July 12, 1995

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Re: Bergman - USSN 08/274,551
HIV INHIBITOR
Our reference: Bergman=4
Your reference: BH/BiO

Dear Mr. Halldin:

Attached please find a **final** rejection, Paper No. 10, mailed June 27, 1995, not brought to my attention until after your visit.

The Office Action is very suscinct, and self-explanatory. We have made substantially no progress in that both the §103 rejection and the §112 rejection are both repeated, and the rejection is FINAL.

We can of course present another response, but I do not see (based on the present record) that mere argument is going to lead to any progress, and so the applicant may need to start thinking in terms of an appeal.

If any more experimentation has been conducted, then its presentation in affidavit or declaration form would be helpful, particularly with regard to the §112 rejection. Of course, the thought of clinical trials seems very unlikely, and we think that the examiner's position in this regard is totally unreasonable; yet any additional evidence supporting the claimed utility would be helpful.

Regarding the prior art rejection, we wonder whether the closest compounds of Knotz have been tested and whether there is evidence suggesting that these compounds would not be useful for the claimed utility. If so, the presentation of such data in affidavit or declaration form would be helpful.

A shortened statutory period for response has been set to expire in three months, i.e. the last day of the term will be September 27, 1995, unless the term is extended upon petition and payment of an appropriate late fee. As is usual in the case of final rejections, we recommend that if possible a response be filed within only two months, namely by August 27, 1995. In order to give us sufficient time to prepare and file a response, we request that you let us have your instructions by

August 17, 1995.

In view of the substantially increased cost of obtaining extensions of time, we recommend that all attempts be made to meet the deadline. Thank you.

We await hearing from you. Our debit note is attached.

Sincerely,

Sheridan Neimark

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