test: cobas® 4800 BRAF V600 Mutation test.



Method of **treating** ...comprising testing for BRAF & administering vemurafenib if tested positive [with cobas®]

Method of **identifying patients eligible for treatment** with Vemurafenib comprising testing for BRAF [with cobas®]

To conclude

Imperative for personalized medicine

to have

personalized IP strategy and lifecycle management

during and for

development and commercialization

